

**Global Food Systems in Local Contexts – Understanding Contemporary Food Systems Through Time
Virtual Symposium: Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th February 2021**

INDICATIVE DRAFT PROGRAMME

University of Exeter European Centre for Environment and Human Health and the Wellcome Centre for Cultures and Environments of Health with the University of the West Indies Caribbean Institute for Health Research

The field of food systems research must be dynamic, inter-disciplinary and innovative to meet challenges such as food sovereignty and security, structural determinants of malnutrition, inequalities in land access, trade, climate change and its effects. This virtual symposium brings together researchers from across disciplinary, social and cultural contexts to discuss the importance of temporal perspectives and historical approaches in meeting the contemporary challenge of making food systems healthy and equitable. We are particularly interested in place-based research which investigates the complexity of food systems through time and consider local contexts within the long history of global processes.

Presenting formats:

Keynote: in plenary 20 min presentation plus 10 min Q&A

Fireside chat: in plenary, no formal presentation but guided conversation of a panel 30 min

Focussed discussions in break-out groups

Panel papers: in plenary 10 min presentation plus 5 min Q&A

“Cornish cream tea” lightening round: opportunity for researchers to present 3 min summary of research and network more informally in smaller groups

Tuesday 16 February 2021 2pm UK time, 9am JA/Canada, 7.30pm India

2:00-2:05 Welcome (Conny Guell, University of Exeter)

2:05-2:35 Keynote with Q&A: Professor Matthew Smith, UCL Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership (chair: Conny Guell)

2:35-3:00 Break out groups for focussed discussion on the keynote talk

3:00-3:10 Break

- 3:10-3:55 Panel 1: "Food systems: Historical Dynamics and Dimensions" (chair: Branwyn Poleykett)
Sandra Widmer, York University: Translating Food Systems Research into Colonial Values: Of Nutrition Education Programs and Land-use Anxieties in the Post-War Colonial Pacific Islands (Vanuatu).
Elise Wach, Coventry University: What Clanship agrarian systems tell us about the potential of 'marginal' agricultural areas to sustainably contribute to healthy diets: A historical political ecology analysis of pre-capitalist food systems in the Scottish Highlands and the dynamics of the agrarian transition which led to their demise.
Megan Larmer, University of Exeter and Glywood Center for Regional Food and Farming: "Seeds of Reconciliation"
- 3:55-4:00 Close (Karyn Morrissey, University of Exeter)

Wednesday 17 February 2021 2.00-4.30pm UK time 9.00-11.30am JA/Canada, 7.30pm India

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome (Nigel Unwin, Universities of Exeter and Cambridge)
- 2:05-2:35 Keynote: Professor Nora McKeon, Rome 3 University (chair: Nigel Unwin)
- 2:35-3:25 Panel 2: Indigenous Food Systems and Change" (chair: Olivia Barnett-Naghshineh, University of Exeter)
Philippa Ryan, Dr Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew: Changing agriculture practices and foodways in Nubia, ethnobotanical and archaeobotanical perspectives
Mirka Erler, RWTH Aachen: Who owns millets? Exploiting historical capacities of a local grain for today's nutrition
Steffen Boehm and Stefano Pascucci, University of Exeter: Was the food system more circular in the past? From regenerative to extractive practices
- 3:25-3:40 Break
- 3:40-4:25 Workshop with Andrew Judge, Algoma University: Knowledge for a changing climate
- 4:25-4:30 Close (Ruth Thurstan, University of Exeter)

Thursday 18 February 2021 2-4.15pm UK time 9-11.15am JA/Canada, 7.30pm India

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome (Karyn Morrissey)
- 2:05-3:15 Panel 3: “Thinking Through Foods” (chair: Karyn Morrissey)
Jess Fagin, University of Exeter: Sheep in the Diaspora Space
Nan Sheppard, Bournemouth University: Claiming Agency in the World-System: Sustainable Resistance through Chocolate Making in Trinidad and Tobago.
Femke Vulto, University of Oxford: Tasting the Sea, Tasting Capital: On How the Brown Shrimp Became a Global Commodity
Atak Ayaz, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva: The (Im)Possibility of Competing with International Experts: On Not Being a French Oenologist in Turkey
- 3:15-3:30 Break
- 3:30-4:00 ‘Cornish cream tea’ lightening round*: other research and challenges
- 4:00-4:15 Feedback from group discussions and close (Ruth Thurstan and team)

Friday 19 February 2021 2-4.15pm UK time 9-11.15am JA/Canada, 7.30pm India

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome (Henrice Altink, University of York)
- 2:05-2:55 Panel 4: “Methodologies for Research in and for the Caribbean” (Ishtar Govia, University of the West Indies)
Marisa Wilson, University of Edinburgh: Reframing Nutrition Transition: A Case Study from Trinidad (photo elicitation interviews with twenty-five supermarket workers in the lunch canteens of four major Trinidadian supermarkets)
Gabrielle Guy, Goldsmiths, University of London: Contradiction between food’s centrality to Trinbagonian identity, everyday practices and the emerging discourse on food security.
Oacia Fair, McGill University: Improving Food and Nutrition in the CARICOM: Enhancing Nevis’s School Meals Program through a Local and Sustainable Food Procurement System
- 2:55-3:10 Break

3:10-4:00 Fireside chat: “How can a historical perspective inform current food systems policy and practice?” Ishtar Govia with Henrice Altink and invited guests

4:00-4:15 Final thoughts and close (Conny Guell with Branwyn Poleykett and Olivia Barnett-Naghshineh)

*‘Cornish cream tea’ lightening round speakers for networking

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| Nir Avieli, Ben Gurion University of the Negev | “Here I Can Like Watermelon”: Culinary Redemption among the African Hebrew Israelites |
| Thomas White, University of Cambridge | Why did the sheep cross the border? Meat Diplomacy on the Chinese-Mongolian Frontier |
| Paula Almiron, Universidad Autónoma de Chile | Cultural associations on meat and milk applied to plant-based foods |
| Sarah Howard, University of Birmingham | Feeding Babies, Making the State: Breastmilk as a Political Substance |
| Katharina Graf, SOAS Food Studies Centre | Cereal Citizens: Crafting Bread and Belonging in Urbanising Morocco |
| Megan Carney, University of Arizona and the European University Institute | Planning for a research agenda on food-related displacement and migration |
| Chiara Tellarini, University of Bologna: | Diet's changes and health consequences due to social and environmental restrictions: the example of Aboriginal Australia |
| Mariasole Pepa, University of Padua, Department of Geography | Agroecology and feminism: alternative from Tanzania |
| Mirta Alessandrini, Wageningen University & Research (WUR) | The role of small farmers and Short Food Supply Chains within the EU legal framework |
| Aisa O. Manlosa, Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT) | Shifting from capture fisheries to aquaculture: institutional changes and food security in Central Luzon, Philippines |
| Thanuja Mummidi, Pondicherry University | Indigenous forest rights and land alienation through the lens of food sovereignty |
| Felipe da Silva Machado, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro | Urbanisation as a global driving force and the viability of emancipatory rural landscapes in the Brazilian metropolitan context |
| Louise Mitchell, The University of Salford | COMMUNITY FOOD GROWING IN A PANDEMIC - AN AGEING POPULATION PERSPECTIVE |
| Daina Pupkevičiūtė, University of Tartu | FALLEN FRUIT: embodiment and auto-ethnography as a pandemic research practice |
| Joana Catela, ISCTE-IUL | Food baskets in the city: how small agriculture businesses can contribute to a proper planning of urban food systems |