

CITYFOOD SYMPOSIUM

A Political and Cultural History of Street Vending



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WELCOME TO CITYFOOD SYMPOSIUM: A POLITICAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF STREET VENDING

As scholars have developed a rich repertoire of research on immigrant street vendors in global cities, food peddlers in newly industrialized countries, and hawkers in nineteenth-century Europe, it has brought us to a threshold of productive conceptualization, with its attendant challenges of communication between scholars, practitioners and policymakers. The current state of knowledge provides opportunities to launch cross-national and cross-temporal comparisons, develop conceptualization, appraise methods, investigate data collection processes across disciplines, and recommend best practices. Focused comparison will strengthen our understanding of how global and local forces are shaping the political, economic, social, and spatial elements of street food vending. This interdisciplinary work aims to reinforce the relationship between cities and street vendors, and ensures that such mobile entrepreneurs continue to thrive as vital components of our urban economies, by interrogating the historical and contemporary relationship between the legal environment, livelihoods of mobile people, and the liveliness of cities.

New York University's global network, which includes the Washington Square Park, Shanghai and Abu Dhabi campuses, in conjunction with the University of Toronto Scarborough, is hosting a symposium to provide an opportunity for a more integrated network of scholars and collaborators on street food research. The symposium is designed to establish an analytical framework where street-foodscapes become central to our understanding of cities from a socioeconomic, political, cultural and urban planning context. The body of work brought together through the symposium will ultimately help generate new understandings of street food vending and help promote sustainable urban development and equitable public policy.

Outcomes:

- Develop and sharpen the conceptual frame and widen the comparative scope.
- Plan and execute the next iteration of CityFood in 2018.
- Over the next two years edit a special issue of a journal, produce a book, and a collaborative website.

We're excited to bring together this interdisciplinary collaboration of global scholars and we look forward to the insight and discussions your participation will produce.

Sincerely,

CityFood Symposium Organizing Committee
Spring 2017

SCHEDULE

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2017

18:00 – 20:00

Kick-off reception at Maiden Lane

www.themaidentlane.com

162 Avenue B, New York, NY 10009

(at the corner of E 10th St.)

From the hotel: Walk north on Suffolk St. After crossing Houston St., continue north on Ave. B (to the right across Houston). Restaurant will be on your left.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH, 2017

09.00 – 09.30

Arrival and coffee

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome and introduction

- Krishnendu Ray (New York University)
Welcome and introduction of the project
- Anneke Geysen (New York University)
Street food research: State of the field

10.00 – 12.30

Panel 1: Method and meaning

Discussant: Martina Kaller (Stanford University)

- Jo Sharma (University of Toronto Scarborough)
Cries and sights: Finding histories of street foods and vendors
- Jeffrey Pilcher (University of Toronto Scarborough)
Cobblestone kitchens: Notes on the world history of street food
- Manpreet Kaur Janeja (University of Copenhagen)
Rethinking street foods. Street food hospitality in contemporary Calcutta
- Jonathan Shapiro Anjaria (Brandeis University)
Material, metaphor, metonymy: Street food and other objects of the city

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch break

Lunch provided by Lighthouse Outpost

241 Mulberry St, New York, NY 10012

13.30 – 15.30

Panel 2: Heritage making

Discussant: Mark Swislocki (New York University)

- Daniel Bender (University of Toronto Scarborough)
Dipping in the common sauce pot: Satay vending and good taste politics in colonial and post-colonial Singapore

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SCHEDULE

- Lynne Milgram (OCAD University)
What happens when we take the “street” out of “street food”?: (Re)fashioning Philippine street foods and vending
 - Fabio Parasecoli (The New School)
Reshaping Italian foodways: From cibo di strada to street food
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
- 16.00 – 18.00 **Panel 3: Gender**
Discussant: Sharon Zukin (CUNY Brooklyn College)
- Robert Ji-Song Ku (SUNY Binghamton University)
Beyond pojangmacha: Edae food Carts and the future of Seoul’s social gastronomy
 - James Farrer (Sophia University)
Street drinking: The reinvention of public drinking in a Tokyo commuter station
 - Daniëlle van den Heuvel (University of Amsterdam)
The freedom of the streets: Gender and Urban Space in Europe and Asia (1600-1850)
- 18.00 – 20.00 **Drinks at The Wren**
www.thewrennyc.com
344 Bowery, New York, NY 10012
(at the corner of Great Jones Street)
From the conference: Walk south on Cooper Square (past W 4th St.). Restaurant is two blocks down on your right.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2017

