Can a Burger Build World Peace?

How Conflict Cuisine teaches us about food and politics
What are Conflict Cuisines?

Food in zones of conflict

Food of diaspora populations
Food as Soft Power

Food as a form of foreign policy

Using cuisine to project national image
Food, War, and Conflict

Food as a symbol of international politics

Food can be used as a weapon of war

Food can be used to project a nation’s brand
Increases in food price index correlate with social unrest (2004 to 2012)

- Blue dashed lines correspond to the beginning dates of "food riots" and protests in North Africa and the Middle East between 2004 and 2011.

- The overall death toll is indicated in parentheses next to each country.

Source: Lafi, Bertand, Bar-Yam 2011
Culinary Diplomacy vs Gastrodiplomacy

How countries conduct cultural diplomacy through promotion of their cuisine
Food Can Be Used To Project a Nation’s Brand
The Future of Conflict Cuisines: Peacebuilding One Meal at a Time

“When we return to such a basic act as breaking bread together we are trying to reclaim our humanity, often the first casualty of a foreign War.”
Thank You

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