





Greetings from Cambridge!

Welcome to our January newsletter. We hope that you've returned refreshed and reenergised from the winter break and have made a great start to 2023.

We're looking forward to welcoming you to our events this year and hope that the conversations, connections and collaborations that result will continue to contribute to the urgently needed changes to our food system.

**Up-coming GFS events:**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February | 14:00 – 15:00 | online

**Coffee Break Seminar**

This Friday we welcome Dr Renata Retkute (Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge) who will be talking about **Forecasting risks from invasive pests like locusts affecting staple food crops in Sub-Saharan Africa. All are welcome to attend.** Coffee Break Seminars frequently spark fascinating interdisciplinary discussions, useful both to speaker and audience.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February | 14:00 - 16:00 | Main Seminar Room, **David Attenborough Building**

#### **Early Career Researcher Training: Public Engagement**

Speaker: **Dr Lucinda Spokes**, Head of Public Engagement, Office of External Affairs and Communications, University of Cambridge. Event organised with The University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute. This event is open to staff, post-docs and students from the University of Cambridge and CCI Partners.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Details to follow.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March | 17:30 – 18:00 | Online

#### **What's for Dinner? The future of Meat**

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 Kukowski** and **Dr Daniel Borch Ibsen**. A **Cambridge Festival 2023** event organised with **University of Cambridge Decarbonisation Network**. Bookings open on 13th February.

And lastly, but most certainly not least, we are pleased to announce that the **Cambridge Global Food Security Symposium will take place on Thursday 6th July 2023** at the Sainsbury Laboratory here in Cambridge. Please save the date. We look forward to sharing details of the programme and speakers soon.

#### **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](mailto:coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk) with your news, publications and research outcomes so we can publicise and share them amongst our members.

Please mail [coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk](mailto:coordinator@globalfood.cam.ac.uk) if you have ideas for activities or events that would benefit from GFS involvement, and if you haven't already, join the mailing list and send us your profile for our website!

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### **Forgotten Crops Society**

The FCS, of which GFS is a founder member, is producing a series of case studies on individual crops. We look forward to sharing these with you as they become available.

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## **LISTINGS**

### **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EVENTS**

#### **Bradford Hill Seminar: Social justice and health equity**

Wednesday 15th February 13:00 - 14:00

Taking action to reduce health inequalities is a matter of social justice. The evidence shows that economic circumstances are important but are not the only drivers of health inequalities.

Tackling the health gap will take action, based on sound evidence, across the whole of society.

Speaker: Professor Sir Michael Marmot

Further information: [Bradford Hill Seminar – Social justice and health equity – Professor Sir Michael Marmot \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

#### **Cambridge Enterprise: Impact Intros**

Wednesday 22nd February 15:30 – 17:30 at the [Hauser Forum](#).

An open-to-all forum. Meet like-minded people from the University, Cambridge ecosystem and beyond with an interest in entrepreneurship, innovation and research impact. No formalities, no structure and no need to book – just drop by, grab some cake and say hello!

[Impact Intros - Monthly Drop-in – Cambridge Enterprise](#)

#### **Webinar: Getting Involved in Public Health Policy and Politics Insights for Early Career Researchers**

Speaker: Dr Dolly Theis

Mon 27th February 2023 13:00 – 14:00

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Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/webinar-getting-involved-in-public-health-policy-and-politics-tickets-483134407017>.

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## EXTERNAL EVENTS

### **IFNH Annual Forum: Shaping sustainable food systems for future generations**

Wednesday 8th February 14:00 – 17:00 online

IFNH Annual Forum: Shaping sustainable food systems for future generations Tickets, Wed 8 Feb 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite

### **Water Innovation for Agriculture**

Wednesday 8th February 13:00 - 16:30 Cranfield University, College Road, Bedfordshire, MK43 0AL

Speakers include Prof Jerry Knox and Dr Rob Simmonds (Cranfield University) Tailwater Systems, Wroot Water and Aguagrain.

More information: [CiviCRM - Agri-TechE \(agri-tech-e.co.uk\)](http://CiviCRM - Agri-TechE (agri-tech-e.co.uk))

### **Roundtable series: Climate Smart Chefs Roadmap to Vision 2030**

Wednesday 8th February 16:00-17:15 CET online

The second of three roundtables to discuss the opportunities for chefs to be part of a wider EU strategy for healthy and sustainable food systems. The aim is to produce a strategic paper gathering views and vision of the food sector stakeholders, to influence EU policy on food systems

[Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

### **Taking Stock of Africa's Agrifood Processing Sector**

Thursday 9th February 8:00 - 9:30 EST online

Key findings of the 2022 ReSAKSS Annual Trends and Outlook Report on Agrifood Processing Strategies for Successful Food Systems Transformation in Africa Co-organized by IFPRI and Akademiya2063

[Taking Stock of Africa's Agrifood Processing Sector | IFPRI : International Food Policy Research Institute](#)

### **Panel discussion: 'Sustainable food: creating a food system for healthy people and planet'**

Wednesday 22 February 17:00 - 18:30

On-line and Oxford Martin School 34 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3BD

Panel discussion on how sustainability in agriculture, food labelling, diet changes, and policy

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can help can create a food system that not only provides enough food, but keeps us and the planet healthy.

Panel discussion: 'Sustainable food: creating... | Oxford Martin School

## **In-Person Agri-TechE event: Farming For the Future – Novel Crops and Fresh Thinking**

Thursday 23 February 10:00 - 16:00

Wivenhoe House, Essex

The search for alternative, commercially crops has never been stronger. Hear from speakers exploring different crop species, understanding the market opportunities and potential routes to customer, and as well as considering the agronomic and economic arguments to diversifying the rotation.

[Find out more](#)

## **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](mailto:climate.food.famine@gmail.com)

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

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-food-famine-in-history-in-person-tickets-504492840667>

For free online attendance please sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-food-famine-in-history-online-tickets-524375911467>

## **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 UKRI Funding opportunities:**

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<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/international-research-on-climate-change-adaptation-and-mitigation/>

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/centre-in-climate-change-and-health/>

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/better-food-for-all-innovation-for-improved-nutrition-early-stage/>

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/novel-low-emission-food-production-systems-feasibility-studies/>

<https://www.ukri.org/opportunity/farming-futures-automation-and-robotics-industrial-research/>

### **Tropical Agriculture Association Awards**

The TAA has two types of award - standard and MSc. The former is for relevant overseas field work and is open to anyone under 30. The latter is for overseas study and is open to anyone doing a relevant MSc at an eligible University (Cambridge is on the list!). Full details, including application forms, are given on TAA's website, [www.taa.org.uk](http://www.taa.org.uk) - TAAF Awards.

### **Useful Information about Funding Opportunities from Cambridge Conservation Research Institute:**

Funding Opportunities | Conservation Research Institute ([cam.ac.uk](http://cam.ac.uk))

## **PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA**

*\*Contact us if you would like support in promoting your new publication.*

Willer, D.F., Aldridge, D.C., Gough, C. et al. Small-scale octopus fishery operations enable environmentally and socioeconomically sustainable sourcing of nutrients under climate change. *Nat Food* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43016-022-00687-5>









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