

Final report: ASSA Workshop Grant 2021

Global food supply chains in a world on the edge

Co-convenors: Dr Victoria Stead, Prof. Jon Altman, and A/Prof. Melinda Hinkson

Objectives and significance

Global food supply chains, we have been told often in recent years, are in crisis. Beginning in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic's myriad impacts on human life included dramatic and far-reaching disruptions to global food systems. Border closures triggered critical labour shortages for crop harvesting; outbreaks of infection spread through abattoirs and processing facilities; panic buying cleared supermarket shelves; the precariousness of hospitality and gig-economy work was amplified. Now, as this book goes to press, Russia's invasion of Ukraine is prompting new warnings of crisis, with delays, price-hikes and shortages in the global food supply chain forecast as oil and gas prices rise, and as access to the Russian raw material exports needed for the production of fertilisers plummets. Speaking to the BBC, head of global fertiliser corporation Yara International has declared, "'For me, it's not whether we are moving into a global food crisis - it's how large the crisis will be" (Simpson 2022). How much, though, does this language of crisis – as particular, contextual, temporally-bound – suffice to describe the conditions of the present? In the case of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has also been clear that the virus' spread exposed fault lines that run farther and deeper than the circumstances of the pandemic itself, highlighting the nature of a global food system that both relies upon and reproduces acute inequalities of risk, vulnerability, hunger, wealth and power. To this end, the pandemic revealed the global food system as not simply *in* a state of particular and acute disruption but rather as *itself* inherently disruptive—of human lives and flourishing, of relationships between people, places and ecologies.

Held on 15-16 June, 2021, this interdisciplinary workshop brought together a group of internationally-situated scholars to critically interrogate the role, and potential transformation, of global food supply chains within a world threatened not only by the COVID-19 pandemic, but by the wider and deeper crises of climate, (post)coloniality, and neoliberal capitalism. With generous support from the ASSA Workshop Grant Scheme, the Institute for Postcolonial Studies, and Deakin University's Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, the workshop featured 18 presentations from 25 participants. Having originally intended a hybrid mode, with face-to-face attendance centered in Melbourne at the Institute for Postcolonial Studies, pandemic lockdowns necessitated a late move to a fully online mode. In spite of this, the workshop was vibrant, dynamic, and generative, and marked by a spirit of generous and collegial debate and exchange.

Outcomes

Edited book

The primary outcome of the ASSA workshop has been the production of an edited volume, *Beyond Global Food Supply Chains: Crisis, Disruption, Regeneration*. This has been co-edited by Victoria Stead and Melinda Hinkson, with contributions from 17 workshop participants. It has been accepted for publication with Palgrave Pivot, and is currently in press with publication expected in the first half of 2022.

The pandemic has been, then, both an empirical touchstone for the collection, and the context within which the essays were produced. Most contributions engage the pandemic directly; some take other of the food system's disruptions as their focus. They are grouped under four themes.

"Foundations" includes an introductory overview authored by Hinkson and Stead, which is followed by Lauren Rickards and Melinda Hinkson's exploration of global supply chains as artefacts of distinctive social formations, and conduits of colonial capital power. Supply chains are, they argue, ultimately disruptive mechanisms that separate people from places, from each other, and from the very idea of the production of food for nourishment. Sarah Ruth Sippel's reading of the recent boom in agri-investment then offers another perspective on the underpinnings of contemporary, global food relations. Tracking patterns of investment with origins in the 2007/08 financial crisis, Sippel shows how the "winners" from that crisis are now consolidating their power, and profits, through the pandemic.

"Production" opens with Victoria Stead and Kirstie Petrou's examination of the pandemic's disruptive impact on labour in the Australian horticultural industry. They show that attempts to deal with a shortage of seasonal workers resulted in a paradoxical entrenchment of uneven distributions of precarity, risk and vulnerability along the fault lines of race and migration status. Kelly Donati, working in the Western Australian wheat belt, and Daren Shi-chi Leung in southern China provide compelling case studies of transformational farming projects across scale that draw creatively on diverse regenerative and traditional agrarian techniques. Both cases suggest cautious optimism, revealing considerable scope for creative working with, and pushing back against, the organizing logic of global capital.

