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THE SPACES OF FOOD: PLACES, CHANGES, EXPERIENCES

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The traditional spaces of food are evolving rapidly. Food is being produced not only in rural areas but also in peri-urban and urban areas. Distances between these territories are decreasing due to the adoption of more efficient logistical solutions, the experimentation of alternative food networks, and the proliferation of food platforms. Traditional markets, after closures due to Covid, are striving to reinvent themselves and compete with online counterparts. Shopping malls, once considered nonplaces, are seeking new vocations and specializations.

On the demand side, consumers are motivated by new factors (e.g., traditions, respect for localities and workers) or by others renewed after the pandemic (e.g., economic considerations, health, etc.). The present session aims to investigate and understand:

(i) what are the new places where food is produced, exchanged, and consumed?

(ii) How have traditional spaces of food changed, and what new instances and practices have they developed to reinvent themselves?

(iii) How have these transformations impacted territorial management? And the consumption choices of both families and businesses?

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