



Sustainable Local Food Systems in Europe and the Americas: Lessons for Policy and Practice

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Peter Andrée experienced a circuitous educational journey from the natural sciences, through philosophy and community development, to environmental studies, geography, and now political science. Prior to arriving at Carleton University, he was based in the School of Geography and Environmental Sciences at Monash University in Melbourne, undertaking post-doctoral research on rural and food system sustainability in Australia. He completed his PhD at York University's Faculty of Environmental Studies in 2004. Peter's teaching and research is focused on international and Canadian environmental politics, as well as the political economy and political ecology of agriculture and the food system. His first book, on the global politics of regulating genetically-modified crops and foods, was published by University of British Columbia Press in May 2007.

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Lauren Baker is currently the Coordinator for the Toronto Food Policy Council, and formerly the Director of Sustain Ontario: The Alliance for Healthy Food and Farming. She has a PhD from York University. In addition to being a certificate course instructor and lecturer at the University of Toronto, she is a food researcher and activist with over ten years of experience. Lauren's areas of focus include: farmers' markets and building local food economies, implementing sustainable biodiverse agriculture projects and addressing food policy issues. From 1997-2003, Lauren worked at FoodShare as the founding urban agriculture program coordinator.

Patricia Ballamingie is an Assistant Professor, cross-appointed to the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies and the Institute of Political Economy, Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. Situated conceptually within the field of critical political ecology, her research interests include environmental conflict and democracy, engaged scholarship, sustainable community and urban agriculture. Drawing on a broad range of experiences in the public, private and non-profit sectors, Patricia is committed to research that serves a broader agenda of sustainability and social justice. She is an avid gardener who cannot wait to start seedlings in her front window. She will present findings from a field trip to Cuba made during her recent sabbatical.

Alison Blay-Palmer is an Assistant Professor at Wilfrid Laurier University where she does research on alternative food systems and sustainable economic development. She has over a decade of research experience related to sustainable food systems. While her early research focused on innovation and policy in sustainable food systems, more recent work uses the broader lens of food systems as a vehicle for building healthy communities. Her book, 'Food fears: From industrial to sustainable food systems', was published by Ashgate Press in May 2008. Her most recent journal papers are published in Economic Geography, Environment and Planning A and C, as well as the Canadian Journal of Regional Science. Alison is a former Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow, and has received awards for teaching and faculty activism.

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Jan Douwe van der Ploeg is the current chair of Transition Processes at Wageningen University. Formerly, he was the chair for Rural Sociology. Dr. van der Ploeg graduated as an agricultural engineer from Wageningen University. He has been a member of the Council for the Rural Areas for eight years. Recently, he published 'The New Peasantries' (2008). This was preceded by his book 'The Virtual Farmer' (2003). Jan Douwe van der Ploeg is actively involved in several farmers' initiatives (the new 'environmental cooperatives' in the Netherlands) that try to go beyond the boundaries imposed by the reigning expert systems. He currently co-ordinates a European-wide program aiming to develop an overarching representation of rural development while accommodating the impressive diversity of Europe's green regions.

Maria Fonte is an Associate Professor of Agriculture Economics at the University of Naples Federico II, Italy. She also taught Rural Sociology at this institution. Her teaching and research topics include rural development, local food, innovation in agriculture, agro-biotechnology and property rights. She has been the coordinator for the 'Local Food' component of the EU research project CORASON (A Cognitive Approach to Rural Sustainable Development – the dynamic of expert and lay knowledge), which includes twelve participating European countries. She also cooperates with RIMISP in conducting Latin-American projects. Recent publications include: *Naming Food After Places: Food Relocalisation and Knowledge Dynamics in Rural Development*, eds. M. Fonte and Apostolos G. Papadopoulos (Ashgate); *Knowledge, Food and Place: A way of producing, a way of knowing*, *Sociologia Ruralis* vol.48 n.3, 2008, p.200-222.

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Karen Landman MCIP RPP is an Associate Professor in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph. Her background is varied, and includes horticulture, landscape architecture, rural planning and cultural geography. Her current interests focus on the ‘greening’ of our environment, from the urban core, to the near-urban, to the rural landscape, with a particular eye on community engagement and collaboration opportunities. Karen has been involved in research on local food systems over the past eight years. A recent sabbatical offered opportunities to investigate the urban agriculture movement in North America.

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