

The Jewish Studies Program, the Department of Sociology UC Davis, and the Israel Institute
present the academic conference:

Eating for Change:

Global and Local Perspectives on Food and Transformation

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Transformation is inherent in food as a material substance. Wheat, for instance, is transformed into flour and flour into bread, a process that is environmental, social, cultural, technological and political in essence. Likewise, food systems and eating habits have always been subject to transformation and change. In contemporary Western societies, processes such as the globalization of food production and the industrialization of agriculture significantly change both local and global food systems. However, social movements that encompass political, economic and cultural resistance to these changes and the inequities they incur emerge as a substantive force for transformative change.

This one-day conference will tackle the notions of **change and transformation** underpinning contemporary and historical processes of food production, consumption and distribution.

We ask: What are the epistemological and the ontological presuppositions that underlie changes in food systems and food cultures? In what ways do food and foodways partake in social change? How are new culinary trends affected by contemporary cultural, economic, technological and political processes? What is the role of food in struggles for social justice and equity? How are interactions between states, markets, social movements and individuals shaping and re-shaping cultural, moral and political frameworks guiding food practices today?

Program

8:00 am **Registration and Coffee**

8:30 am **Greetings and Introduction:**

Ryken Grattet, Chair - Department of Sociology, UC Davis;

David Biale, Director - Jewish Studies Program, UC Davis.

- 8:45 am **Opening Lecture:**
Interdisciplinary Encounters: Food, Facts, and Friction at the Intersection of Science and the Humanities - Charlotte Biltekoff, UC Davis.
- 9:15 am **Session 1: Science, Technology and Progress**
 Chair: Elizabeth Castner, UC Davis
- Purity and Science in Progressive Era Food Movements** – Jeff Haydu, UC San Diego
- Heirloom Microbes: Jordan's Vanishing Dairying Cultures** - Matthäus Rest, Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History
- After the Outbreak: Organizing Food Safety in the U.S. and Germany** - Kelsey Meagher, UC Davis
- Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture: A Technological Co-option of the Traditional** - Halie Kampman, UC Santa Cruz
- 10:45 am **Break**
- 11:00 am **Session 2: Culture, Consumption and Change**
 Chair: Li Schmidt, UC Davis
- How Do Values Ultimately Shape Landscapes?: A Study of the Chez Panisse Network** - Sasha Pesci and Catherine Brinkley, UC Davis
- The Politics of the “Natural”: Eating Healthy in Deforested Amazonia, Ecuador** - Akimi Ota, University of Manchester
- As it started in Eden, so shall it be now: The Vegan Lifestyle of the African Hebrew Israelites of Jerusalem in Historical Perspective** - De-Valera N.Y.M Botchway, University of Cape Coast
- Tasting as Agent: Why Noodles are Mother’s Love in the Andes** - Antje Baecker, University of Leipzig
- Kafka’s Grindhouse Effect: The Politics of Meat** – Ted Geier, UC Davis
- 12:45 am **Light Lunch**

1:30 pm

Session 3: Community-based Policies for the Food System

Chair: Hannah Poore, UC Davis

Food Policy Councils and Local Governments: Context-Specific Collaboration for Food Systems Change - Clare Gupta, Dave Campbell, Kate Munden-Dixon, Jennifer Sowerwine, Shosha Capps, Gail Feenstra and Julia Van Soelen Kim, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, UC Cooperative Extension Marin County, California

The Community Table Project: Student Food Security as Sustainable Agriculture - Marisa A. Coyne, Abraham Cazares, Dana Ng and J. Carol Hillhouse, UC Davis

Gardens in the Growth Machine: Urban Planning and Community Gardens in Seattle - Charlotte Glennie, UC Davis

Identifying Priorities for Sustainable Diets through Stakeholder Engagement: A Case Study in Vietnam - Julia Rubin, Alejandra Sanchez, Holly Mayton and Ty Beal, UC Davis

3:00 pm

Break

3:15 pm

Session 4: Neoliberalism and the Food System

Chair: Angela Chapman, UC Davis

The Neoliberalization of Solving World Hunger - Alana Stein and Nadia Smiecinska, UC Davis

Is the Local Food System a Small World Network? - Catherine Brinkley, UC Davis

Indigenous Farmworkers and Organic Food in Oxnard, California and Oaxaca, Mexico - Rachel Soper, California State University

Organic Food and Neoliberal-Environmentalism in Israeli Legislation: The Case of the Law for Regulation of Organic Produce – Rafi Groszlik, UC Davis

From Food Access to Equitable Food Access, The Role of Food in Patterns of Social Stratification - Victoria Torres Gonzalez, UC Davis

5:15pm

Break

5:30-6:00pm

Final Lecture:

Back to the City: Food Justice and Gentrification in Oakland - Alison Alkon, University of the Pacific

6:15 – 8:00 pm **Dinner for speakers** (Location: TBA)

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