Greetings from Cambridge!

Winter seems to be going to keep us in its grip for a little longer, but we’re looking forward to warmer days and a packed programme of spring events.

**Up-coming GFS events:**

**Alternative Protein Research in Cambridge**  
Friday 10th March | All day | Jesus College, Cambridge  
A day-long conference on alternative proteins jointly organised with Cambridge Zero, the Good Food Institute and The Cambridge University Alt Protein Project.  
Please email Francesca Re Manning (fr224@cam.ac.uk) if interested in attending.

**What’s for dinner? The future of meat**  
Wednesday 22 March | 17:30 - 18:30 | online  
Join our panel event to discuss the future of meat the future of meat and
consider the alternatives. Speakers include Professor Sarah Bridle, Professor Andrew Balmford, Dr Charlotte Kukowsk and Dr Daniel Borch Ibsen.

A Cambridge Festival 2023 event organised with University of Cambridge Decarbonisation Network.

Please register here.

**What is the real cost of food?**
Monday 17 April 17:30 - 18:30 online
Part of our Food for Thought Series, we look forward to discussing the true cost of the food we buy and eat and how the British food system needs to adjust the disparity in value and price of food. The event will be chaired by Professor Giles Yeo (University of Cambridge) and speakers include Professor Lucia Reisch (Judge Business School, University of Cambridge) and Professor Tm Benton (Chatham House). Please book via eventbrite here.

**Further ahead**
As part of its Dialogue series, the Forgotten Crops Society will welcome Professor Ali Sayed, Chief Executive Officer of Crops For the Future to talk about the importance of diversification of agricultural species, innovation in our production systems, and attracting a new generation of farmers and agri-preneurs to feed 10 billion people on a hotter planet. Thursday 27 April 17:30 - 18:30 booking details to follow.

**Our GFS Network**
We’re always keen to grow connections amongst our global food security community, to promote your work and encourage research collaborations.

Please mail coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk with your news, publications and research outcomes as well as any ideas for activities or events that
would benefit from GFS involvement.

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Join our mailing list!

LISTINGS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EVENTS

This edition's University of Cambridge events are selected from the Cambridge Festival. Full programme here: Cambridge Festival - from the University of Cambridge

Edible Economics: How Much Can Food Tell Us About Economic Change?

Tuesday 21 March 6:00pm-7:00pm | Online

Professor Ha-Joon Chang and food archaeologist Martin Jones talk about Professor Chang’s new book Edible economics: A hungry economist explains the world.

Book here.

Plants and their BFFs

Saturday 25 March 2023 | Sainsbury Laboratory Cambridge University, 47 Bateman St, Cambridge CB2 1LR

Join scientists from the Sainsbury Laboratory Cambridge University as we explore this fascinating relationship between plants and their best fungi friends (BFFs). Undertake scientific experiments and carry out data analysis in the lab with our scientists, spend time
communicating and sharing with your friends. Guess what, plants do too, with fungi! This event is suitable for those aged 10+.

Click here to book your entry tickets for Plants and their BFFs

If Sweets Could Talk…

Sunday 26 March 2023 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Lecture Theatre A - University of Cambridge Admissions

This super interactive, mouth-watering talk encourages children to reflect on the origin of food products. Where does chocolate come from? What is ice cream made of? How are candies made?

Book here.

How Can we Improve our Food Security?

Monday 27 March 2023 | 7:30pm - 9pm | Babbage Lecture Theatre, (Through the Pembroke Archway), New Museums Site, Downing Street, CB2 3RS

The war in Ukraine and climate disasters have focused people’s minds on issues of food security. Can researchers help to address the practical and political problems and what does history teach us? Speakers include Professor Tim Lang, City University of London, Anoop Tripathi Plant, Sciences University of Cambridge, David Christian Rose, Professor of Sustainable Agricultural Systems at Cranfield University Dr Emelyn Rude Chair: Dr Nazia Mintz Habib

Book here.

What really influences what young people eat?

Wednesday 29 Mar 2023 | 19:30 | Lecture Theatre A, University of Cambridge Admissions Office New Museums site Bene’t Street Cambridge CB2 3PT

This talk will investigate the food choices of adolescents and young adults, and the wide range of factors that may influence the food eaten across this period of life. Dr Eleanor Winpenny, Dr Tiago Canelas and Mr Struan Tait from the MRC Epidemiology Unit will
share their research from the UK and abroad, focusing on young people’s diets and the influence of changing home, institutional and built environments.

Book here.

