

MASTERCLASS

Professor Michael Goodman (University of Reading) Visceral Foodscapes: Towards an Affective Food Justice

University of Tasmania, Wednesday 29 June 2016, 9am-12noon

Call for Participation

This masterclass is aimed at participants of all disciplines and career stages interested in alternative food systems, food justice and food politics. It will explore the theoretical questions that emerge from interdisciplinary engagements with the concept of “visceral foodscapes”. Through an active dialogue of short provocative presentations, discussion and feeding back as individuals and in small groups, we will seek to make empirical, methodological and conceptual linkages between food’s embodied, visceral and affective dimensions and its networks, political economies and cultures. We will consider how the concept of “visceral foodscapes” helps us to link the affects, tastes, knowledges and popular practices associated with food to the political and economic structures of our food industries in ways that enable us to create more healthy, inclusive, sustainable and just food systems.

Key questions to be engaged and discussed include:

- What might an “affective food justice” look like methodologically, epistemologically or theoretically?
- How can a foodscapes perspective engage and/or facilitate our research on food and food justice?
- How might we go about doing visceral food justice research?

Working on the basis of knowledge sharing and knowledge creation, this seminar will seek to co-construct how we might “do work” on visceral foodscapes in order to pursue, inspire and understand food justice. Potential outputs include possible joint publications, research projects and/or special issue or edited volume proposals. We will also think about practical interventions we can make in our own foodscapes and those around us to further the cause of food justice.



How to Apply

The masterclass will be limited to 10 participants. In the event that we have more than 10 applicants, priority will be given to PhD students and early career researchers. Participation is free. Interested participants should send a 1-page expression of interest and a 1-page CV to Erin.Hawley@utas.edu.au by 8 April 2016. Successful applicants will be asked to do preparatory readings and possibly prepare short interventions to facilitate dialogue. For more information, please contact Erin.Hawley@utas.edu.au or visit <https://newfoodpolitics.org>.

About Michael Goodman

Michael Goodman is Professor of Human Geography at the University of Reading. His research focuses on alternative food networks, food geographies and the cultural politics of consumption, humanitarianism and food. He has produced several books, including *Alternative Food Networks: Knowledge, Practice and Politics* (with David Goodman and Melanie DuPuis), *Food Transgressions: Making Sense of Contemporary Food Politics* (with Colin Sage), *Consuming Space: Placing Consumption in Perspective* (with David Goodman and Michael Redclift) and the forthcoming *Food Geographies: An Introduction* (with Moya Kneafsey, Damian Maye and Lewis Holloway). He is also the series editor for Routledge’s *Critical Food Politics* and Bloomsbury’s *Contemporary Food Studies* series, and a fan of San Francisco burritos, home-made sushi, old steel bikes, and politically-minded metalcore.



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