



Eating Anxiety: The Perils of Food Politics

By Chad Lavin

University of Minnesota Press, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 140 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Debates about obesity are really about the meaning of responsibility. The trend toward local foods reflects the changing nature of space due to new communication technologies. Vegetarian theory capitalizes on biotechnology's challenge to the meaning of species. And food politics, as this book makes powerfully clear, is actually about the political anxieties surrounding globalization. In *Eating Anxiety*, Chad Lavin argues that our culture's obsession with diet, obesity, meat, and local foods enacts ideological and biopolitical responses to perceived threats to both individual and national sovereignty. Using the occasion of eating to examine assumptions about identity, objectivity, and sovereignty that underwrite so much political order, Lavin explains how food functions to help structure popular and philosophical understandings of the world and the place of humans within it. He introduces the concept of digestive subjectivity and shows how this offers valuable resources for rethinking cherished political ideals surrounding knowledge, democracy, and power. Exploring discourses of food politics, *Eating Anxiety* links the concerns of food especially issues of sustainability, public health, and inequality to the evolution of the world order...



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