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Tentative Volume Title

Place-Based Perspectives on Food in Society

Volume Overview

How we access food, what we eat, how little some have to eat, and the historical, social, cultural, and political contexts that impact these distributions has and continues to capture world-wide attention. Hunger is not a new phenomenon. Nevertheless, the global distribution of access to food and the consequences for large demographic subgroups that are unable to obtain it have scientists working feverishly to explore new strategies, technologies, and policies to address it.

As research suggests, context can be as simple as geographic location, but it can be as complicated as multidimensional layers of risk (hazards) and resources (social capital and networks) that are distributed unequally across different population subgroups. Simply or from a more complicated approach, food and its role in both ancient and modern societies was and still is highly dependent on place. Our motivation to propose this particular volume is the lack of any comprehensive treatise of the food-place nexus. In addition, we want to provide a platform for scientists across multiple disciplines (sociology, anthropology, history, economics, political science, ecology, biology, agriculture, business, etc.) to address this often-overlooked component in exploring the 21st century story of the world food crisis. Thus, the proposed volume will encourage multidisciplinary examinations of the context of food that primarily focuses on place. This volume will be particularly interested in essays that focus on solutions to the global food crisis, focusing on how we address the diversity in that crisis across place.

Proposed Chapters

Chapters should be a maximum of 8,000 words, (not including tables, charts, pictures, etc). Manuscripts should avoid footnotes, endnotes and the use of Appendices. This book is intended to inform students and scholars from related disciplines, but just as importantly to attract and interest the college-educated lay reader. Text should be written clearly. Ideas and concepts do not have to be simplistic, but must be written in accessible language. Avoid excessive theory without practical applications cited. Vignettes or fuller case studies are extremely helpful in illustrating points but should not be the focus of any one chapter. Chapters should make every effort to avoid the use of excessive jargon. Contributors must secure permissions and rights prior to submission of the final manuscript. Contributors using images must provide production ready files per MacMillan's guidelines.

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Chapter Timeline

Once your chapter proposal is accepted after initial editorial/peer review (February 2014), you will be given 4-months to complete the first draft. After blind reviews from both an independent review team and a Palgrave Macmillan-facilitated blind peer review, the manuscript will be returned to authors for revisions (September 2014) and must be resubmitted within three-months of receipt. If you cannot abide by that timeline we would ask that you not propose a chapter at this time. The final product(s) will have an anticipated late Fall 2015 publication date.

Tentative Volume Outlines

These outlines are meant only to provide some guidance to potential contributors and are not the final topics for the volume. All chapter proposals should identify where the manuscript will best fit into, the chapter title, an outline/overview, and any other relevant material to help in the review of your proposal. In addition, we encourage potential authors to think of other important issues and areas in need of further examination. This outline is meant to be a guide, and while we expect that all manuscripts will incorporate a place-based approach, we fully expect potential authors to have their own views of how they would want to manage this type of intellectual undertaking.

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Preface
Introduction

Section I: Historical Contexts (Historical Anthropology/Ecology, Biology)

Chapter 1: The Origins and Spread of Agriculture

Suggested Direction: Provide a historical backdrop against which readers can recognize the unique circumstance of contemporary agriculture. Moreover, the importance of place should be highlighted as a determining factor in the origin and diffusion of agricultural practices. Why did we see agriculture develop in some early societies but not in others? After agricultural practices began, how did it distinguish the places that adopted it from those that did not? How has this history shaped modern day circumstances?

Chapter 2: Contemporary Agriculture: Industrialization and Globalization

Suggested Direction: Discuss the status of today's agricultural practices, the implications of these practices, and how they shape and are shaped by the places they are practiced. Has our food system become entirely globalized and placeless, or does the context of place still hold relevance? Provide a comprehensive discussion of the tension between globalization and place.

