Excursion 1: Urban farming in Berlin

Date: Thursday, 13th September 2018
Time: 9:15 am – 5 pm
Location: Kreuzberg, Schöneberg, Pankow
Organizers: Regine Berges, Kirstin Ohlendorf
Languages: English
Costs: No additional fees; a lunch box will be provided

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Thematic Outline
In the past hundred years, the population of urban areas increased from 34% in 1960 to 54% in 2014 of the total global population (WHO). This trend has consequences for the food security and the depletion of natural resources. With urban agriculture and urban gardening, cities benefit from more productive green spaces and combat the urban heat island effect. An increase in green areas could lead to lower temperatures, cleaner air and a reduction of GHG emissions from land consumption and from transport.

The destinations of the excursion highlight three agricultural / farming projects in Berlin – from an urban garden over an aquaponics farm system to a truly global field. All of them offering different approaches to the question: How to make agriculture and farming work in the future?

Time Plan (first draft)

9 am  Departure from MOA Hotel (Conference Venue) to Kreuzberg
10 am Start Guided Tour Prinzessinnengärten (U-Bahn station „Moritzplatz“)
11 am  Departure from Prinzessinnengärten to ECF Farm Berlin
11:30 am  Start Guided Tour ECF Farm (S-Bahn station „Südkreuz“; Bus stop „Eresburgstraße“)
12:30 pm Lunch Break
1 pm  Departure to Botanischer Volkspark Blankenfelde-Pankow
2:30 pm  Start Guided Tour Weltacker
3:45 pm  Departure from Blankenfelde-Pankow to MOA Hotel
5 pm  Arrival at MOA Hotel