

## **Call for Papers – Special Issue on the Future Geography of Food**

The [2022 AGS Symposium](#) was on the Future of Food. The *Geographical Review* is planning a Special Issue to follow this symposium, to be edited by Antoinette WinklerPrins and Moses Kansanga. The special issue will focus on the **Future Geography of Food**.

Without food, there is no life. As our planet and its climate change, and the needs of humanity evolve, where we get our sustenance from matters now more than ever. From our changing consumption patterns, to the nature of our supply chains, to the geographic patterns of our food production, to the ever-pressing need for sustainable agriculture, we must understand the dependencies that we have today, and what the future geography of food looks like if humanity is to be sustained into the future.

Agriculture has been through several revolutions over the past three centuries - expanding to utilize nearly all of our planet's arable land, with more sophisticated technologies, and ever fewer human laborers. While one might imagine that this would lead to ever stronger food security, expanding and urbanizing human populations have left us with an increasingly insecure food landscape, with climate change exacerbating this in a multitude of ways. Many of the miracles of modern agriculture have further weakened many peoples' control over their food destinies as the industrialization of agriculture has undermined food sovereignty around the globe. It may be that new foods, such as meatless and cultured meats, new technologies such as contained environmental (aka as vertical) farms, and new supply chain strategies that reduce food waste could help answer some of these challenges. Or, it may be that their implementation merely creates more of the dependency and inequality that has been endemic to humanity's food chain for centuries.

### **The following are topical areas to be considered for inclusion in this special issue**

- The geographical origins of food
- Agriculture and the climate challenge (impacts, contributions, mitigation)
- Food system innovations (including vertical agriculture, meatless and cultured meats etc.) and their implications for addressing global hunger
- Food nutritional security at all scales
- Food accessibility and equity in a changing global foodscape

- Food sovereignty and justice
- The changing cultural dimensions of food
- The geography of food loss and waste
- Labor implications of food system transformations under the fourth agricultural revolution
- Finance and investment of food and implications for food security
- Geospatial technology in the fourth agricultural revolution and its geographic implications.

### **Timeline of the special issue**

Call for paper proposals posted by December 1, 2022 and is open through February 28, 2023.

Proposals should include 500 word summary of the idea for a manuscript, with preliminary title – send to Antoinette WinklerPrins, [antoinette@jhu.edu](mailto:antoinette@jhu.edu) and Moses Kansanga, [mkansanga@gwu.edu](mailto:mkansanga@gwu.edu)

Authors notified of acceptance of their paper proposal by March 30, 2023.

Manuscripts should be 6,000 words, all in, and meet the following:

- Must be empirically based
- Address a topic(s) related to the themes of the symposium, with ample attention to the ‘future of food’.
- Should include geographic and/or spatial dimensions, including the use of maps and illustrations.

Manuscripts are to be submitted via the *Geographical Review* portal by July 1, 2023; these will undergo full peer review

Revisions due by ~ November 1, 2023

Final acceptance by ~ April 2024

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