

Public Seminar

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Food Security to 2050: Issues for the global south

The talk will explore issues around global food security and the major drivers at a macro level - economic and population growth and climate change. The concept of sustainable intensification will be discussed. Its scope to "be the answer" is limited by a range of constraints, and more demand side measures (waste, over-consumption) will also need to be addressed, leading to the need for "sustainable nutrition" as a core. The fundamentals of affordability, equity and justice create a real challenge, especially in the developing world. There is clearly a tension in the developing world with the developed world's demand for global markets and our demand for resources. Furthermore, there is likely to be a growing difficulty in being self-sufficient or have food sovereignty in a globalised and rapidly changing world where food production is more volatile. Finally, the aspiration to eat a "westernised diet" is probably not attainable, and if so, not sustainable, so how do we globally adapt?

5.30pm Tuesday 15 October 2013

Yudowitz Lecture Theatre, Wolfson Medical School Building E15 on campus map: <u>http://www.gla.ac.uk/media/media_1887_en.pdf</u>

Event concludes with a reception in the Sir Charles Wilson foyer Free and open to the public

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