

Workshop 6

Nutritional and Food Transitions

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Nutritional and food transitions are processes whose logic is linked to the globalization of trade and the change of lifestyles, in particular increasing urbanization. There is a tendency to increase the Westernized diet model, ie an increase in diets rich in fat, sugar, in the form of sugary drinks for example, and in salt. These different foods have negative effects on the health status of populations, including the poor.

On the other hand, lifestyle changes result in more limited time for meal preparation and higher frequency of meals consumed outside the home.

It is in the developing countries that the nutrition and food transition is the fastest, as it results from the demographic changes linked to the rural exodus and the rampant urbanization. At the same time, a renewed interest in indigenous foods, local products, and cooking are strong trends around the world. Highly nutritional and traditional food products, as well as organically grown foods, are attracting considerable interest from consumers in developed countries. However, their accessibility is not guaranteed, even for the middle classes, because of their higher price than standard products from conventional agriculture.

Questions arise about how to ensure a healthy food and nutrition environment for urban populations that are becoming denser and where there is limited time to take an interest around food and about the rural populations where young people are leaving and thus loosing manpower available for healthy and local food production.

The expected contributions will address the following questions: What are the motivations for producers to produce a healthy and sustainable diet? What do public policies do in the areas of food environment and food education of the population to encourage a sustainable and healthy diet?

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19			
Time	Session	Speaker	Note
14h00 - 15h30			Moderator: Florence Tartanac
	Saberes Tradicionales: importancia de la formación en economía social y solidaria	Dra. Cristina Girardo El Colegio Mexiquense. México and Dr. Prudenzio Mochi Alemán. Univerisidad Autónoma de México- UNAM- CRIM MEXICO	
	Saberes y sabores: prácticas alimentarias y patrimônio entre campesinos del sur de Brasil	Dr. Renata Menasche	