**Climate Change: From Despair to Action**

Thursday 30 March 2023 | 7:30pm - 9pm | Babbage Lecture Theatre, (Through the Pembroke Archway), New Museums Site, Downing Street, CB2 3RS Cambridge Festival

We know that climate change is speeding up and that it is a threat to the future of the planet, but are our political structures able to adapt to the pace of change, how can we better confront climate misinformation around the world, what role can technology play and how can we educate young people for the challenges to come?

Book here.

**What does the future hold for the Cambridgeshire Fens?**

Saturday 1 Apr 2023 | 15:00 | David Attenborough Building Pembroke Street Cambridge CB2 3QZ

Join our panel of experts from research and farming to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the Fens. Hosted by the Centre for Landscape Regeneration, FenlandSOIL and Cambridge Zero.

Book here

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**EXTERNAL EVENTS**

**Tufts Nutrition Data Symposium**

Wednesday 8 Mar 2023 | Online and Boston, UK

The 16th annual Tufts Nutrition Data Symposium (TNDS) presents: SUSTAINABILITY NOW! Action-Oriented Solutions for Food Systems, Nutrition, and Diet This 2.5 day symposium features an in-person kick-off keynote and social mixer, followed by two full
days of virtual programming, including expert panels, workshops, research presentations, and featured speakers.

Further information.

**Food Business Briefing: The whole hog? Exploring less & better meat with Cambridge Sustainable Food**

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 | 11:00 – 11:45 | online

This online briefing features Simon Billing, Executive Director at Eating Better, whose alliance of sixty organisations is accelerating transformational change in the way we produce and consume food. Register for free here.

Part of a series of online briefings designed for food businesses in and around Cambridge, UK, at which they can hear from experts in the field to find out how to tackle the climate and nature emergency with every meal they serve and product they sell. Find out more about the series here.

**POLICY SEMINAR: Water & SDGs - Downscaling WATer relevant SDGs (DWAT-SDGs)**

Monday 20th March 2023 | 10:00 TO 11:00AM EDT | UN Water Conference Side Event Further information.

**How can Earth Observation technologies advance Sustainable Agricultural Development?**

Wed 29th March | 09:00 - 16:00 | Online and Agriculture Building, Earley, Reading, RG6 6BZ

This interactive workshop will explore how Earth Observation can advance Sustainable Agricultural Development, and the industry drivers for these technologies.

Join us to hear from keynote speakers on the why, how and what of the role of earth observation technologies in achieving sustainability and net zero targets in agriculture.
We’ll also be hosting a couple of discussion sessions in the afternoon, along with interactive poster and exhibition time over lunch.

Further information.

**Climate, food and famine in history**

Friday 14 April on-line and in-person at the University of Manchester

A one-day workshop that seeks to generate critical transdisciplinary engagement around the intersection between climate, food, and famine in history. Sponsored by the International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology through the International Commission for the History of Meteorology, and supported by the Northern Environmental History Network.

Please send queries to organisers Robert Naylor and Eleanor Shaw at climate.food.famine@gmail.com

For free (limited) in person attendance please sign up here:

For free online attendance please sign up here:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-food-famine-in-history-online-tickets-524375911467

**Extinction or Regeneration: Transforming food systems for human, animal and planetary health Development.**

11-12 May 2023 | QEII Centre, London

In this age of hunger and accelerating climate and biodiversity emergencies, radical reform of the global food system is urgently needed.

The Extinction or Regeneration Conference will provide a platform for experts across the globe to share solutions for how we can transform our food and farming systems for better human, animal and planetary health. We need a whole food system approach to providing sufficient nutritious food for everyone. This must remain within the safe operating space of
all nine planetary boundaries whilst protecting wild and domestic animals and restoring soils, oceans, forests and biodiversity.

Overview - Extinction or Regeneration 2023 (extinctionconference.com)

OPPORTUNITIES

*If you are a University of Cambridge researcher interested in putting together an interdisciplinary application and would like assistance in finding suitable collaborators/coordinating a group meeting, please contact us.*

Current Funding opportunities:

**African agriculture knowledge transfer partnerships**, Innovate UK, GB
£170,000 Closing Date: 22 Mar 23

**Transformative Technologies**, Innovate UK, GB  £50,000 Closing Date: 29 Mar 23

**HORIZON-CL6-2023-FARM2FORK-01 - Fair, healthy and environmentally-friendly food systems from primary production to consumption**
Horizon Europe: Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness, EU €60,000,000 Closing date: 12 Apr 23

**Novel low-emission food production systems: Industrial research & Feasibility studies** Innovate UK, GB and other funders USD 1,000,000 Closing date: 19 Apr 23

Useful links:

Internal funding opportunities | Research Strategy Office (cam.ac.uk)
Research Operations Office | (cam.ac.uk)
Opportunities – UKRI
Funding Latest - Agri-TechE (agri-tech-e.co.uk)