

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# FOOD AND MEMORY:

## Practices, Narratives, and Afterlives of the Past

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University of Gastronomic Sciences  
(Pollenzo, Italy)

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# Program

### DAY 1 – Thursday, September 17

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| 8:30        | Registration (Aula Magna)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9:00        | Welcome address by President and Rector<br>Prof. Nicola Perullo and conference organizers<br>Prof. Gabriele Proglio and Dr. Claudia Sbuttoni (Aula Magna)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 9:30–11:00  | <b>Panel 1 – Transnational Italian Food Memories</b><br>Aula Magna   Discussant: Claudia Sbuttoni (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><br>Diana Willis (State University of New York, Oneonta)<br><i>Stirring the Past: Food, Memory, and Italian-American Identity on Lidia's Kitchen</i><br><br>Giuseppe Gazzola (Stony Brook University)<br><i>Amarcord in America: Marcella Hazan, Culinary Memory, and the Gentrification of Italian Food</i><br><br>Salvatore Campisi (Durham University)<br><i>Food, Language, Memory and Italian Identity from a Transnational Perspective</i><br><br>Amy Boylan and Paula M. Salvio (University of New Hampshire)<br><i>The Afterlives of Nonnas: Postmemory, the Donna-Madre, and the Transnational Status of the Italian Grandmother</i>                                                                               |
| 11:15–12:15 | Keynote speaker: Alessandro Portelli (Aula Magna)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 12:30–13:30 | Lunch (Tavole Accademiche)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13:45–15:15 | <b>Panel 2 – Diaspora, Gender, and Inheritance</b><br>Aula Magna   Discussant: Gabriele Proglio (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><br>Azza Basarudin (California State University, Long Beach) and Elora Halim Chowdhury (University of Massachusetts, Boston)<br><i>The Afterlife of Eating Memories: Domestic Cultures, Food Histories, and Diasporic Imaginations</i><br><br>Ali Sahib (Independent researcher)<br><i>The Disappearing Table: Ecocide, Memory, and the Loss of Culinary Identity among Indigenous Women in the Iraqi Marshlands</i><br><br>Claudia Sbuttoni (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><i>A Case Against Authenticity: Food Memories and Italian-American Oral Histories</i>                                                                                                                                                    |
| 15:30–17:00 | <b>Panel 3 – Food, Displacement, and Belonging</b><br>Aula Magna   Discussant: Amy Boylan (University of New Hampshire)<br><br>Alicja Śmigielska (University of National Education Commission, Krakow)<br><i>The Taste of Exile: Food, Hunger, and Survival Strategies among Polish Deportees in the Soviet Union during the 1940s</i><br><br>Ojārs Lāms (University of Latvia)<br><i>Taste of Belonging Between Expectations and Disillusions: Food and Drink Imagery in Latvian Transnational Post-Exile Prose</i><br><br>Monika Šavelová (Constantine the Philosopher University)<br><i>Culinary Memories and Migrant Identities: Food as a Site of Belonging and Difference</i><br><br>Gabriele Proglio (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><i>Memory of Foods as Metaphors of Mediterranean Diasporas: The cases of ghurba, el hadeen and nē kurbet/mall</i> |

### DAY 2 – Friday, September 18

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| 9:00–10:30  | <b>Panel 4 – Food and Holocaust Memory</b><br>Aula Magna   Discussant: Paula M. Salvio (University of New Hampshire)<br><br>Hanna Abakunova (University of Alberta)<br><i>Between Kosher Food and Hunger: Childhood Memory among Soviet Jews Who Survived the Holocaust in Evacuation</i><br><br>Kaja Kaźmierska (University of Łódź)<br><i>Food as a Subject of Memory Related to Biographical Experiences Embedded in Relationships</i><br><br>Robert Bernheim (University of Maine at Augusta)<br><i>The Metamorphosis of a "Modest Bread": The Bagel, Poland, and New Forms of Culinary Memory and Holocaust Remembrance</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 9:00–10:30  | <b>Panel 5 – Embodied Practice and Ritual</b><br>Aula 9   Discussant: Paolo Corvo (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><br>sahar tavakoli (University of Milan)<br><i>Time Sip: Tea Drinking, Embodied Memory, and National Reiteration in Iranian Domestic Space</i><br><br>Jiajing Cai (Sichuan University of Culture and Arts)<br><i>At the Stove: Culinary Labor and the Reconstruction of Family Memory and Narratives among College Students from China's Migrant Families</i><br><br>Justyna Dworniak (University of Łódź)<br><i>Between Ritual and Memory: Food Offerings at Grave Stelai on Attic White-Ground Lekythoi of the Fifth Century BCE</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 10:45–11:45 | Keynote speaker: Marianne Hirsch (Aula Magna)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 12:00–13:00 | Lunch (Tavole Accademiche)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 13:15–14:45 | <b>Panel 6 – Food, Empire, and Institutional Memory</b><br>Aula Magna   Discussant: Luca Antoniazzi (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><br>Aditi Das (National Centre for Social Research)<br><i>Food, Memory, and the Afterlives of Colonial Public Dining on Park Street, Kolkata</i><br><br>François-Xavier Nérard (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University)<br><i>The Afterlives of Stalin's Kitchen Factories: The Lasting Presence of a Past that Barely Existed</i><br><br>Katja Uusihakala (University of Eastern Finland; University of Helsinki)<br><i>Remembering Bad Food: British Child Migrants' Memories of Institutional Food at the Rhodesia Fairbridge Memorial College</i><br><br>Cecilia Furioso Cenci (University of Ljubljana)<br><i>Food in the Memory of Slovenes in the Italian Colonies in Africa</i>                                                                         |
| 13:15–14:45 | <b>Panel 7 – Food, War, and Its Afterlives</b><br>Aula 9   Discussant: Elena Fusar Poli (University of Gastronomic Sciences)<br><br>Kolleen Guy (Duke Kunshan University) and Jay Winter (Yale University)<br><i>Keeping Time in Exile: Food Practices as Structures of Feeling among Stateless Refugees in Wartime Shanghai</i><br><br>Carla Panico (CES, University of Coimbra)<br><i>The Rabbit of Cristu Mas: Family Memory and the Historical Afterlives of an Italian POW</i><br><br>Wioletta Rebecka (Independent Researcher) and Oxana Bayer (Alfred Nobel University)<br><i>War, Hunger, and the Social Transmission of Survival: A Trauma-Informed Analysis of Food Habits in the Dnipro Region, Ukraine</i><br><br>Chiara Nencioni (University of Pisa; National Institute Ferruccio Parri)<br><i>Hunger, Coffee, and Memory: Food Practices and the Afterlives of the Srebrenica Genocide</i> |
| 15:00       | Closing remarks (Aula Magna)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |