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An imminent food crisis: Fact or fiction?

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 Wed 18 Nov 2020
6:00pm to 7:00pm

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About this webinar

According to *Statista*, the use of food banks has increased year-on-year from 26,000 in 2008/09 to 1.6 million in 2018/19. In this webinar, the Food and Health Forum will provide a perspective on the current status of food security and its possible impact on the nutritional status of the population. **This webinar is free for RSM members.**

The discussion will focus on the **current fragile situation, given the UK's heavy reliance on the EU**, both for fresh food imports and for farm labour. It has been predicted that a **'no deal' Brexit could be disastrous**. A team of experts will cover a range of topics, including sustainable diets, the current status of and prognosis for food security in the UK, and the implications of Brexit for our food system.

Our key speakers include **Philip Garnett**, Principal Investigator of IKnowFood and **Bob Doherty**, Senior Lecturer at University of York, who in their recent communication in 'Nature Food' highlighted the fact that the UK's food system has been weakened by insufficient capacity in domestic food production, just-in-time supply chains and Brexit-related vulnerable labour. Also speaking will be **Tim Lang**, Professor of Food Policy at City University London, who in his thought-provoking book from earlier this year, 'Feeding Britain: Our Food Problems and How to Fix Them' advocates the development of a clear long-term strategy for the UK's food supply and argues compellingly that the current complacency is not an option going forward.

Participants will have their questions addressed, including:

- Is there an imminent crisis or is this just scaremongering?
- What will the food landscape look like as we emerge from COVID-19 and as the impact of the UK leaving the EU becomes clearer?
- How will vulnerable sectors of our society be impacted?
- What is the longer term prognosis for the availability and affordability of a nutritionally sound diet in the UK?
- What is a good food system? How is ours measured and will the proposed new system measuring up?

Undoubtedly, COVID-19 and the UK's departure from the EU present a potent and complex cocktail of issues, which means we can no longer afford to be complacent regarding our food supply.

Tickets

RSM Members	Free
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Agenda

6:00pm Welcome and introduction

6:05pm An imminent food crisis: Fact or fiction?

Professor Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy at City University London's Centre for Food Policy

Professor Bob Doherty, Professor of Marketing in the York Management School, and Principal Investigator of the IKnowFood project

Dr Phillip Garnett, Senior Lecturer in Systems and Organisation and Deputy Director of Postgraduate Research, The York Management School, University of York

7:05pm Closing remarks

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