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Menno Simons College Presents Trent University Expert on the World Food System Third lecture in Esau Lecture Series to focus on capitalism and food sovereignty

WINNIPEG, November 14, 2013 – Over the course of the 2013-14 academic year, Menno Simons College (MSC) is hosting a series of lectures by distinguished scholars from Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom speaking on the theme “*How We Grow, Share & Eat: Moving Towards Just and Sustainable Food & Farming Systems.*”

The third lecture in the series, titled ***Feeding the World: Is Hunger Inevitable?***, is scheduled for November 21 and will feature Trent University’s Dr. Haroon Akram-Lodhi. In addition to Dr. Akram-Lodhi’s role as Professor, he is also Trent University’s Chair of International Development Studies and the author of several books including the recently published *Hungry for Change: Farmers, Food Justice and the Agrarian Question*.

Dr. Adram-Lodhi will speak to the growing polarization of global agriculture with a small number of haves and an ever-increasing number of have-nots. Rising oil prices, shifting rural economies, the Chinese economic boom, and climate change will be explored as well as the influence these factors have on food production and food costs in both the local and global food markets.

Trained as an economist, Dr. Adram-Lodhi’s research spans the change in political economy in developing countries, the economic dimensions of gender relations, and the political ecology of sustainable rural livelihoods and communities in poor countries.

“We are thrilled to host Dr. Adram-Lodhi as part of the Esau Lecture Series on international development studies,” says Jerry Buckland, MSC Dean. “His economic research delves into how capitalism has transformed domestic and global food production and identifies a set of solutions to resolve the challenges facing the global food system.”

Preceding his lecture, Dr. Adram-Lodhi will make an appearance at the Winnipeg Free Press Café on Wednesday, November 20 at 8:00 AM. As part of a panel discussion, Dr. Adram-Lohi—along with previous Esau Lecture Series presenters Dr. Martin Entz and Dr. Shirley Thompson—will provide perspective and thoughts on food security and the matters that complicate the global production and availability of food.



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.

All presentations in the Esau Lecture Series will take place from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the University of Winnipeg's Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall. Admission is free and all are welcome to listen, question, and discuss.

The remaining Esau Lecture Series consists of the following dates, presentations, and guest speakers:

- **November 21, 2013:** *Feeding the World: is Hunger Inevitable?* with Dr. Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Chair & Professor of International Development Studies, Trent University; and author of *Hungry for Change: Farmers, Food Justice and the Agrarian Question*.
- **January 23, 2014:** *This land is Our Land?: Re-Integrating Earth, Eating, and Ethics* with Dr. Nettie Wiebe, Professor of Church and Society, St. Andrew's College, University of Saskatchewan.
- **February 27, 2014:** *Campesino a Campesino: Agroecology and Resilience* with Dr. Eric Holt-Gimenez, Executive Director of Food First/Institute for Food and Development Policy, Oakland, California.
- **March 20, 2014:** *The Sustainable Intensification of World Agriculture* with Dr. Jules Pretty, Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of Essex, and Professor of Environment and Society, author of many books including *The Earth Only Endures*.

About Menno Simons College

Menno Simons College, 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 honors program in IDS, and an extensive practicum program. The College 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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