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# Raúl Matta

Research Scientist

## Details

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## Discipline(s)

Sciences sociales

## Activities / CV

Raúl Matta is a sociologist trained as an anthropologist. He has held research and teaching appointments in France, Peru, Germany, and Mexico, and held leading roles in projects funded by national and European agencies. His research sits at the intersection of the anthropology of food, heritage and cultural studies. From that vantage point, he has investigated the ways in which food is invested with a multitude of goals and meanings by different actors and stakeholders. He is currently approaching foodways as a means to address new possibilities of living together in the broader sense, in our current context of Anthropocenic urgency and ecological devastation. By developing the concept of "convivial foodscapes", he seeks to explore and call attention to human and more-than-human alliances forged to envisage and co-produce future-oriented edible environments.

## ROLE IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2019-2022 : **Principal Investigator** in the project FOOD2GATHER (Exploring foodscapes as public spaces for integration), funded by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) and the European Commission (Horizon 2020)
- 2014-2018 : **Project Leader** in the project Food as Cultural Heritage, funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG)
- 2014-2015 : **Guest researcher** in the project PalSan - Patrimoine alimentaire et Santé, funded by Sorbonne Université
- 2013-2017 : **Post-doc and co-coordinator** of the project FOODHERIT: A Critical and Comparative Research on Food Heritage and Gastropolitics, funded by the French National Research Agency (ANR)

## Additional information

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Books and special issues in journals*

- Di Giovine, M., and [Matta, R.](#) (Eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of Food and Heritage* (under contract at Routledge).
- Matta, R. 2023. [From the Plate to Gastro-Politics. Unravelling the Boom of Peruvian Cuisine.](#) Cham: Palgrave Macmillan.
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- Bak-Geller, S., Matta, R., and Suremain, Ch-É. (Eds.). 2019 [Patrimoios alimentarios. Entre consensos y tensiones](#). San Luis Potosí and Paris: El Colegio de San Luis and IRD Éditions.
- García, M.E. and Matta, R. (Eds.). 2019. [Gastro-politics: Culture, Identity and Culinary Politics in Peru](#). Special issue for the journal *Anthropology of Food*, <https://journals.openedition.org/aof/9970>
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- Matta, R. 2022. Scaling up and down the Edible Heritage: Food and Foodways as Terrains of Cultural Friction. In Covarrubia, P. (Ed.), *Transboundary Heritage and Intellectual Property Law: Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage*. London: Routledge, 41-60.
- Matta, R. and Panchapakesan, P. 2021. [Deflated Michelin: An Exploration of the Changes in Values in the Culinary Profession and Industry](#). *Gastronomica. The Journal for Food Studies* 21(3): 45-55.

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