

DEMOCRATIZING FOOD GOVERNANCE



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Some scholars believe that the local food systems do not represent a serious threat to the globalization of food chains and may even be consistent with it. Others see them as encapsulating the potential for a radical transformation of the global food system, being not just the result of a commodity-based agriculture sector but rather expressions of processes of change and new forms of politics with regard to sustainability and consumption.

While initiatives of local foods have been multiplying, the need to coordinate and cooperate among 'places' is becoming more pressing. Complex forms of partnership among actors across different scales, from the local to the national, regional and global nexus are taking place. A characteristic of these new forms of partnerships is that actors orient action towards commonly agreed goals, hoping to achieve far more collectively than they could individually. Above all, such developments speak of a new civic engagement with food revealing its potential to build social capital as well as improve individual wellbeing.

Keynote speakers

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