



2011 CUNNINGHAM LECTURE

PROFESSOR TIM LANG

PROFESSOR OF FOOD POLICY, CITY UNIVERSITY LONDON

Living with an unsustainable food system: can food democracy resolve the dilemmas?

5.30–6.30 pm • 8 NOVEMBER 2011 • SHINE DOME, CANBERRA

Are policy-makers responding sufficiently to the evidence of the food system's tensions and fragilities? For a moment in 2006–08, this looked possible. Rising oil and food commodity prices shocked even Western policy-makers, only for normality to resume. Now instability has returned. Are the tectonic plates moving again, or is food economic volatility now the status quo? The lecture will review the 20th century legacy of environmental, social justice and health costs, arguing this is a key test for whether our food system is shaped around food control or food democracy. Technical triumphalism is premature. Food culture and consumption need to change too.



PROFESSOR TIM LANG

PROFESSOR OF FOOD POLICY, CENTRE FOR FOOD POLICY, CITY UNIVERSITY LONDON

Tim Lang has been Professor of Food Policy at City University London's Centre for Food Policy since 2002. After completing a PhD in social psychology at Leeds University, he became a hill farmer in the 1970s which shifted his attention to food policy, where it has been ever since. For 35 years, he has engaged in academic and public debate about food policy direction, locally to globally. His interest is how policy addresses the environment, health, social justice, and citizens.

Tim Lang has been a consultant to the World Health Organisation (eg auditing the Global Top 25 Food Companies on food and health), a special advisor to four House of Commons Select Committee inquiries, and a consultant on food security to the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House). He was a Commissioner on the UK Government's Sustainable Development Commission (2006–11), reviewing slow progress on food sustainability. He was on the Council of Food Policy Advisors to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2008–10), and was appointed to the Mayor of London's Food Board in 2010. He has written/co-written many articles, reports, chapters and books. Books include *Food Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2009), *Food Wars* (Earthscan 2004), *Atlas of Food* (Earthscan 2003/2008), and *Unmanageable Consumer* (Sage 1996/2007). *Ecological Public Health* (Earthscan) will be published in 2012.

Tim Lang was elected Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health in 2001; is an Honorary Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Cooks (City of London). He rides a bicycle to work, doesn't own a car and grows vegetables and fruit in his London garden.

FELLOWS' COLLOQUIUM

Monday 7 November

7.30 pm • COMMON ROOM, UNIVERSITY HOUSE

For the Fellows' Colloquium in 2011, Fellows-elect (those who will be welcomed into the Academy by the President on the evening of 8 November), will describe their past and current work. A more detailed program for the Colloquium will be available on the ASSA website early in October. See http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual_symposiums/2011.php

EVENT LISTING

Monday 7 November

7.30 pm Fellows' Colloquium, Common Room, University House

Tuesday 8 November

9.00 am Symposium: Food Regimes and Food Security, Shine Dome

4.30 pm President's Drinks at the Dome, Shine Dome

5.30 pm Cunningham Lecture: Living with an unsustainable food system: can food democracy resolve the dilemmas? Shine Dome

7.45 pm Fellows' Dinner, Great Hall, University House (7.15 pm for 7.45 pm)

Wednesday 9 November

7.45 am New Fellows' Breakfast, ASSA Secretariat

9.00 am PANEL DISCUSSIONS
Panel A: Scarth Room, University House
Panel B: Scarth Room, University House
Panel C: Ian Wark Theatre, Shine Dome
Panel D: Stanner Room, University House

10.45 am Annual General Meeting, Ian Wark Theatre, Shine Dome

1.00 pm Lunch (complimentary), Shine Dome

→ For more information or to register online, go to http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/forums/annual_symposiums/2011.php and follow the links

→ Register manually by completing the appropriate registration form



ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA

GPO Box 1956, Canberra ACT 2601 Tel 02 6249 1788
Email assa.secretariat@anu.edu.au Fax 02 6247 4335



ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIA

PROMOTING THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

SYMPOSIUM 2011



FOOD REGIMES AND FOOD SECURITY



Food production, distribution and consumption—from the perspectives of social science, natural science, humanities and public policy

INCLUDING THE 2011 CUNNINGHAM LECTURE

Living with an unsustainable food system: can food democracy resolve the dilemmas?

