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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Menno Simons College Presents Dr. Kirit Patel on Agrarian Change and Malnutrition in South Asia**

**Final lecture in Esau Lecture Series to discuss local production and consumption of nutritious food in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka**

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WINNIPEG, Man. – The theme “*How We Grow, Share, & Eat: Moving Towards Just and Sustainable Food & Farming Systems*” frames the series of lectures by distinguished scholars from Canada and the United States presented by Menno Simons College (MSC) during the 2013-14 academic year.

The sixth and final lecture in the series, titled “*Post Green Revolution Agrarian Change and the Burden of Malnutrition in South Asia*,” is scheduled for March 20 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the University of Winnipeg’s Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall and will feature Dr. Kirit Patel.

Dr. Patel is the principal investigator of an interdisciplinary research project, funded under the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF), examining food and nutrition security in India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

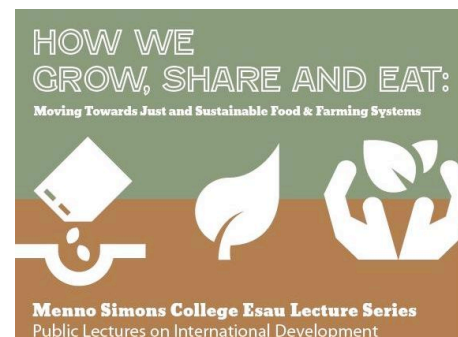


Dr. Kirit Patel is an Assistant Professor of International Development Studies at Menno Simons College.

His research challenges some of the prevailing development orthodoxies promoting production-oriented food security policies and demonstrates how farmer-led participatory research can provide sustainable alternatives for local production and consumption of nutritious food. Dr. Patel calls for diversification of peasant agriculture and public food distribution systems, by promoting traditionally grown small millets, to prevent malnutrition in South Asia.

### **About the Esau Lecture Series**

With a focus on sustainable farming, food security, and ethical land use, MSC’s Esau Lecture Series brings together a variety of noted international development experts to address the complexity and issues of today’s world where a burgeoning global economy



leaves many people with a scarcity of food, while others experience over-abundance.

For more information on the Esau Lecture Series, including videos from previous presenters, visit [mscollege.ca/foodsecurity](https://mscollege.ca/foodsecurity).

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### **About Menno Simons College**

Menno Simons College (MSC), a part of Canadian Mennonite University and affiliated with the University of Winnipeg, has been offering programs in International Development Studies (IDS) and Conflict Resolution Studies (CRS) since 1989. MSC fosters a vibrant undergraduate learning community in its newly renovated facility at 520 Portage Avenue. It offers 3-year and 4-year majors and a minor in IDS and CRS, an honours program in IDS, and an extensive practicum program. MSC has over 1,000 students and hundreds of alumni working in the development and conflict resolution sectors in Manitoba, Canada, and internationally.

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