



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

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PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Thursday, March 3: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.: Keynote address (no charge or registration required)

Location: Carleton University, Room 608 (Senate Room), Robertson Hall, Carleton University.

Rebuilding Local Food Systems in an Era of Empire and Globalization: lessons from the EU and beyond by **Dr. Jan Douwe van der Ploeg**, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. This presentation is supported, in part, by a grant from the European Commission (www.carleton.ca/ces).

Abstract: This lecture draws on European experience to consider prospects for local production of food and services, along with new marketing structures. In the European context, innovative methods of local production focus on new goods and services that alter the current monotony of large scale food supply systems and rural landscapes, providing an alternative to industrialized farming. This type of local production has also stimulated the development of newly constructed markets that draw on the appreciation, by both producers and consumers, of local food and sustainable production.

Friday, March 4: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.: Conference sessions

Location: British High Commission, 80 Elgin Street, Ottawa

8:00 a.m.: Reception desk opens

8:30 a.m.: Welcome remarks:

Dr. Andrew Pocock, British High Commissioner, Ottawa

Joan DeBardeleben, Professor, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies and Director, Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue, Carleton University

Peter Andrée, Assistant Professor, Political Science Department, Carleton University

Alison Blay-Palmer, Associate Professor, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Wilfred Laurier University

8:45 a.m.: Panel One: Building links between European and Canadian policy experiences

Chair: Alison Blay-Palmer, Wilfred Laurier University

Discussant: David McInnes, President, Canadian Agri-Food Policy Institute

1.1 Peter Andrée, Carleton University. *Lost in a Corn Maize? Comparing the EU and Canada on central government support for sustainable local food systems.*

1.2 Terry Marsden, Cardiff University. *Sustainable Place-Making in Europe and China: Towards a new spatial imagination for agri-food and urban-rural relations.*

1.3 Lauren Baker, Coordinator, Toronto Food Policy Council. *Bridging the Good Food Gap: Three jurisdictions, three responses.*

1.4 Jean-Fred Lemay, GRADES (formerly with Équiterre), with Chantal Blouin, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University/University of Ottawa. *Local Food Systems and Public Policy: Opportunities and barriers from the Québec context.*

10:30 a.m.: Refreshment Break

10:45 a.m.: Panel Two: Comparative case studies from Europe and the Americas

Chair: Chantal Blouin, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University/University of Ottawa

Discussant: Jan Douwe van der Ploeg, Wageningen University

2.1 Maria Fonte, University of Napoli. *Re-connection between Producers and Consumers in Europe: Markets, communities, knowledges, and policies.*

2.2 Harriet Friedmann, University of Toronto. *Agri-food Policy Renewal in the Golden Horseshoe: Synergistic policies for economic development, health, and environmental sustainability in an urbanized region.*

2.3 Patricia Ballamingie, Carleton University. *Insights from Cuba: Viva la revolución agro-ecológica!* (co-authored with Lorelei Hanson)

12:15 p.m.: Light lunch (provided free of charge to registered participants)

1:30 p.m.: Panel Three: Trade agreements and sustainable local food systems: Help or hindrance?

Chair: Sarah Wakefield, University of Toronto

Discussant: Patrick Clark, PhD candidate, Department of Political Science, Carleton University

3.1 Rod MacRae, York University. *Real Restrictions or Just Trade Chill? Do trade agreements substantially limit development of local and sustainable food systems?*

3.2 Chantal Blouin, Carleton University. *The Impact of Trade Agreements on Local Food Systems: Lessons learned from trade and health.*

3.3 Phil Rourke, Centre for Trade Policy and Law, Carleton University/University of Ottawa. *Implications of the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).*

2:45 p.m.: Refreshment Break

3:00 p.m.: Panel Four: Building partnerships between municipal governments and civil society

Chair: Patricia Ballamingie, Carleton University

Discussants: Terry Marsden, Cardiff University and Nadine Bachand, Équiterre

4.1 Karen Landman, University of Guelph. *Current Trends in North American Urban Agriculture: opportunities for municipal governments and NGOs.*

4.2 Alison Blay-Palmer, Wilfred Laurier University. *Food Hubs: Growing community based solutions for sustainable, local food systems.*

4:15 p.m.: Closing comments by Peter Andrée, Carleton University

4:30p.m.: Cash bar opens

Saturday, March 5: 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.: Workshop on Local Food Systems in Practice

Location: Carleton University, Room 608 (Senate Room), Robertson Hall, Carleton University

8:30 a.m.: Reception desk opens

9:00 a.m.: Workshop starts

Organized by Sarah Wakefield (University of Toronto), Alison Blay-Palmer (Wilfred Laurier University) and Peter Andrée (Carleton University), this workshop will examine various tools and approaches for working with communities to develop local food hubs based on their needs. We will begin by drawing on the experience of several specific models of local food hubs in Canada and Europe, and then work in small groups to define “best practices” for community engagement based on the experience of workshop participants from a variety of sectors as well as the academic researchers present.

12:30 p.m.: Light sandwich lunch (provided free of charge to registered participants)

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