

THE SOCIAL MEANING OF FOOD

CONFERENCE CALL

Workshop organised by
the [Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences](#), Hungarian Academy of Sciences, and [socio.hu](#)

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IS CSS HAS and socio.hu invite scholars to discuss the changing role of food in contemporary European society. The workshop aims at opening space to different approaches of rural studies, economics, cultural studies, and ecology.

Although certain social sciences have always studied food, in the last decades the attention of both the wider public and other sub-disciplines turned on the topic. Recent research on food embrace development studies, health and nutrition studies, environmental studies, ecology and rural studies.

The workshop includes but not limited to the following topics:

- *Role of food in rural development;*
- *Food production and climate change;*
- *Sustainable food production;*
- *Food justice;*
- *Alternative food networks;*
- *Food in tourism;*
- *Changing culture of food consumption;*
- *Self-promotion, local branding by food products;*
- *Reinterpretation of local identity and rural image through regional food products;*
- *Regional products and quality assurance;*
- *Food and local community building;*
- *New models of producer-consumer relations.*

The organizers invite papers based on original empirical research from the following fields of social sciences: sociology, anthropology, economics, social-history, and political sciences.

The workshop provides an opportunity for future research cooperation in forthcoming H2020 calls.

Socio.hu will publish selected papers after a double-blind review process in its English language special issue of 2015. Socio.hu is a peer-reviewed web-based quarterly published by the Institute for Sociology CSS HAS.

Abstracts (between 600–800 words) should include theoretical framework, methodology, and the main findings of the proposed paper.

- **Deadline for submitting abstracts: 15 April, 2015**
- Notification of acceptance: 30 April, 2015
- Full papers are due till: 31 May, 2015
- Please send abstracts to socio.hu@tk.mta.hu • Further information: megyesi.boldizsar@tk.mta.hu

Travel & accommodation costs of the invited participants are covered by the organisers.