

St. Mira's College for Girls, Pune, India  
and Laguardia Community College, New York, USA

Collaborative course



**MILE: Whose Thaliis this: Study of Food Cultures**

Subject Code:

Lectures:

Credits: 2

**Objectives and Learning outcomes**

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1. To gain comparative knowledge of food cultures through intercultural exchange
2. To develop understanding of how food becomes a marker of the social distinction (caste, gender, class, race, ethnicity, religion)
3. To comprehend the power relations embedded in food culture.
4. To understand the interconnection between food cultures and issues of body image and well-being.
5. To Make sense of food habits and ethos in the context of global economy

**Learning Outcomes**

- Develop a sociological imagination to make sense of the reality in a more comprehensive manner.
- Familiarize with various interdisciplinary fields using sociological knowledge and foster advanced learning.
- Develop a global world view with understanding of various forms of social inequality and social diversity
- Develop critical viewpoint to examine cultural practices, developing ability to problematize; formulate hypothesis and research questions, identify and consult relevant sources, carry out fieldwork, employ moral and ethical standards and write a research report.
- To enhance the ability to use digital tools and resources.

**1: Introduction**

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- Introduction: how food is sociological
- Theorizing food
  - Marx: Food as fetish
  - Durkheim: Food as totem
  - Feminism: Food as women's issue

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**Course Coordinator**

## Unit 2: Food and Power



- Food as sociological phenomenon
  - Food as identity
  - Food as power
  - Food cultures and everyday
  - Food as distinction (caste, class, ethnicity, religion, gender)
- Food cultures, Body/health concerns and cultures of wellbeing
- Food cultures and global economy
  - Cosmopolitanism and food
  - Marketing

## Unit 3: Active Component

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- Oral history data collection
- Making Photo essays
- Making ethnographic film

Other details -

- A. Duration of the course- 1<sup>st</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November
- B. Course Co-ordinators – Dr. Vaishali Diwakar  
Dr. Vaishali Joshi *Wali*
- C. Course Instructor – Dr. Vaishali Diwakar  
Dr. Vaishali Joshi *Wali*  
Dr. Alice Baldwin, NY
- D. Remuneration to the Instructor – NIL
- E. Fees of the course – NIL

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