- 09.30 – 10.00 **Arrival and coffee**
- 10.00 – 12.00 **Panel 4: Community and identity**
Discussant: Donna Gabaccia (University of Toronto Scarborough)
- Hasia R. Diner (New York University)
Buying and selling food on the “Jewish street”
 - Scarlett Lindeman (CUNY Graduate Center)
Comida callejera en CDMX: When the fringe becomes the mainstream
 - Anneke Geyzen (New York University)
A comparative ethnohistory of street food vendors in Brussels and New York (19th – 20th centuries)
- 12.00 – 13.00 **Lunch break**
Lunch provided by Taim
45 Spring St, New York, NY 10012



SCHEDULE

- 13.00 – 15.30 **Panel 5: Urban space/the city**
Discussant: Ken MacDonald (University of Toronto Scarborough)
- Anna Greenspan (New York University)
Deep mapping Shanghai's street food
 - Amita Baviskar (Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi)
Street food and the art of survival: Migrants and space in Delhi
 - Jaclyn Rohel (New York University)
Urban indigestion: Paan, public sociality and the politics of the street
 - Noah Allison (The New School)
Mapping the unmapped: sidewalk vendors along New York City's Roosevelt Avenue
- 15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee break**
16.00 – 18.00 **Panel 6: Gentrification**
Discussant: Nancy Foner (CUNY Hunter College)
- Kathleen Dunn (Loyola University Chicago)
The lady selling churros in the subway: The border beneath the gentrification frontier
 - Amy Hanser (University of British Columbia)
Good food in the city: How cultural ideas about food influence food vending
 - Edward Whittall (York University)
Olé! strategies, tactics, and the street theatre of food trucks
- 19.30 – 21.30 **Dinner at Wild Brooklyn**
www.eatdrinkwild.com/locations/williamsburg
340 Bedford Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211
(between S 2nd and S 3rd St.)
From the conference: Take the 6 train from Astor Place uptown to Union Square (one stop). Change for the L train to Brooklyn. Get off at Bedford Ave (three stops) and head south on Bedford Ave. The restaurant is located between S 2nd and S 3rd St.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2017

- 09.00 – 09.30 **Arrival and coffee**
- 09.30 – 12.30 **Panel 7: Regulations and agency**
Discussant: Joseph Heathcott (The New School)
- Ryan Devlin (John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY)
Contesting neoliberal spatial policy: Food vendors, public space, and the limits of revanchism in New York

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SCHEDULE

- Tiana Bakić Hayden (New York University)
Permitting uncertainty: A discussion of street vending licenses and the meaning of the law in Mexico City
- Mark Vallianatos (Independent scholar)
More than a meal: How street vending helped shape the Los Angeles region
- Annette Miae Kim (Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California)
The social reconstruction of (im)migrant urbanisms: Narrating legitimacy and standing in Los Angeles, Ho Chi Minh City, and Beijing

12.30 – 14.00

Roundtable and lunch

Moderator: Krishnendu Ray (New York University)
Lunch provided by Lighthouse Outpost
241 Mulberry St, New York, NY 10012.

15.00 – 19.00

Public event and reception

- **Keynote:** Alfonso Morales (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- **Film screening:** Sarah K. Khan's "Queens Migrant Kitchen"

Moderated discussion 1: Street food representations

Moderator: Sam Sundius (New York University)

- Jack Tchen
New York University
- Sarah K. Khan
Independent Scholar and Filmmaker
- Dave Cook
Writer and blogger at "Eating in Translation"

Moderated discussion 2: Street food regulations and policy

Moderator: Noah Allison (The New School)

- Sean Basinski
The Street Vendor Project
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