

What: Nick Cullather: World Food Prices Aren't Too High, They're Too Low: How Cheap Food is Destabilizing the Global Economy

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Nick challenges a common misconception about the relationship between food prices and political unrest. He explains how recent global economic crises have been spurred by the disenfranchisement of small farmers, rather than by soaring food prices (as is often assumed). This logic challenges the hegemony of neoliberal solutions to global social problems.

Why: Nick Cullather is a professor of History at Indiana University where his research focuses on United States foreign relations specializing in the history of intelligence, development, and nation-building. His most recent book *The Hungry World* (2010), explores the use of food as a tool of psychological warfare and regime change during the Cold War.

How: Nick has published a social history of the green revolution in his recent book, *The Hungry World* (2010). This text has become a popular text in undergraduate food studies courses. Professors and students may wish to reference this talk.