The essays gathered under "Distribution" explore instances of the pandemic's impact on food supply and accessibility. Matt Henry and Carolyn Morris unpack the "crisis" of essential food shortages. Through case studies of disrupted supplies of pork and flour in Aotearoa New Zealand, they expose the fantasies of logistics through attention to the social, material and affective liveliness of actual substances. Maggie Dickinson analyses the United States' mass mobilization of food-aid programs, demonstrating that in the face of escalating unemployment and life-threatening risks for frontline food workers, hunger continues to be used to entrench unsafe working situations that prop up a racist and ecologically destructive food system. David Boarder Giles presents an intimate perspective on the pandemic supermarket through ethnographic attention to the labour undertaken by essential workers in an inner-city independent grocery store. His essay casts light on the supermarket as at once a definitive node of the global food supply chain and a key site for the expropriation, circulation and accumulation of surplus value.

In the final section, “Food Politics”, Jon Altman and Francis Markham take us to the remote Indigenous communities of northern Australia, where a food security “crisis” is shown to be primarily an artefact of government policies designed to punish the poor and push remote-community residents to urban centres. Government responses to the pandemic paradoxically offered a reprieve for these exceptionally governed citizens and hence shed light on the basic structural reforms that could readily alleviate hunger and misery into the future. Tomaso Ferrando takes us to the UN Food Systems Summit, where transnational corporate actors intervene with state support to distance peasants, Indigenous communities and citizens from vital decisions in relation to global agriculture. Finally, we move from the theatre of the UN to quotidian experiences of consumption, where Christopher Mayes and Angie Sassano critically explore the limitations of consumer-food-ethics campaigns. The collection is rounded out by Alex Blanchette’s Afterword. In reflecting upon the ever-compounding brutalizing history of agricultural capitalism, Blanchette draws on the concept of “temporary measures” as a way of coming at the “non-transformational upheavals” upon which contributors to this collection reflect. Drawing on the work of Silvia Federici, and her rejection of the characterization of capitalism as a historical break with feudalism, Blanchette offers the ultimately hopeful vision of capitalism itself as a temporary measure—one of many patches on the structural weaknesses of the global food system and the relations of power it embodies. So conceived, this temporary measure might yet be overcome by people in the pursuit of fuller visions of nourishment and vitality, through a profoundly different set of attitudes to the production of food and practices of feeding.

At a time when issues around the global food system are of acute significance, the collection will make a timely, critical and constructive intervention into contemporary debates.

The reallocation of ASSA funds originally ear-marked for domestic travel, to covering Open Access fees for this collection (done in consultation with ASSA) will maximise the accessibility and impact of this collaborative effort.

Additional outcomes

Additionally, collaborations and ideas developed through the workshop have informed the development of future research, including a 3-part seminar series being organised by the Alfred Deakin Institute and IPCS, on *The Future of Food Production*. Organised by Melinda Hinkson, Victoria Stead, this series also intersects with the development of new research projects also involving Lauren Rickards, and community partners and stakeholders involved in the vital work of reimagining food production in key Australian agricultural regions.

Two pieces in *The Conversation* by workshop organiser Victoria Stead also stem from findings generated through the ASSA workshop:

[‘New Pacific Australia Labour Mobility scheme offers more flexibility ... for employers’](#), *The Conversation*, 23 November 2021.

[‘Australia needs better working conditions, not shaming, for Pacific Islander farm workers’](#), *The Conversation*, 10 November 2021. (Re-printed on SBS news, Canberra Times).



Global Food Supply Chains in a World on the Edge

An interdisciplinary workshop, 15-16 June 2021

Co-convenors: Dr Victoria Stead¹, Prof. Jon Altman, and A/Prof. Melinda Hinkson

DAY ONE: Tuesday

1.00 – 1.30pm Introductions/welcome (**Melinda Hinkson and Victoria Stead**)

1.30 – 3.00pm **Production** (Chair: Jon Altman)

- Carol Richards and Rudolf Messner, *Food System Shocks in the Land of Plenty* (discussant Christine Parker)
- Victoria Stead and Kirstie Petrou, *Putting the crisis to work: (Re)valuing seasonal farm labour amid the COVID-19 pandemic* (discussant Kelly Donati)
- Lauren Rickards and Melinda Hinkson, *Supply Chains as Disruption*, (discussant Sharon Friel)

3.00 – 3.30pm Break

3.30 – 5.00pm **Rethinking production** (Chair: Chris Mayes) (6.30am UK)

- Darren Leung, *Recurring Food Crises and the Rise of the CSA Movement in Postsocialist China* (discussant Tyler Riordan)
- Kelly Donati, *In the ruins of the wheatbelt: new epistemic imaginaries in global commodity agriculture* (discussant Matt Henry)
- Manoj Dias-Abey, *Building Resilience in Agri-Food Value Chains from a Migrant Worker Perspective: A UK Perspective* (discussant Lauren Kelly)

