

Call for Papers: Royal Geographical Society-IBG Annual Conference, 31st August – 3rd September 2021

Session Title: Geographies of tourism and food: intersecting travel and sustainable food futures

Sponsors: Geographies of Leisure and Tourism Research Group & Food Geographies Research Group

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Bramwell et al (2017) have highlighted the need for greater attention to how tourism and the everyday intersect – to generate new insights into how ways of living might be reconfigured differently. This session aims to bring together scholars with an interest in the role of tourism in thinking through the future of food.

A core strand of geographical thinking is the question of how food offers insights to power, politics and space (Roe, 2006). Geographers have illustrated how the ubiquitous spaces of tourism might offer opportunity to reconfigure normative understanding, practices, processes and relationships that sustain somethings as food, and not others.

As we attempt to engage with changing climates and environments, the curation of difference during travel renders an accessible opportunity to consider how food might be otherwise. The openness to difference, presented through the ubiquity of tourist space, offers politically important moments to (re)consider why we eat the way that we do.

Moreover, whilst small scale, the tourist experience is not discrete and localised – but rather illustrates how we might further develop opportunities through the spaces of tourism, that allow us to think through the future of food. Such conclusions are not solitary, yet rather unify touristic and geographic calls to think further about the ubiquity of tourist space in rethinking the politics of food in everyday practices (cf. Waitt and Phillips 2016).

At the same time, however, there are critical limitations in overstating the longer-term legacies of such touristic encounters. Sustainable tourism scholars have identified the challenges of embedding travel practices within everyday routines (Font and Hindley 2017). By way of example, certain food consumed while travelling may not readily become present within our everyday food practices.

This session builds upon work dedicated to studying how eating food whilst on-the-move may bring about change in society at large, from production to consumption, and social

relations and everyday practices to ethics. Submission are encouraged that engage with the future of food through the lens of tourism.

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- tourism, eating and symbolic transformations of food
- tourism, food, and the embodied politics of touch, smell, sight and taste
- tourism and more-than-human in the everyday production and consumption of food,
- food, tourism and the everyday
- food, tourism and ethics

Please submit your abstracts (250-300 words) by 5pm Friday 19th February 2021

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Best wishes,

Anna and Gordon

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