PROFESSOR Tim Lang

Tuesday 8 November 2011

SHINE DOME • CANBERRA



FOOD REGIMES AND FOOD SECURITY



ACADEMY OF THE
SOCIAL SCIENCES
IN AUSTRALIA

SYMPOSIUM

2011

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

→ *The 2011 Symposium will be held in the Academy's 40th year. To mark this event, the 2011 Symposium provides an opportunity for the social sciences to showcase their role in addressing issues of national importance, and the role of collaboration and cooperation across and between disciplines.*

The Symposium will examine food in all its phases: production, distribution and consumption. Among the topics to be explored are:

- An overview of the Prime Minister's Science, Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) report *Australia and Food Security in a Changing World* from a social science perspective
- A social-science based appraisal of the food system in Australia in the context of the PMSEIC report
- The concept of food security and its relevance to Australia
- Pathways from production through distribution to consumption
- Climate change and food production, with special reference to the Murray-Darling Basin
- The food production workforce
- Pressures on the inputs to food production
- Systems of distribution and cultures of consumption including the role of supermarkets in food distribution
- Food security in remote Indigenous communities, including community stores and their role in the health of remote Indigenous communities and the Mai Wiru program

CONVENORS

Professor Mark Howden CSIRO
Professor Geoffrey Lawrence FASSA, University of Queensland
Professor Elspeth Probyn FAHA, University of Sydney
Professor Tim Rowse FASSA, University of Western Sydney

PRESENTERS

Mr Jason Alexandra General Manager, Basin Program Implementation, Murray-Darling Basin Authority
Ms Liza Balmer Manager, Mai Wiru Policy Officer, Child Nutrition Program, NPY Women's Council
Dr Lia Bryant Portfolio Leader Research Education, School of Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy, University of South Australia
Professor Hugh Campbell Chair in Sociology and Head of Department, Department of Sociology, Gender and Social Work, University of Otago, New Zealand and Senior Researcher, Centre for the Study of Agriculture, Food and Environment, New Zealand
Dr Dana Cordell Research Principal, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology, Sydney
Associate Professor Jane Dixon National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University
Ms Kirsten Grace, General Manager of Mai Wiru Regional Stores Council Aboriginal Corporation
Professor Stewart Lockie Head, School of Sociology, Research School of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Social Sciences, The Australian National University
Professor Peter Langridge CEO, Australian Centre for Plant Functional Genomics (ACPGF), University of Adelaide
Dr Christina Pollard School of Public Health, Curtin University, Western Australia
Professor Elspeth Probyn FAHA Professor of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney; Adjunct Research Professor, University of South Australia

PROGRAM

SYMPOSIUM → TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER

9.00	PRESIDENT'S WELCOME • SYMPOSIUM OPENING Barry McGaw President's welcome Tim Rowse Symposium opening
9.10	SESSION 1 FOOD REGIMES AND FOOD SECURITY CHAIR Geoffrey Lawrence FASSA Stewart Lockie A social-science based appraisal of the food system in Australia in the context of the PMSEIC report <i>Australia and Food Security in a Changing World</i> (Canberra, 2010) Peter Langridge Overview of the PMSEIC Report and the concept of food security and its relevance to Australia Elspeth Probyn Pathways from production through distribution to consumption
10.40	MORNING TEA
11.10	SESSION 2 THE LIMITS OF PRODUCTION CHAIR Mark Howden Jason Alexandra Climate change and food production Lia Bryant The food production workforce Dana Cordell Pressures on the inputs to food production
12.40	LUNCH
1.50	SESSION 3 SYSTEMS OF DISTRIBUTION AND CULTURES OF CONSUMPTION CHAIR Elspeth Probyn FAHA Hugh Campbell Connecting food producers and consumers Jane Dixon The role of supermarkets in food distribution
3.00	AFTERNOON TEA
3.25	SESSION 4 FOOD SECURITY IN REMOTE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES CHAIR Tim Rowse FASSA Christina Pollard Community stores and their role in the health of remote Indigenous communities Liza Balmer and Kirsten Grace The Mai Wiru program
4.25	CONCLUSION AND THANKS
4.30	PRESIDENT'S DRINKS AT THE DOME
5.30	CUNNINGHAM LECTURE Tim Lang, City University London Living with an unsustainable food system: can food democracy resolve the dilemmas?



The Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia gratefully acknowledges the assistance provided by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for this Symposium.