5.00 – 5.30pm Break

5.30 – 7.00 pm **Financialisation and the corporate food system** (Chair: Sharon Friel) (9.30am Antwerp/Rome)

- Tomaso Ferrando, *Coopting the state of emergency: disaster capitalism and the future of food* (discussant Kelly Donati)
- Sarah Sippel, *Cashing in on crises? Agri-food investors' responses to COVID-19* (discussant Lauren Rickards)
- Hope Johnson and Christine Parker, *Regulating Globalised Food Supply Chains through Investment: The Case of Novel Proteins* (discussant Jon Altman)

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DAY TWO: Wednesday

9:00 – 9.30am Reflections on Day One (Chair: Victoria Stead) (7pm New York)

- Alex Blanchette, *Discussants comments*

9.30 – 11.00am Hunger (Chair: Christine Parker) (7.30pm New York)

- Maggie Dickinson, *Reproducing Hunger in the Pandemic Era* (discussant David Giles)
- Kiah Smith, *Civic food, COVID and 'resilience as transformation'* (discussant Carol Richards)
- Jon Altman and Francis Markham, *Living at the end of the global food supply chain? The escalating challenge of getting an affordable feed in remotest Indigenous Australia*, (discussant Carolyn Morris)

11.00 – 11.30am Break

11.30 – 1.00pm Distribution (Chair: Lauren Rickards) (9pm New York)

- Matt Henry and Carolyn Morris, *COVID generated Food Supply Chain Disruption in Aotearoa New Zealand* (discussant Jon Altman)
- David Giles, *The Pandemic Supermarket: Produce, precarious labour, and anticipatory circuits of value* (discussant Maggie Dickinson)
- Tyler Riordan, Gerhard Hoffstaedter and Richard Robinson, *Essential but exploited: Migrant food delivery workers* (discussant Victoria Stead)

1.00 – 2.00pm Break

2.00 – 3.00pm Consumption (Chair: Kelly Donati)

- Chris Mayes, *The Tail Won't Wag the Dog: Against consumer ethics as a means of regulating global supply chains* (discussant Melinda Hinkson)
- Sharon Friel, *Redressing the Corporate Cultivation of Consumption: Releasing the Weapons of the Structurally Weak* (discussant Francis Markham)

3.00 – 3.30pm Break

3.30 – 4.30pm Reflections, future directions, publishing possibilities (Chairs Victoria Stead and Melinda Hinkson) (6.30am London / 7.30am Antwerp / 1.00am York / 7.00am Rome)

Participant biographies

Professor Jon Altman

School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University

Jon Altman is an economic anthropologist whose research has focused on the food sovereignty rights of Indigenous people in remote Australia over four decades. He is an emeritus professor at the School of Regulation and Global Governance, the ANU and an adjunct professor at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology Sydney. He co-leads the theme 'Livelihoods, Food Sovereignty and Coping with Neoliberal Growth' at CICADA (Centre for Indigenous Conservation and Development Alternatives), McGill University. Jon is a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and an Honorary Fellow of Te Aparangi, the Royal Society of Aotearoa/New Zealand.

Associate Professor Alex Blanchette

Anthropology, Tufts University, Massachusetts

Alex Blanchette (Tufts University) is an anthropologist whose research examines shifting values of human labor, non-human life, and industrialization and deindustrialization in the United States. He is the author of *Porkopolis: American Animality, Standardized Life, and the Factory Farm* (Duke University Press 2020) and the co-editor of *How Nature Works: Rethinking Labor on a Troubled Planet* (SAR Press 2019).

Dr Manoj Dias-Abey

Law, University of Bristol

Manoj Dias-Abey is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Bristol. Manoj is broadly interested in the law of work, migration, and political economy. Prior to joining the University of Bristol School of Law, Manoj completed his graduate and postdoctoral work in Canada on the legal strategies of labour organisations defending the rights of migrant agricultural workers in North America. He is currently working on a research project examining the role of labour intermediaries in the UK's new pilot seasonal agricultural worker programme, and another on the impacts of migration on the legal institutions of labour markets.

Dr Maggie Dickinson

CUNY, United States

Maggie Dickinson is an assistant professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Guttman Community College, CUNY. Her first book, *Feeding the Crisis: Care and Abandonment in America's Growing Food Safety Net*, is published by the University of California Press. As a cultural anthropologist, her research focuses broadly on urban food systems, welfare policy, inequality, and the politics of redistribution.

