

If man is what he eats, then there is no question that the human race today stands on the verge of radical change as our global food systems begin to confront a struggle against the most significant agro-issues of the day, some of which could not have been anticipated only a few decades ago. It is a veritable global "food fight," and the future of global policy concerns on agriculture, trade, security, and poverty depends heavily on the outcome of this struggle.

*Charting the Future of Food* attempts to advance and reconcile the major conflicts, debates, and controversies that punctuate the province of trade and agriculture. The fight for food is a fight at the table between food for humans and food for machines, as eloquently noted in the food vs. fuel debate by Msangi & Ewing. In "The Local Organic Food Paradigm," Avery & Avery note that it is also a fight between organic and genetically-engineered foods. Anderson discusses the fight for food in trade between the developed and the developing nations, highlighting the matter through the case of cotton. It is also a fight to predict changes in food production against the specter of climate change, as discussed in the Jackson article. Ultimately, this Forum attempts to play its part in the fight against time to eradicate hunger and meet the world's energy needs in the most sustainable manner.

This Forum elucidates some of the most significant food and agricultural disputes of the twenty-first century, the potential for change, and the consequence of inaction. It seeks to implore its readers to not merely appreciate the issues at hand, but to strive to consider the prescriptions offered in each article. And through our readers, we hope to bear down on the governments and institutions that are most capable of averting a global food fight.

Of course, reflection and change are not exclusive to the material realm of food. It is as relevant in the normative sphere, as Gostin & Gable argue for global mental health rights and Hopkins argues for the rights of indigenous peoples in our Law & Ethics section. Former U.S. Senator Daschle appeals to the U.S. government for change in U.S. climate policy, and warns of the dire repercussions of neglect. This issue also appraises President Nicholas Sarkozy, as the embodiment of the French declaration for change, evaluating his first months in office in both the economic and political arena. Evron explores the changing nature of security by detailing what may be the world's first Internet war. On a lighter note, Blain provides a vivid account of change—or the lack of—in the monarchies of the 21st century.

As the world changes around us, we hope to remain a constant and unwavering source of information and perhaps revelation, plunging into not only the significant issues of the day, but also looking forward, anticipating the great forces of change in the future.

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