Subject Code | GAS852
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Subject Name | Politics of Gastronomy
Credit points | 6
Study Level | Year 1
Delivery mode | On campus
Location | Melbourne
Prerequisites | GAS851 Gastronomic Discourse and Culture

Subject Overview
The field, the garden and the table are the material, social and symbolic spaces in which we gather together around food but also through which we interact with the ecological systems and living things upon which we all depend as a species. In this sense, gastronomy as a relational, performative and utopian practice raises critical questions about the cultural, economic, political, ecological and culinary relationships that sustain communities and their food systems. This subject will critically engage with gastronomic texts and media to analyse different understandings of “goodness” and the good life. Through a uniquely gastronomic perspective, students will examine how contemporary food system issues are negotiated and contested in debates about social, cultural and political change.

Learning Outcomes
- Apply gastronomic ways of knowing to critical questions of aesthetics, politics, ethics and ecology
- Critically analyse the intersections of gastronomy and food system change
- Identify and evaluate the role of culinary vanguards in shifting gastronomic discourse
- Articulate the complexities and opportunities of interdisciplinary research and practice in a gastronomic context

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Graduate Attributes addressed in this subject
- Ethical and social understanding
- Systematic and coherent body of knowledge
- Cognitive skills to synthesise and consolidate knowledge
- Scholarly skills
- Communication skills