Chapter 3: Lessons from the Past (e.g. potato famine, Great Depression)

Suggested Direction: Provide an overview of some major historical, food-related events or social events, wherein the consideration of place as a social and physical construct is significant. What happens to food systems when we dismiss the importance of local ecology, culture, and biodiversity? What cautionary tales has history provided us? How can the context of place help us understand these historical lessons?

Section II: Social & Cultural Contexts **(Sociology, Psychology, Cultural Anthropology)**

Chapter 4: Producers and Consumers: Social and Psychological Implications

Suggested Direction: How has the dramatic population shift away from farming in developed nations influenced and altered global and local landscapes of food production and consumption? If we aren't growing our food, then who is? What does this separation of producer and consumer look like geopolitically? What are the social/psychological implications of this separation?

Chapter 5: Traditional vs. "Expert" Knowledge

Suggested Direction: Discuss the link between food production and consumption and knowledge production and consumption. How might place mediate this relationship between food and knowledge? How has the knowledge we use to produce food shifted from traditional to "expert" knowledge? How does this impact our relationship with "place?" Whose interests does this shift serve?

Chapter 6: Distinction in Food, Cooking, and Taste

Suggested Direction: Outline the ways in which food, cooking, and taste are influenced by the social constructions of race, class, and gender and how they reproduce/maintain distinction and stratification across those groups. How does this process of social reproduction vary across different places? How does the social element of place influence these phenomena? Even within distinct cultural systems, how has place created such enormous diversity in the presentation of food in those cultures?

Section III: The Context of Power & Inequality **(Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Business, Public Health)**

Chapter 7: The Politics of Food: Why Is There So Much Hunger in a World of Plenty?

Suggested Direction: Address the political complexities attached to food distribution and national/international nutrition programs. Cross-nationally compare the way different nations address issues of hunger and food insecurity within their own borders and internationally. What political ideologies are at play? How might these ideologies be linked to the sense of identity we attach to place (i.e. American exceptionalism)?

Chapter 8: Power and the Context of Food Production, Preparation, Distribution, and Consumption? (Intersections of race, class, and gender)

Suggested Direction: How are the specific inequalities across social structures (race, class, and gender) linked to the world food crisis? How different (or not) does this look across geographic locations? Exactly for whom does the current food system work? Authors may also want to include a discussion of food systems as a mechanism for perpetuating existing inequality and therefore, understanding how this also becomes an important point of program intervention.

Chapter 9: Health Implications: Hunger, Food Insecurity, and Malnutrition/Obesity

Suggested Direction: What are the negative externalities (or hidden costs) of our current food system for population health? This could be addressed through a discussion of food deserts, obesity, etc. Or, the authors could discuss the paradox of a country suffering from obesity and food insecurity at the same time. Authors should comprehensively discuss the health implications of our current food systems paying specific attention to how place impacts those consequences...i.e. "ecology of disadvantage."

Section IV: The Future of Food **(Sociology, History, Economics, Political Science)**

Chapter 10: Global Goals and Initiatives

Suggested Direction: We have argued in this volume that place matters. What global/international initiatives and goals have taken the context of place into consideration? How would, or are, such initiatives being implemented? What difference does the role of place make in these initiative outcomes?

Chapter 11: National Goals and Initiatives

Suggested Direction: What can nations do, or what are nations already doing, to address their food problems while taking the context of place into consideration? How would, or are, such initiatives being implemented? What difference does considering place make in these outcomes?

Chapter 12: What Can I Do?

Suggested Direction: The importance of place empowers the individual to make changes in their local communities because people/groups have insight into communities that global/national policy-makers do not. This chapter should highlight the role of individuals and communities in localized initiatives to address issues related to food production/distribution/preparation/consumption.

Subject Index

Bibliography

Potential Contributors

Please provide a short prospectus for your proposed chapter (750-1000 words). In addition, attach a short bio/CV (two pages maximum), and email these documents to: kfitzpa@uark.edu no later than January 15, 2014.

If you have questions concerning your submission, the volume, or any other issues, please feel free to contact me via email: kfitzpa@uark.edu; or phone: 479-575-3777.