

THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FOOD STUDIES

Blacksburg, Virginia, USA  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
18–19 September 2015

Dear Delegate,

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops, posters or colloquia are invited for the Fourth International Conference on Food Studies being held at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, USA from 18–19 September 2015.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE FOCUS:

"A Cross Roads in Food Studies: Alternative vs Traditional Food Systems and Movements"

The world faces a series of challenges that engage the food studies community. On the one hand, some regions of the world are increasingly plagued by food insecurity, hunger, and famine. On the other, questions about the environmental and economic sustainability of traditional input-heavy agriculture continue to encourage scholars and practitioners to think in terms of a return to local or community-based agriculture. Linked to this discussion is the controversy over the development and cultivation of genetically modified foods, the role of organic agriculture in modern food systems, and concerns about our ability to feed an ever-growing human population.

The 2015 meeting will focus on the cross roads between alternative food systems and traditional systems of agricultural production. We welcome debate, discourse, and research from scholars and practitioners who engage these issues as well as other subjects related to the food studies discourse.

CONFERENCE THEMES:

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops, focused discussions or colloquia are invited that address the broader themes listed below. In addition to the special focus, paper presentations will be grouped into one of the following categories for presentation at the conference:

- Theme 1: Food Production and Sustainability
- Theme 2: Food, Nutrition and Health
- Theme 3: Food Politics, Policies, and Cultures

Presenters may also choose to submit written papers for publication to the fully refereed Food Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, you may still join the community by becoming a member and submit your article for peer review and possible publication, upload an online presentation, and enjoy subscriber access to the journal.

Proposals for in-person presentations should be submitted by 4 AUGUST 2015 (title and short abstract).

Proposals submitted after this day will be accommodated in non-themed sessions at the conference or are eligible for community membership registrations (no attendance at conference required with community membership presentations).

For more information on submitting your proposal and registering for the conference visit:

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