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## Beyond Food Fights: Religion, Food, Power and Politics

Food is always and inevitably political. It should come as no surprise, then, that food is taking up an increasingly important place in political discourses of inclusion and exclusion, as well as the management of religious diversity. In this talk I will explore the ways that, in various countries, food acts as a new battleground on which the idea of “who is an acceptable citizen” is fought and the ways this plays into the building, and critiquing of, the “nation”.

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5:00–6:00pm PT

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