

# Introduzione: Il pluralismo alimentare come problema filosofico

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*Introduction: “Dietary Pluralism” as a Philosophical Problem*

*Abstract:* What political response should requests for differential treatment concerning different religious and cultural dietary practices (e.g. *halal* and *kosher* slaughter) receive? What edibility standards should inform food policies regulating the use of animal products? More generally, and in sum, what institutional response should be given to the problems raised in society by the presence of different eating standards? These questions can be gathered under the heading of “dietary pluralism”, the presence of different habits, requirements, and convictions concerning food production, distribution, and consumption, which inform requests for accommodation through the development of legal provisions and public policies. The aim of this introductory essay is to clarify the different senses in which dietary pluralism, so conceived, raises philosophically relevant challenges for the public institutions of contemporary societies.

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