

**Beyond Divides:
An International Winter School and Forum on Contemporary Agri-food Issues
12-22 November 2012
Barcelona, Spain**



The Marie Curie Initial Training Network PUREFOOD¹ project team will host a winter school and forum in Barcelona from 12-22 November. The forum will be a highly collaborative and interdisciplinary event, with the joint participation of the PUREFOOD research fellows and supervisory team, a diverse group of external Ph.D. students, and respected local and international scholars and practitioners. The forum will create an atmosphere of debate, exchange, and collaboration. The academic program will feature three distinct learning modes – expert-led discussions, peer-led paper review, and thematically integrated site visits – and will include modules oriented to some of the most prominent themes in agri-food system scholarship today.

Thematic Sessions

- ☐ Food security, rights and sovereignty
- ☐ Social imperatives, ethics and justice
- ☐ Food and alterity
- ☐ Roundtable perspectives in food policy and governance
- ☐ State, market and society
- ☐ Innovation: Who innovates what and what innovates whom?
- ☐ Tradition: Preserved, created, and consumed

Site Visits

- ☐ Barcelona market system
- ☐ Fundació Alícia
- ☐ Wine estates and agritourism in the region (*optional Saturday excursion)

Speakers

- **Dr. Patricia Allen**, Director of the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, University of California, Santa Cruz, United States
- **Dr. Jesús Contreras Hernández**, Professor of Social Anthropology, Director of the Food and Foodways Observatory, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
- **Dr. Mike Goodman**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Geography, King's College London, United Kingdom
- **Dr. James Kirwan**, Reader in Food Studies and Society, Countryside and Community Research Institute, University of Gloucestershire, United Kingdom
- **Dr. F. Xavier Medina**, Director, Department Food Systems, Culture & Society at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Academic Director at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

¹ PUREFOOD is a Marie Curie Initial Training Network (an EU FP7 project) designed to build capacity and knowledge around the critical issues that define the contemporary peri-urban foodscape, including, among others topics, food and nutrition security, public health, and sustainable urban and rural development. The network comprises 12 fellows (early-stage researchers / Ph.D. students) at seven universities worldwide, each working on distinct projects related to secure and sustainable agri-food systems, as well as a leadership team of academic and non-academic partners. For more information see <http://purefoodnetwork.eu/>

Schedule

Week 1

	Monday	Tues	Wed	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	12-Nov	13-Nov	14-Nov	15-Nov	16-Nov	17-Nov
Morning Session	Introductory Session: Broadening perspectives: beginning the dialogue(s)	Food and social imperatives, ethics and justice	Fundació Alícia visit	Perspectives in food policy and governance	PUREFOOD Midterm Review (PUREFOOD team only)	Bodega visit (optional)
Afternoon Session	Food security, rights, and sovereignty	What is alternative?		Roundtable: The future of food		

Week 2

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs
	19-Nov	20-Nov	21-Nov	22-Nov
Morning Session	Paper session: Broadening perspectives: continuing the dialogue	Mercabarna and market visit	Tradition: Preserved, created and consumed	Roundtable: Constructing interfaces between 'the big ideas'
Afternoon Session	Government role in markets - case of Barcelona and beyond	Innovation: Who innovates what and what innovates whom	Paper session: Broadening perspectives: continuing the dialogue	Closing Session

Information for Applicants

Admission to the international winter school and forum is on a competitive basis. Student applications will be assessed based on motivation and ability to contribute actively to group discussions and peer learning. Applications from students possessing a wide range of experience and interdisciplinary knowledge are particularly welcomed. Please ensure that your application clearly indicates your motivation for participating and what you believe you could contribute to the group discussions.

Aimed at: Ph.D. students engaged in research around and interested in actively participating in the debates central to contemporary agri-food discourse and practice

Language: The language of the school will be English; any presentations in Spanish/Catalan will be translated into English.

Paper Requirement

To encourage peer learning, enhance critical discussion and review skills, and provide the opportunity to learn from and with other students, each student will be required to submit a paper (written in English) of between 5,000 and 7,000 words; this may be, for example, a well-progressed article that the student is currently working on or has recently completed. This paper is not due with your application, but should be submitted by 21 October 2012. Each paper will be presented by the author to the group; this will be followed by a formal critique by two peers who will have read the paper carefully and prepared feedback to be delivered in written form and orally at the peer paper review session(s). Students will be required to act as reviewers for two peer papers.

Fees

The €600 registration fee covers:

- Seminars and teaching sessions
- Cultural/educational visits and activities
- Transportation for excursions and off-site lectures
- Lunches (excluding Sunday 18 November)

* Not included in the registration fee: Student's travel to Barcelona, visas, accommodation, meals and subsistence not mentioned above, the optional winery/agritourism visit, and any other incidental costs.

* Students are responsible for arranging their own travel and accommodations.

Application Process and Deadlines

1. Email the completed application form (see below) to Jessica Spayde (spaydejj@cardiff.ac.uk) by 3 October 2012
2. Decisions on acceptance into the winter school and forum and dissemination of assigned readings list will be communicated by 10 October 2012
3. Send completed paper to Jessica Spayde (spaydejj@cardiff.ac.uk) by 21 Oct 2012.
4. Assignment of review pairs by the Winter School Organizing Committee and distribution of papers to be reviewed by students on 1 November 2012

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Beyond Divides Winter School - Application Form

(<http://ruralsociologywageningen.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/beyond-divides-winter-school-application-form.docx>)

Name	
Address	
City/town	
ZIP / Postal Code	
Country	
Phone	
E-mail	
University Affiliation	
Current Degree Program	Masters, PhD, None
<i>If "None", Please explain:</i>	
Educational Background: Name of School and Degree(s) Obtained	
<i>Doctorate</i>	
<i>Masters</i>	
<i>Bachelors</i>	
Proposed Paper	
<i>Title:</i>	
<i>Paper type (i.e. book chapter, methodological, literature review, analysis)</i>	
<i>Topic or abstract:</i>	
<i>Into which thematic group does your paper best fit?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Food security, rights and sovereignty <input type="checkbox"/> Social imperatives, ethics and justice <input type="checkbox"/> Food and alterity <input type="checkbox"/> Roundtable perspectives in food policy and governance <input type="checkbox"/> State, market and society <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation: Who innovates what and what innovates whom? <input type="checkbox"/> Tradition: Preserved, created, and consumed <input type="checkbox"/> Other
What is your motivation for attending the winter school?	
Which sessions are of greatest interest to you? (select)	<input type="checkbox"/> Food security, rights and sovereignty <input type="checkbox"/> Social imperatives, ethics and justice <input type="checkbox"/> Food and alterity <input type="checkbox"/> Roundtable perspectives in food policy and governance <input type="checkbox"/> State, market and society <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation: Who innovates what and what innovates whom? <input type="checkbox"/> Tradition: Preserved, created, and consumed
What assets, experience, and knowledge do you possess which you think you can contribute to the peer learning atmosphere of the winter school and forum?	

By submitting this application I agree that:

- I am able to submit a completed paper to the organizing committee by 21 October 2012
- I commit to a thorough and thoughtful review of two peer papers
- I commit to reading the assigned documents before the start of the winter school
- I will pay the €600 registration fee by 21 October 2012 (failure to do so will mean cancellation of registration)