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CUP Project and affiliated project Resources

- Smit, W. 2019. *Current urban food planning and governance in Africa*. In, Urban Food Systems Governance and Poverty in African Cities, J. Battersby and V. Watson, Eds. Routledge: New York. 94 – 103.

This chapter provides an overview of the governance of urban food systems in African cities. As Smit argues, it is important to first the existing governance of these urban food systems before attempting to improve any governance processes.

- Skinner, C. 2019. *Contributing yet excluded?: informal food retail in African cities*. In, Urban Food Systems Governance and Poverty in African Cities, J. Battersby and V. Watson, Eds. Routledge: New York. 104 - 115.

In this chapter, Skinner argues, that informal food retailers make critical contributions to urban food security, yet despite this, traders are excluded from policy and regulatory processes.

- Battersby, J. and Muwowo, F. 2019. *Planning and governance of food systems in Kitwe, Zambia: a case study of food retail space*. In, Urban Food Systems Governance and Poverty in African Cities, J. Battersby and V. Watson, Eds. Routledge: New York. 128 – 140.

In this chapter, Battersby and Muwowo argue that despite the historical role that local governments have played in Zambia in managing food markets, the centrality of the governance of food itself as integral to the management of these markets has been lost. As a result, the importance of these food retailers as source of food security has not been acknowledged by the state.

- Joubert, L. 2018. Chapter 3: Cinderella Markets. In *Tomatoes and Taxi Ranks*. L, Joubert, Ed. African Centre for Cities: Cape Town. 57 – 80.

While supermarkets and shopping centres are seen as symbolic of the modern African city, this chapter argues that it is in fact the informal economy that is bringing food and jobs to our cities.

- Joubert, L. 2018. Chapter 6: White Elephant. In *Tomatoes and Taxi Ranks*. L, Joubert, Ed. African Centre for Cities: Cape Town. 123 – 136.

This chapter interrogates the role that local government can play in making sure that people are not just free from hunger, but properly nourished too.

Scholarly' Resources

- Miraftab, F. 2009. *'Insurgent Planning: Situating Radical Planning in the Global South'*, Planning Theory, 8(1), pp. 32–50.



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In this paper, Miraftab addresses themes relating to the complexities of state and citizen relationships, within colonial and post-colonial regimes, that often emerge when planning in the global South. The inherited, now hegemonic, planning practices in post-colonial cities, illustrate the tensions that emerge between state and citizens through planning practice. Insurgent planning practice is put forward as a counter-hegemonic practice in response to the hegemonic planning practices.

- Morgan, K. 2013. [*The Rise of Urban Food Planning*](#). *International Planning Studies*. 18(1):1-4.

This editorial introduces a special edition that sought to cover the emergence of food planning over the past decade. Highlighted in this piece is the argument that food planning includes more than professional planners.

- Pieterse, E. 2019. [*Urban governance and spatial transformation ambitions in Johannesburg*](#). *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 41(1): 20 – 38.

This article explores the history of democratic decentralization reforms in South Africa and Johannesburg, using an analysis of the significance of the Corridors of Freedom in the Johannesburg metropolitan government. This provides a critical perspective on the latest generation of strategic planning in metropolitan South Africa

- Skinner, C. and Haysom, G. 2016. [*Informal sector's role in food security: A missing link in policy debates*](#). Working Paper 44. PLAAS, UWC and Centre of Excellence on Food Security.

This working paper provides a review of what is currently understood about the role that the informal retail sector plays in the accessibility of food in South Africa.

- Skinner, C. and Watson, V. 2021. [*Planning and informal food traders under COVID-19: the South African case*](#). *Town Planning Review*. 92 (32): 301 – 308.

In many cities in the global South, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the importance of the informal economy in providing access to food for residents. In this paper, Skinner and Watson argue that it is essential that state actions protect and enhance their operation.

- Watson, V. 2013. [*Planning and the 'Stubborn Realities' of Global South-East Cities: Some Emerging Ideas*](#). *Planning Theory*. 12(1): 81-100.

As quoted in this episode, in this paper, Watson identifies new strands of planning thought in relation to the global South-East. Watson argues that the cause of many breakdowns in state run planning projects is because of a 'conflict of rationalities' between rigid professional planning processes and the context, needs and expectations of residents.



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Policy Related Resources

- FAO. 2019. [FAO framework for the Urban Food Agenda](https://doi.org/10.4060/ca3151en). Rome. <https://doi.org/10.4060/ca3151en>

This framework provides guidance for broadening the food policy agenda, taking into account the often untapped potential for urban areas to drive food and nutrition security plans. Secondly, this framework defines the FAO's principals and engagement in relation to food and nutrition security needs, associated with urban development and urbanisation.

- Raja, S. Born, B.M., and Kozlowski Russel, J. 2008. [A Planners Guide To Community and Regional Food Planning: Transforming Food Environments, Facilitating Healthy Eating](#). American Planning Association: Chicago.

This handbook provides some useful tools for planners who are wanting to embed food into their daily planning practice and processes.

Additional Resources in Popular Media

- Cities of Integrity: Urban Planning and Corruption in Africa. 2021. [The Story of a Zambian Market: Practicing integrity in Planning](#). [Video file]

This animated video provides a real life example of planning for a market in Zambia and the multiple stakeholders involved in the process. The video illustrates the vital role that planners can play in influencing food access through projects that are seemingly not related to food.