Dr Kelly Donati

William Angliss Institute

Kelly Donati is an ethnographer in gastronomy and agriculture. She coordinates and lectures in Australia's only Bachelor of Food Studies and Master of Food Systems and Gastronomy at William Angliss Institute in Melbourne. In 2019/2020, she was a Rachel Carson Fellow at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich where she built on her doctoral research to develop the concept of multispecies gastronomy which explores the convivial

and not-so-convivial entanglements between humans and nonhumans in small-scale farming practice. In addition to her teaching and research, Kelly is also the founding Chairperson of Sustain: the Australian Food Network, a not-for-profit organisation which undertakes research, policy work and projects to design and build better food systems.

Professor Tomaso Ferrando

Faculty of Law and Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Tomaso Ferrando is Research Professor at the Faculty of Law and Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp (Belgium). He holds a Phd in law from Sciences Po University (Paris) and has been visiting a fellow at Harvard University Law School, University of Sao Paulo and the University of Cape Town. Between 2016 and 2020 he was legal advisor of the former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Professor Hilal Elver. Tomaso's main line of research focuses on the link between law and food justice, with particular attention to the international dimension (trade, investments and the human right to food) and the implementation of bottom-up local practices constructed around the idea of food systems as commons.

Professor Sharon Friel,

School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University

Sharon Friel is Professor of Health Equity and Director of the Menzies Centre for Health Governance at the School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet), Australian National University. She was Director of RegNet from 2014-2019. Prof Friel is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences Australia and co-Director of the NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Health Equity. She was the Head of the Scientific Secretariat (University College London) of the World Health Organisation Commission on Social Determinants of Health between 2005 and 2008. In 2014, her international peers voted her one of the world's most influential female leaders in global health.

Her research focuses on the political economy of health; governance and policy related to the social determinants of health inequities, including trade, food systems, urbanisation, and climate change. Her 2019 book "Climate Change and the People's Health" highlights the importance of addressing the global consumptagenic system.

Dr David Boarder Giles

Anthropology, Deakin University, Melbourne

David Boarder Giles is Lecturer in Anthropology at Deakin University. He writes about waste, cities, and social movements. His current projects all explore the ways in which discarded surpluses—of people, places, and things—are circulated in "global" cities. These interests draw him into a range of spaces and problems, from the twin crises of food insecurity and food waste that plague so many cities, to the alternative economies established by dumpster divers and other urban scroungers, from the spectacular "world-class" image to which many major cities aspire to the prejudice and exclusion that shape public space and criminalise the existence of the homeless who sleep on their streets. This work brings him into dialogue with economic anthropology, environmental anthropology, urban ethnography, and political anthropology. His book, *A Mass Conspiracy to Feed People: Food Not Bombs and the World-class Waste of Global Cities*, will be published by Duke University Press in 2021.

Associate Professor Matthew Henry

Planning, Massey University

Matthew Henry is an Associate Professor in Planning at Massey University in the School of People, Environment and Planning. His research focuses on the historical technopolitics of agri-food systems and environmental knowledge. His current research is focused on infrastructures and the liveliness of environmental data.

Associate Professor Melinda Hinkson

Anthropology, Deakin University / Institute for Postcolonial Studies, Melbourne

Melinda Hinkson is associate professor of anthropology at Deakin University and director of the independent Institute of Postcolonial Studies, Melbourne. Much of her work is informed by longstanding research relationships with Warlpiri people of Central Australia. Melinda has published widely on Aboriginal visual production, placemaking, and the politics of representation, and the governance of Indigenous difference. Her most recent work is an ethnography of displacement, *See How We Roll: Enduring Exile Between Desert and Urban Australia*, to be published by Duke University Press in 2021. Melinda is in the early phase of developing new research that explores complexities in relationships between metropolitan and rural places.

Lauren Kelly

PhD student, RMIT University, and organiser with the United Workers Union

Dr. Daren Shi-chi Leung

Cultural Studies, University of Sydney

Daren Leung recently completed his PhD thesis "Farming as Method: Contextualising the Politics of Food and Farming in South China" in the department of Gender and Cultural Studies, University of Sydney. His research of food stems from a socio-metabolic account to rethink food politics in relation to the historical transformation of China and the shifting geopolitics in Asia. His works appear in the journals of *Cultural Studies*, *China Perspectives* and so on. In this workshop, Leung will bring in a global south perspective, questioning how Covid-19 influence the conventional and alternative food chains in the post-socialist context. Further information can be found from his blog *foodnote*.

