



Workshop Food and Ideological Extremism: Philosophical and Empirical Dimensions

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Food production, distribution and consumption are deeply intertwined with social, cultural and political identities. While most of these identities, and the dietary habits associated with them, belong to the social, cultural and political mainstream (broadly understood), others reflect extremist ideological positions, i.e. positions located outside the mainstream and characterized by simplistic, overconfident and intolerant attitudes. For example, meat-free and vegan diets, often associated with progressive left-wing political orientations, have often been embraced, in the past and more recently, by far-right political movements as a key way of expressing their extremist political identity and ideology. Another example of the connection between food and extremism are vegan or animal rights movements that engage in extremist and/or violent acts. This workshop will provide a forum for the discussion of these and other related issues concerning the relationship between food and extremism.

Programme

- 10:30-11:00 Andrea Borghini (Università Statale di Milano); Matteo Bonotti (Monash University)
Introduction
- 11:00-12:00 Bernhard Forchtner (University of Leicester)
Food for Volk: "The Politics of Soil" in the German Extreme Right Today
Chair: Laura Prospero (Università di Milano-Bicocca)
- 12:00-13:00 Balsa Lubarda (Central European University, Budapest)
War on the "Superfoods"? The Nexus of Far Right Ecologism and Food Nativism
Chair: Francesca Mastrovito (Eataly)
- 13:00-14:30 Lunch
- 14:30-15:30 Luís Cordeiro Rodrigues (Hunan University, Changsha, Cina)
Animal and Racial Justice
Chair: Beatrice Serini (Università degli Studi di Milano)
- 15:30-16:30 Federico Zuolo (Università degli Studi di Genova)
Food, Moral Integrity and Radicalism in Animal Rights Movements
Chair: Anna Elisabetta Galeotti (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Vercelli)
- 16:30-16:45 Tea/coffee
- 16:45-18:00 Roundtable: *Food and Ideological Extremism*
Chair: Anne Barnhill (Johns Hopkins University, Baltimora)

Participation is free of charge. However, due to space limitations, participants are kindly requested to RSVP for the event. If you would like to attend, please email info@politeia-centrostudi.org (subject "Food and Ideological Extremism") and wait for a confirmation answer.

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