



END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

**RESEARCH**

**Impact Project: An Art Project for Raising Awareness About Food Rescue**

[Ms. Ruti Sela](#) from the School of Arts will lead an innovative multidisciplinary course titled ‘An Art Project for Raising Awareness About Food Rescue’. This course is designed to educate students and university visitors about food waste, and to enhance the accessibility of this knowledge to non-profit organizations and philanthropic groups, with the goal of driving meaningful change and impact.

**Urbanizing food: New perspectives on food processing tools in the Early Bronze Age**

PhD student Karolina Hruby and Prof. Danny Rosenberg from the Department of Archaeology have published [an article](#) examining food access, provisioning strategies, and dietary patterns. Their research concludes that the shift in socio-economic priorities accompanying urbanization led to a decline in the basalt bowl industry and a reorganization of food processing practices within expanding settlements. The study seeks to understand the broad impacts of social complexity that arise with urban development.



Strawberry fields, Moshav Yanuv (Credit: Hilla Klor)

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**The risks to the autonomy of the National Food Security Council**

[A position paper](#) written by Prof. Nissim Cohen, Dr. Asaf Levanon, Dr. Michal Koren, and Dr. Noam Tarshish from the Center for the Study of Poverty and Social Exclusion seeks to inform the public about the dangers inherent in the government’s initiative to reduce the independence of the National Food Security Council. The cases described illustrate that under democratic retreat, the welfare state does not necessarily disappear but primarily changes its form. What is common to these programs is the creation of economic dependency of various groups on the government,

intended to ensure broad electoral support and thus perpetuate the party and its rule, while continuing to harm marginalized populations and weaken democratic mechanisms.

**Food for All?**

The National Food Security Council [released a report](#) marking two years since its reactivation. The report reveals that 30% of the adult population in Israel is experiencing food insecurity. Prof. Roni Strier, from the School of Social Work, serves as the Chair of the National Food Security Council.

**The Seven Lean Years – Food Security in the Mediterranean**

This course, offered by Prof. Gil Gambash and Prof. Guy Bar-Oz, will explore the production, preservation, and transportation of nutritional components in the ancient Mediterranean world. It will examine these issues across various economic, geographical, climatic, social, and political contexts, with a focus on mechanisms of adaptation and resilience. The course will include case studies representing diverse geographic areas, time periods, and cultures.



Cherry tomatoes, Moshav Ahituv (Credit: Hilla Klor)

**LEARNING AND STUDENTS**

**New Course: Food Security, an Interdisciplinary Perspective**

The course, the first of its kind in Israel and led by Prof. Roni Strier from the School of Social Work, explores the phenomenon of [food insecurity](#). This issue is characterized by limited food availability and the inability to access food through conventional means for basic, healthy, and balanced nutrition. Food insecurity has a significant impact on both the physical and mental health of individuals. Additionally, research shows that it impairs the ability of affected individuals to build healthy social and familial relationships and to integrate into social structures, including the labor market.



An Art Project for Raising Awareness About Food Rescue, a course of Ms. Ruti Sela, School of Arts.