

AFRICANS FOOD SOVEREIGNTY WORKING GROUP

The Global Justice Program at UC Berkeley's Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society invites you to Africans Food Sovereignty Working Group at Cal (AFSWG). The working group is an informal monthly-guided discussion on a wide range of issues related to Africa's food systems.

Tuesday April 11, 2017, 5:00pm - 6:30pm

442 Stephens Hall, UC Berkeley



April meeting topic

KFC and the US government: Partners in African agricultural development?

Abstract

In the last decade, the US government has partnered with large companies to modernize subsistence agriculture in Africa. This approach has taken a peculiar turn in Ghana, where US agencies are currently working to develop a supply chain for local outlets of KFC. Alex Park will explain the logic behind this project, and how it risks undermining the small farmers its architects purport to support.

Bio

Alex Park is an independent investigative reporter who has been reporting on agribusiness companies' advance into Africa since 2013. His work on development has been published in Mother Jones, Grist, The Africa Report, and The Huffington Post.

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The Africans Food Sovereignty Working Group (AFSWG) is organized by the Global Justice Program at the Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley. The AFSWG is a venue for activists, organizers, researchers, policy makers, scientists, filmmakers, and everyone interested in Africa's and the African diaspora's food systems. The working group's goals are to critically reflect on projects, scholarship, and information that engage with the experience of African communities, social movements, and countries that are at the frontline combating food insecurity, and designing their alternative food systems using ecological and sustainable methods. The events of AFSWG are free and open to the public.