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FOOD, PLACE & COMMUNITY***

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Currently our research interests within the area of Food Geography are;



THEORETICAL INTERESTS

- Definitions of food security and understandings
- Food Cultures –traditional and newly emerging
- Territorialisation of food production , food heritage and food security
- Place-making and identification of place based on food production, culture, heritage and security

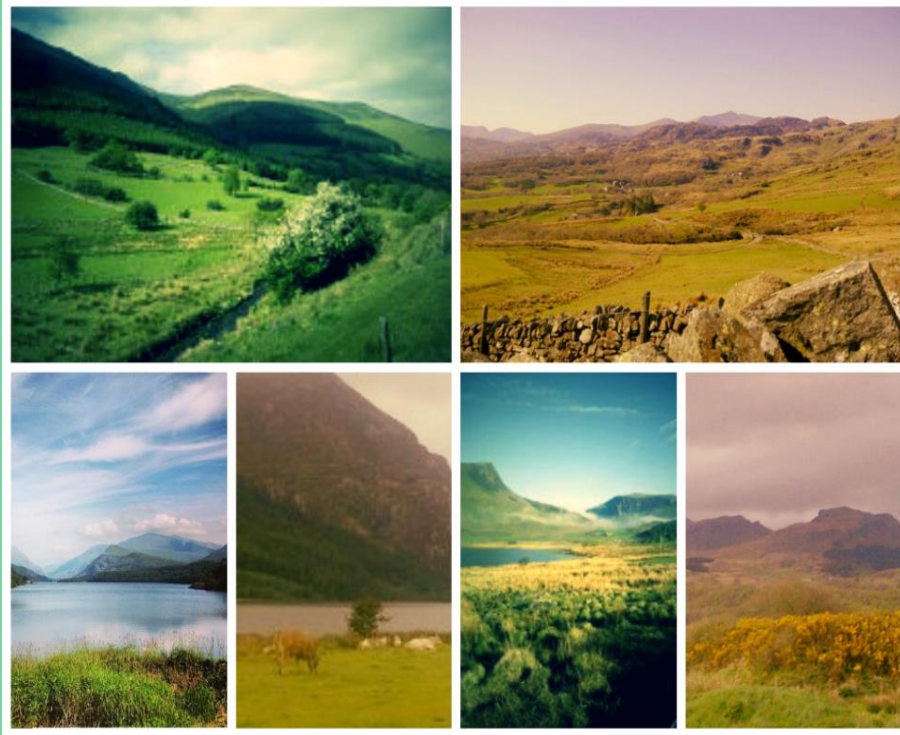
Some include mapping projects by GIS others outreach work and development based, others academic.

FOOD AND WELLBEING

- Dietary trends – historical and geographical comparisons
- Social inclusion, healthy choices and local food
- Social exclusion, unhealthy choices and globalised marketplace
- Food Poverty and food poverty initiatives – comparative studies
- Meals and family scale studies within different cultural contexts



Food Production Systems and Governance



- Local focus of food production systems (rural and urban) EU
- Governance frameworks e.g. CAP and RDP - especially regional and local implementation contexts
- Agriculture for food in designated areas managed for landscape, environmental protection and access generally and in marginal areas e.g. peripheral communities and upland areas
- Organic and value added production current and potential (mapping)
- Family farms decision making

Food Heritage, Gastronomy and Tourism

- Comparative studies of food heritage and tourism development and strategies (mainly EU)
- Development and authenticity of food heritage based events
- Value of regeneration through food tourism



Food & Drink Networks - Local Food Economies



- Food supply chains and value added for sustainable communities
- Food Charters and locally based regeneration projects especially community focussed
- Evaluation of special events e.g. Menai Sea food Festival, Conwy Festival
- Development and evaluation of branding of foods and eco-certification
- Micro and SME based production, processing and marketing
- Local Markets and supply chains
- Food based lower Carbon innovation – transition food places, slow food, sustainable foods
- Community development through food growing and processing (could be good mapping projects here)