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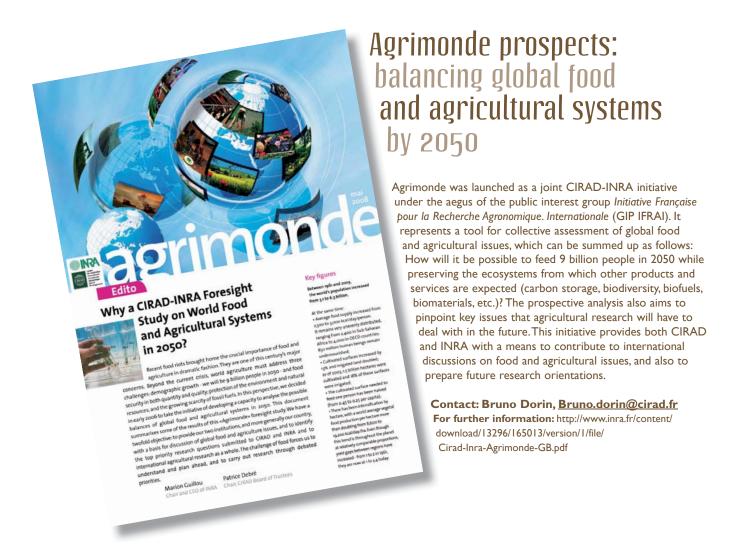






Societies and sustainable development

Contribution of the social sciences



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- Current development models need to be completely overhauled
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