



Globalization of Western Food Culture: Impact on Obesity and Food Insecurity

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

One of the most profound results of globalization has been the rapid rise in the number of Western-style fast food outlets, brands and marketing around the world. In parallel with the increasing consumption of fast food, processed food and soft drinks around the world, obesity and type 2 diabetes have become global problems, afflicting countries wealthy and poor.

The concurrent spread of Western-style fast food and the epidemic of cardio-metabolic related diseases have raised an important public health question: To what extent does the increased consumption of Western-style fast food contribute to cardio-metabolic diseases, disrupt local food culture, add new burdens to health care delivery systems, create new jobs and economic opportunity, and impact food insecurity?

We are inviting academics, food industry researchers and higher degree students conducting research on food and nutrition insecurity in developed countries to submit abstracts for consideration in this Special Issue of IJERPH.

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