

The Food Parliament: A democratic practice of everyday life

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There has been an undeniable symbiosis between urbanization and food development for centuries. Food is no less important to the city now as it was then, yet it is often overlooked when analysing the larger systemic inequalities in the urban environment. 'The Food Parliament' reassesses this relationship in an era of unrelenting urbanism and chronic global food shortage, two interdependent phenomena that must reach a rapprochement to prevent an impending catastrophe that is human as much as environmental. The lack of food democracy and transparency can impact both poor and wealthy economies, resulting in global economic, political and social unrest. The lecture explores the theme of the transformation of cities, and looks at how the cultivation, storage and distribution of food has been and can again contribute to a democratic practice of everyday life. The scope of the Food Parliament is ideological and polemic, and aims to reinstate food at the core of national and local governance.