
The food we eat is as diverse as the cultures and lifestyles of the people consuming it. But the issues underlying food run much deeper than the whims of our cultures or palates. Until now, the subject of food security has mostly been viewed as a rural issue, with research and development work honing in on subsistence farming. But with the massive influx into cities, the focus needs to shift to the metropolis.

The Hungry Season looks at the crisis of hunger and malnutrition surrounding us in the city, hidden behind layers of affluence and comfort. It tackles the fundamental question: Why is it that in southern Africa we produce enough calories and nutrients to keep the region full, satisfied and well nourished, and yet we still have such high levels of hunger and malnutrition?

Leonie Joubert and Sea Monster created this animated explainer film for the Embassy of Finland, The Open Society Foundation of South Africa and the Centre of Criminology.

The film deals with three major issues around ‘Food Security’ – Malnutrition, Poverty and Gender and is available in English, Afrikaans, Xhosa and Zulu.

To view this video, go to http://vimeo.com/41972560
A bold and profoundly new way of governing environmental problems is palpable around the globe and aims to overcome the limitations of the interventionist state and its market alternative to offer more effective and legitimate solutions to today’s most pressing environmental problems. The ‘new environmental governance’ (NEG) emphasises a host of novel characteristics including participation, collaboration, deliberation, learning and adaptation and ‘new’ forms of accountability. While these unique features have generated significant praise from legal and governance scholars, there have been very few systematic evaluations of NEG in practice, and it is still unclear whether NEG will in fact ‘work’, and if so, when and how. This book offers one of the most rigorous research investigations into cutting edge trends in environmental governance to date. Focusing its inquiry around some of the most central, controversial and/or under researched characteristics of NEG, the book offers fresh insights into the conditions under which we can best achieve successful collaboration, effective learning and adaptation, meaningful participatory and deliberative governance and effective forms of accountability. The book synthesizes its findings to identify seven key pillars of ‘good’ NEG that are central to its success and will provide useful guidance for policymakers and scholars seeking to apply new governance to a wide range of environmental and non-environmental policy contexts.


Innovative Possibilities: Global Policing Research and Practice brings together observations that reflect upon the state of police (and policing) across the globe and associated forms of policing scholarship with inputs from Africa, Australia, South and Central America, China, Europe, and the USA. Following the introduction the book begins with a review of the nature of the relationship between policing research and practice with the Victoria Police in Australia and moves on to Britain where the focus is on how the National Improvement Strategy for Policing (NISP) is developing and how research is being used to design, define, monitor, and develop its strategic interventions using a series of case studies. In the United States the complex American terrain of the police is examined – in particular this chapter examines how crime statistics are used to rationalize, justify, and account for their actions. In Latin America a comprehensive review of research on police reform in Latin America during the last two decades is given. Africa provides a complex and diverse social terrain which needs to be understood in relation to its plural policing landscape. Police scholarship in China looks at the historical development and current status of police scholarship in China, together with the emerging issues arising from it. The overarching concern of all these reflections is with bridging the deep seated tensions that exist between scholarship and practice within policing across the globe and the call for a new relationship of mutual respect that is committed to exploring better ways of governing security.
Where’s The Chicken? is a book about making South Africa safe, written by two experts on crime & safety and civic affairs. It is unique, interesting and potentially life-altering.

But it is not a step-by-step manual with detailed instructions on burglar-proofing your house or escaping a car-jacking. Instead, it is a book designed to spark creativity and sharpen the reader’s role as a thinker and shaper.

It is a vision of best thinking for those who no longer wish to consume ready-made ‘solutions’; it is a burst of fresh energy for those who prefer to ask different questions and find unexpected answers. It’s a book for the politician, the captain of industry and the plain old man (and woman) in the street who see their future in South Africa and South Africa in their future.

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