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In Search of Movement: Food, Environment and New Political Imaginaries in Contemporary Europe

Lecture by Michal Osterweil, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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Michal Osterweil received her PhD in Anthropology from UNC Chapel Hill where she currently teaches in the Curriculum in Global Studies. Her research focuses on social movements and paradigms of social change, in particular what she understands as a “new political imaginary” being simultaneously discovered and created in a variety of spaces and movements ranging from the World Social Forum and the alter-globalization movement to feminist, place-based, environmental and transformative movements in the US. She has conducted extensive field research in Italy, and has participated in and written about the “Global Justice Movement” and related transnational networks. Her current book project, tentatively titled, *In Search of Movement: Social Change in Times of Crisis*, moves between ethnographic material with Italian, Latin American and North American activists and activist spaces, and more theoretical explorations of the political and epistemological challenges they pose to our understandings of both politics and social reality. She is co-founder and editor of *Turbulence: Ideas for Movement*, as well as the *Carrboro Greenspace: Center for Community and Sustainability*.

Her visit to Miami is in conjunction with preparations for a workshop on comparative EU and US food policies to be held at the Expo Milano 2015 later this year, co-sponsored by the Miami and UNC Centers of Excellence for European Studies.

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