

## JODY HARRIS

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Jody Harris holds research leadership positions exploring the practice, politics and ethics of food and nutrition policy. Her work investigates programming and policy processes in international, national and local food policy contexts, and considers equity and broader ethical issues in nutrition for development, with a focus on enabling healthy diets for all. Her research builds on over fifteen years of engagement in the fields of international nutrition and food policy, and academic, activist and implementation work in different global spaces and country contexts.

### EDUCATION

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**PhD Development Policy**, *School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) UK*

**MSc Public Health Nutrition**, *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) UK*

**BSc Nutrition and Health**, *University of East Anglia (UEA) UK*

### SELECTED EXPERIENCE

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For a full listing, see <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jody-harris-77a22a23/>

May 2017-Present      **Honorary Associate Research Fellow, Food and Nutrition**  
*Health and Nutrition Cluster, Institute of Development Studies, UK*

- Honorary research position investigating food systems and nutrition policy processes through a political and ethical lens, and coordination of the Food Equity Centre.

Oct 2023-Present      **Research Fellow, human-Centred Food Systems**  
*Climate School, Columbia University, USA*

- Leading research and engagement to explore the role of human rights in creating more equitable food systems globally

Feb 2020-Oct 2023      **Lead Researcher, Global Food Systems**  
*Healthy Diets Flagship, World Vegetable Center, Thailand*

- Senior research management position investigating vegetables in food systems for healthy diets, designing and leading academic research on food system drivers, policy and outcomes.

April 2022-June 2023      **Appointed Member, High-Level Panel of Experts (HLPE)**  
*Committee on World Food Security of the United Nations (UN-CFS)*

- Provide evidence, analysis and advice to the UN-CFS through co-authorship of the 2023 HLPE report focusing on inequality and inequity in global food systems for food security and nutrition.

Sept 2017-Jun 2019      **Visiting Fellow in Food Ethics**  
*Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University, USA*

- Funded to explicitly incorporate an ethics research lens and methodological approach, to create a coherent body of work on power, participation, politics, rights and ethics in food research.

Sept 2010-Dec 2016      **Senior Research Analyst, Nutrition Programs and Policies**  
*Poverty, Health and Nutrition Division, International Food Policy Research Institute, USA*

- Design, implementation and analysis of qualitative and quantitative studies addressing policy and program issues through multi-disciplinary multi-site research.

## RECENT GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).** *PICfoods: Food environments for healthy diets in Pacific Island Countries* (AUD 550,000) Harris, J. 2023-2025

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan.** *Keeping colour on the plate: Food policy post-Covid in ASEAN* (USD 260,000) Harris, J. 2020-2022

**Sussex Sustainability Research programme, University of Sussex.** *The right to nutrition in its social, political and legal context* (GBP 70,000) Harris, J and Stirton, R. 2018-2020

## TEACHING AND SERVICE

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**Senior Editor,** Food Security Journal, nutrition section. <https://www.springer.com/journal/12571>

**Editorial Board Member,** World Nutrition Journal <https://worldnutritionjournal.org/index.php/wn/about>

**Supervisor, PhD.** (1) Jessica Gordon, Institute of Development Studies, UK. Thesis: *The effects of agricultural commercialisation on social equity and nutrition outcomes in Africa*. (2) Raoudath Bouraima, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin. Thesis: *Food systems for healthy diets in three West African countries*

**Scientific committees:** High-Level Panel of Experts for Food Security and Nutrition; UN-CFS Agriculture-Nutrition-Health Academy [conference] Scientific Committee.

**Membership:** Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (UK); Society for Implementation Science in Nutrition; World Public Health Nutrition Association

**Languages:** English (native); Spanish (intermediate/working); French (intermediate/working); Thai (basic)

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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For a full listing, see <https://scholar.google.co.uk/citations?user=f1y3QEsAAAAJ&hl=en>

- **High-Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition**, 2023. *HLPE report #18: Addressing inequality for food security and nutrition*. United Nations Committee on World Food Security. Rome
- **Jody Harris**, Sarah Gibbons, O'Brien Kaaba, Tabitha Hrynicky, and Ruth Stirton. 2022. A 'right to nutrition' in its social, legal, and political context: how international human rights translate to Zambian realities. *Journal of Human Rights Practice* <https://doi.org/10.1093/jhuman/huac043>
- Nicholas Nisbett, **Jody Harris**, Kathryn Backholer, Philip Baker, Sharon Friel, Valarie Blue-Bird Jernigan. 2022. Holding no-one back: The Nutrition Equity Framework in theory and practice. *Global Food Security* 32: 100605
- **Jody Harris**, Tabitha Hrynicky, Mai Thi My Thien, Tuyen Huynh, Phuong Huynh, Phuong Nguyen, Anne-Marie Thow. 2022. Tensions and coalitions: Trade agreements and the policy space for nutrition in Vietnam. *Food Security* 1-19 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12571-022-01264-1>
- **Harris, J.**, Tan, W., Mitchell, B. and Zayed, D., 2022. Equity in agriculture-nutrition-health research: A scoping review. *Nutrition Reviews*. 80(1):78–90
- **Harris, J.** and Nisbett, N., 2020. The Basic Determinants of Malnutrition: Resources, Structures, Ideas and Power. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*. Special Issue on Political Economy of Food Systems 10:817-827
- Nisbett, N., **Harris, J.** and Baker, P., 2020. *Chapter 1: Introduction: towards global nutrition equity*. In: Micha R, Mannar V, et al. 2020 global nutrition report: action on equity to end malnutrition. Development Initiatives. Bristol, UK
- Leach, M., Nisbett, N., Cabral, L., **Harris, J.**, Hossain, N. and Thompson, J., 2020. Food politics and development. *World Development*, 134:105024.
- **Harris, J.** 2019. Narratives of nutrition: Alternative explanations for international nutrition practice. *World Nutrition* 10(4): 99-125
- **Harris, J.** 2019. Coalitions of the willing? Advocacy coalitions and the transfer of nutrition policy to Zambia. *Health Policy and Planning* 34(3): 207–215