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Titled

“Gramsci, Pasta, and Fascism: On The Curious Intersection of Food and Politics”

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Abstract

In 1930, Italy was stirred by a short article authored by Filippo Tommaso Marinetti, an acclaimed poet, painter, sculptor, cultural critic, politician, and Fascist ideologist. The greatest stir was occasioned by a culinary revolution the article proposed. Marinetti's claims moved Italian housekeepers as well as prominent politicians. This culinary discussion had a far reaching reference to ethnicity, politics, and culture. Therefore, it provoked responses of many important figures in public life. Even Antonio Gramsci from his prison cell made some remarks pertaining to the question of the social significance of cuisine

About the Speakers

Dr. Dorota Koczanowicz, PhD, is the author of *Doświadczenie sztuki, sztuka życia: Wymiary estetyki pragmatycznej* [The Experience of Art and the Art of Living: Dimensions of Pragmatist Aesthetics] (2009). She also co-edited *Między estetyzacją a emancypacją. Praktyki artystyczne w przestrzeni publicznej* [Between Aesthetisation and Emancipation. Artistic Practices in Public Sphere] (2010), and *Between Literature and Somaesthetics: On Richard Shusterman's Pragmatism* (2012) *Discussing Modernity. A Dialogue with Martin Jay*, Amsterdam-New York: Rodopi (2013). She did research in John F. Kennedy Institute in Berlin and in Norway at The Wittgenstein Archives at the University of Bergen (WAB). Currently she is working on a project concerning relations between food and art.

Dr. Leszek Koczanowicz is Professor of Philosophy and Political Science at Wroclaw Faculty of the University of the Social Sciences and Humanities. He specializes in political philosophy, social theory, philosophical psychology, and cultural aspects of politics. His previous appointments include Wroclaw University (1977-1997), Opole University (1997-2002), SUNY/Buffalo (1998-1999 and 2000-2001), and Columbia University (2004-2005), and SUNY/Genseo (2013). He is an author and editor of eight books and numerous articles in Polish and English