Dr Francis Markham

CAEPR, Australian National University

Francis Markham is a Research Fellow at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University. His research aims to integrate critical geographic theory with quantitative methods, in particular the social applications of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). His current research investigates questions related to the geography of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. His doctoral research between 2013 and 2017 took a GIS approach to the investigation of the local impacts of poker machines. From 2011 to 2012, he was a research associate at the Menzies School of Health Research in Darwin, where he worked on an ARC Linkage project entitled "Gambling-related harm in Northern Australia."

Dr Christopher Mayes

Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University, Melbourne

Christopher Mayes is a Research Fellow in the Alfred Deakin Institute at Deakin University and Research-Affiliate in Sydney Health Ethics at the University of Sydney. He is an interdisciplinary scholar with disciplinary backgrounds in sociology and philosophy. His research interests include sociology of health and food, bioethics, and social and political theory. He is the author of *The Biopolitics of Lifestyle: Foucault, Ethics, and Healthy Choices* (Routledge, 2016), which critically explores the use of lifestyle rhetoric and policies to govern individual choice and secure population health from the threat of obesity. His 2019 monograph, *Unsettling Food Politics: agriculture, dispossession, and sovereignty in Australia* (Rowman & Littlefield International), examines contemporary political and ethical discourses of food and agriculture in Australia.

Dr Clare McCracken

RMIT University

Dr Clare McCracken is a site-responsive artist and early career researcher working on the unceded lands of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the Eastern Kulin Nations. Awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for academic excellence and research potential, her inter-disciplinary PhD sat at the intersection of art, cultural geography and urban theory. By employing innovative performance methodologies to investigate the impact that mobile technologies have had in shaping Australia socially and spatially, she won an RMIT University award for Research Impact in the Higher Degree by Research Technology, Design or Enterprise category. Her collaboration with Knox City Council led to shifts in Council's planning policies including the transitioning of their fleet to electric cars. Her current research includes building speculative futures from mobilities research to create a critical platform for dialogue about climate change and technological futures, and the use of commonplace technologies such as mobile phones in developing greater participation in Australian planning.

Dr Rudolf Messner

Queensland University of Technology

Rudolf Messner is a postdoctoral researcher at the School of Management/QUT Business School within the Sustainable Food System research group. Prior to completing his PhD he worked in management within the fast moving consumer goods industry for over 25 years. His research focusses on food waste, sustainable resource use in food supply chains, and food security. Recent projects and activities include a master-planned circular food economy, multi-stakeholder governance of food waste, and the impact of food waste prevention on healthy agricultural soils.

Dr Carolyn Morris

Massey University, New Zealand

Carolyn Morris is Senior Lecturer in sociocultural anthropology at Massey University in Aotearoa New Zealand. Her research and teaching interests are in cultures of agriculture and the politics of food, with interests in ethnicity, gender, rurality and race relations. Her current research interests are focused on the making of markets, in particular for Maori potatoes, heritage potatoes in Ireland and sheep milk. She is also interested in the processes of food innovation.

Professor Christine Parker

Law, University of Melbourne

Christine Parker is a Professor at Melbourne Law School, and Chief Investigator in the ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision Making and Society. Her socio-legal research on business self-regulation,

regulatory enforcement action, lawyers' ethics and the politics of the food system has made important empirical, conceptual and policy contributions to the politics, ethics and democratic governance of regulation in a range of areas including competition and consumer protection law, the food system, particularly the use of animals for food, the legal profession, environmental and health and safety regulation and the ecological impacts of big data. Her books include *The Open Corporation: Business Self-Regulation and Democracy*; *Explaining Compliance: Business Responses to Regulation*, and influential social critique and text, *Inside Lawyers' Ethics*. Professor Parker teaches courses in legal ethics, animal law, and business regulation and corporate social responsibility. She works and lives on the lands of the Wurendjeri peoples.

Kirstie Petrou

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Kirstie Petrou is a Research Fellow at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University and a research associate at the Climate and Sustainability Policy Research Group (CASPR), Flinders University. Kirstie is a human geographer. Her previous research has centred on urbanisation, migration and development in the Pacific with a geographical focus on Vanuatu. Kirstie's current work explores the impacts and experiences of workers employed in the horticultural industry through the Pacific labour mobility schemes. She is the author of *If Everyone Returned, the Island Would Sink: Urbanisation and Migration in Vanuatu* (Berghahn Books) and is book review editor for the journal *Geographical Research*.

