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Thesis topics	Soil biodegradation of nutrient enriched cellulose- and chitosan- derived mulching films for sustainable horticulture
Research interests	Soil fertility, soil microbial biomass, soil biodiversity, bio-based plastic, sustainable agriculture, sewage sludge compost.
Research activity	 Development of a new method for the determination of soil microbial biomass. Production of bio-based mulch films and study of their effect on soil chemical, physical and biochemical properties, and their biodegradability. Sewage Sludge composting
Link to publications	https://doi.org/10.1007/s00374-023-01725-5 https://doi.org/10.3390/agriculture13040764 https://doi.org/10.1002/jpln.202300252 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2024.172259 https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-63353-9 81 https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-63353-9 80 https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-024-65084-3