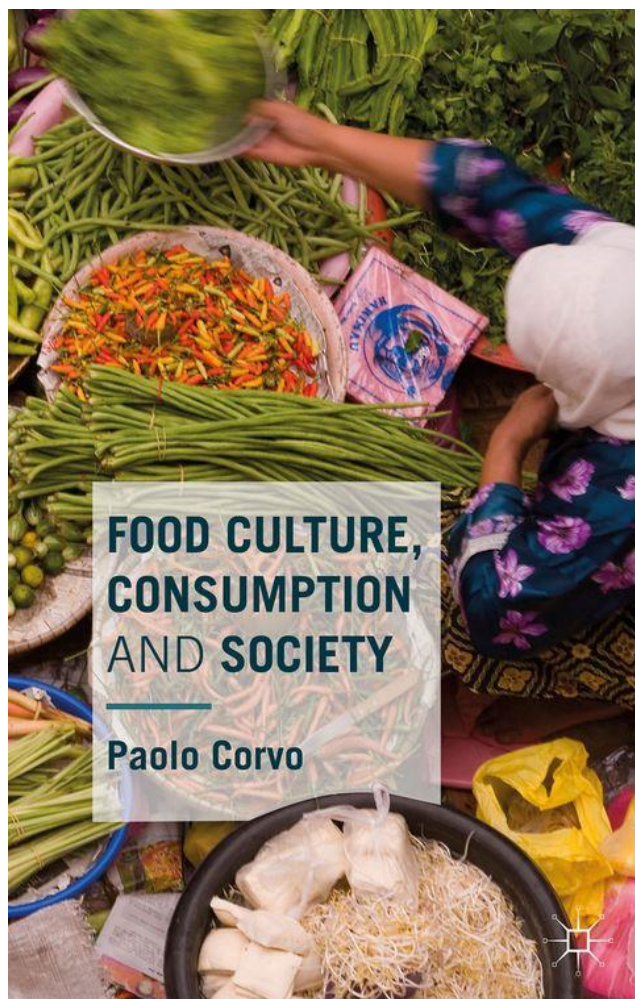


Food Culture, Consumption and Society

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Gastronomy is an increasingly important dimension of social life with impacts upon other cultural and economic areas. Recently, consumer food choices have undergone profound changes, related to the dynamics of globalization and the processes of the individualization of society. This book aims to address some of the most significant issues regarding the relationship between food and society, paying particular attention to consumption choices within the context of the current economic crisis. Corvo identifies that the crisis has resulted in consumers paying greater attention to farmers markets, local shops, street food and organic farming products. The book also looks at the consumption of food as both a positive and emotional 'experience', as well as being the source of problems including malnutrition, food waste, land grabbing, and illnesses such as obesity and anorexia. Corvo argues that the intervention of institutions, movements and consumers is needed in order to solve these problems, as well as a new ecological relationship between food and the environment, and human beings and nature.

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