

**What:** How We Talk about Feeding the World: an IAS Symposium

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**Who:** Panelists include: Margaret Adamek, Jay Bell, Daniel Block, Valentine Cadieux, Tracey Deutsch, Bernhard Freyer, Randel Hanson, Jim Harkness, Lisa Heldke, Clare Hinrichs, Erin Meier, Elton Mykerezi, Jeffrey M. Pilcher, Kim Robien, Rachel Schurman, Ben Senauer, Steve Striffler, Ann Waltner, Richard Wilk, Psyche Williams-Forson, Don Wyse

**Why:** The goal of this symposium was to build on frameworks for discussing the complex and often contentious issues that challenge interdisciplinary attempts to talk about food politics. In five panels and a series of discussions, participants consider the stumbling blocks and dead-ends that hamper rapprochement between different approaches to food and feeding. They are particularly interested in considering the implications of

**How:** the global-scale imperative often associated with American agriculture: feeding the world. This symposium features a range of scholars and activists working at the forefront of food security research today. The range of expert voices gathered at this event is impressive. Each of these participants has an extensive body of work dealing with the issues addressed in this symposium. A follow-up conversation would be valuable.