

# International Agri-food Lecture

## ***European food and nutrition security challenged?***

***Focus on future food system vulnerabilities***

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Food systems comprise four types of activities: producing, processing and packaging, distributing and retailing, and consuming food. Food and nutrition security (FNS) is the main outcome and the principal policy objective of food systems. European citizens are generally considered food secure. However, the capacity of food systems to produce FNS – previously considered self-evident in the industrialized world – is today threatened by challenges such as global population growth, environmental degradation, resource scarcity, climate change, financial concentration, inequality and poverty. This lecture explores emerging vulnerabilities in the European food system in order to understand better the future challenges of FNS.

Tiina Silvasti's research focuses broadly on rural sociology, including gender and environmental issues. Her current interests are food system studies, especially on food system vulnerabilities and First World hunger. She is further working on the process of eco-social transition of societies covering the questions of food security, food justice and sustainable food systems.



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