



Call for papers:

Special Issue:

| “Food poverty and right to food: challenges, policies and practices” |

| “Povertà alimentare e diritto al cibo: sfide, politiche e pratiche |

Le proposte possono essere inviate sia in italiano sia in inglese

Submission Deadline

Abstract (1,000 words max): June 30th, 2024

Full paper (9,000 words max – notes and biographical references included, upon acceptance):
September, 15, 2024

Aims and Background

Food poverty and severe material deprivation are highly relevant challenges worldwide, associated with crucial social, economic, and political dynamics. In the wake of increasing inequalities and multiple crises over the past decades, these phenomena have become more salient and visible also in high-income affluent welfare democracies, where significant portions of the population are struggling to access essential goods and services, including food. As a case in point, in the EU27 the COVID-19 pandemic and a scenario of high inflation have further exacerbated the problem. Those declaring an inability to afford adequate food represent 7.3% of the population, with the underaged forming a particularly vulnerable group.

Inequality and poverty are intertwined and multidimensional phenomena, whose relationship with food poverty widely varies not only across broad geographical areas, but also across regional/local contexts and social groups. If economic poverty is one of the most common drivers of food poverty, empirical evidence and the academic debate suggest that a narrow focus on economic poverty as a proxy for food poverty is insufficient. With significant overlap with the notion of food (in)security and the discussion about the right to food, brought to the fore especially by international organizations, issues of *physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets the dietary needs and food preferences of people for an active and healthy life* are in fact key, as well as the dimensions of agency and sustainability (*cf.* Committee on World Food Security, 2014), which are not captured by merely economic and wealth indicators. These aspects clearly point out the interdependence between material and immaterial aspects in the experience of food poverty and its multi-dimensional nature, which risks getting overlooked when contrast measures are planned and implemented.

Against this backdrop, the special issue aims to discuss the developments, current state, and likely prospects of food poverty and right-to-food policies, approaching these topics from different perspectives. In particular, (but not limited to) we welcome paper proposals that provide a theoretically driven empirical analysis about:

- welfare policies addressing the challenges of severe deprivation, food poverty and right-to-food, with a focus on local, national, supranational, transnational level initiatives;

- how different welfare models are equipped to deal with the phenomenon of food poverty, severe deprivation and marginalization;
- the connections between severe deprivation, food poverty, political participation and democracy;
- the conceptualization of severe deprivation and food poverty and their measurement.

The special issue aims to address these topics from an interdisciplinary and multidimensional perspective; therefore, we invite scholars working in different fields of inquiry. We welcome contributions both in ITALIAN and in ENGLISH.

Submission Details

Paper proposals should be submitted following the instructions provided at:

<https://www.centroeinaudi.it/biblioteca-della-liberta/manuscript-submission.html>

Please send a (.odt, .doc or .docx) file containing a long abstract (1,000 words max) and a title, prepared for blind review with all revealing references to the author removed. All personal information (name, affiliation, and contact) must be submitted separately, along with a short abstract (250 words max). Deadline for abstract submission is June 30th, 2024. Decisions will be made within two weeks.

All material should be submitted also by sending an e-mail to: ilaria.madama@unimi.it; franca.maino@unimi.it, and chiara.lodirizzini@unimi.it

Upon notification of acceptance, you will be invited to submit the full paper (9,000 words max, notes and biographical references included) no later than September, 15, 2024. The volume will be published late in the fall of 2024.

Further Inquiries

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