

Special Issue

Food Mapping for Justice: Reflections on Mapping and Outcomes

Message from the Guest Editor

The purpose of this Issue is to advance discussion about the increasing popularity of food mapping as an approach to food justice. As food mapping increases within institutional planning, a critical awareness of its history and challenges, as well as inherent power dynamics, is vital. Climate change effects continue to stress the need for food system reform. Re-localizing, or simply better understanding a place-specific food system, could be key to ensuring greater food security in the future. Food mapping seems favored as part of the solution, but its practical effectiveness needs further critical analysis. This Issue welcomes contributions by those thinking about mapping historically, non-physical maps, power dynamics related to mapping, mapping methodologies, and the politics of mapping. We hope to advance reflective discussions about why we map what we do, what we have failed to (or cannot) map, and how we can ensure the effectiveness of our mapping exercises so that they may contribute to greater food justice and security for future generations.

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