Associate Professor Carol Richards

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Dr Carol Richards is an Associate Professor in the School of Management, Business School, Queensland University of Technology. Trained in sociology, she applies a critical political economy perspective to the understanding of global food systems. Carol is the leader of the Agrifood Systems program in the QUT Centre for Agriculture and the Bioeconomy where she facilitates multi-disciplinary research into complex issues such as food insecurity, food waste, market power and sustainable food systems. Carol was recently awarded funding via the Food Agility Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) to develop a residential circular food economy and the Fight Food Waste CRC to examine retailer food waste reduction.

Associate Professor Lauren Rickards

[RMIT University, Melbourne](#)

Lauren Rickards is a co-leader of the Climate Change and Resilience research program of the Centre for Urban Research, and Associate Professor in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, at RMIT. She is an interdisciplinary researcher with a background in human geography and ecology. Her work focuses on interpretations of key concepts such as human, planet, urban, future and resilience. Conceptual, critical and empirical, much of Lauren's work examines how experiences or images of disaster illuminate and generate competing perspectives. Current empirical research is examining interpretations of resilience in the Hazelwood coal mine fire, the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area fire and the 100 Resilient Cities program. More theoretical work is examining how the ideas of resilience, Anthropocene and planetary urbanisation intersect and share common spatial and temporal imaginaries. A Rhodes Scholar with extensive industry experience and networks, Lauren is a Senior Research Fellow with the Anthropocene and Resilience networks of the Earth System Governance program, Deputy Chair of the Australian Terrestrial Ecosystem Research Network, an Associate of the Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute at the University of Melbourne, an Associate of the Institute of Livelihoods and Environment and Charles Darwin University, and a fellow and past Chair of the Centre for Sustainability Leadership.

Mr Tyler Riordan

Anthropology and Hospitality, University of Queensland

Tyler Riordan is a PhD candidate in Anthropology and Hospitality at the University of Queensland (UQ) where he also works as a Research Assistant, Tutor and Facilitator. Tyler is the Chairperson of the Australian Network of Student Anthropologists (ANSA) and has a non-voting place on the Australian Anthropology Society (AAS) Executive Committee. Tyler's PhD project investigates the experiences of migrants who work in platform-based food-delivery. Through his ethnography on migrant labour in the 'gig' economy, Tyler hopes to further understand the concepts of social hospitality, virtual hospitality, and hospitableness. Tyler holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honours Class I (Anthropology), and a Diploma in Languages (Spanish). Tyler has eight years' experience in the hospitality industry and a professional background working on education and community development programs with vulnerable communities in Australia and Latin America.

Dr Sarah Sippel

Universitat Leipzig, Germany

Sarah Sippel is a Senior Researcher at the University of Leipzig, Germany. Her research explores the nexus between global food security, financialization of natural resources, and emerging forms of solidarities within global agri-food systems. She is Principal Investigator of a four-year research project on imaginations of land (CO4, SFB 1199) funded by the German Research Foundation.

Dr Kiah Smith

University Queensland

Dr Kiah Smith is a Senior Research Fellow with the School of Social Science, University of Queensland. Her research in Sociology focuses on sustainability transformations in local and global food systems, with publications on food security and food justice, climate resilience, ethical trade, sustainable livelihoods, gender, green economy, financialisation and governance. Kiah previously worked with the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, has collaborated with NGOs in Australia and internationally, is a *Future Earth* Fellow, sits on the editorial board of the *International Journal of the Sociology of Agriculture and Food*, and is the Treasurer of the Australasian Agrifood Research Network. She is currently the lead investigator on an ARC DECRA study on 'Fair Food Futures, Civil Society and the SDGs', and a seed project to bring the Canadian-based *SDG Movement Map* to Australia.

Dr Victoria Stead

Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University, Melbourne

Victoria Stead is an anthropologist and Australian Research Council DECRA Senior Research Fellow in the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation, Deakin University. Her research sits at the intersection of attention to race and labour relations, land and landscape, and the reverberations of (post)coloniality in Australia and across Australia-Pacific relations. Her current project, 'Race, Labour & Belonging' is focused on labour and race relations within the Australian horticultural industry. She is the author of *Becoming Landowners: Entanglements of Custom and Modernity in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste* (University Hawai'i Press 2017), and editor, with Jon Altman, of *Labour Lines and Colonial Power: Indigenous and Pacific Islander Labour Mobility in Australia* (ANU Press 2019).