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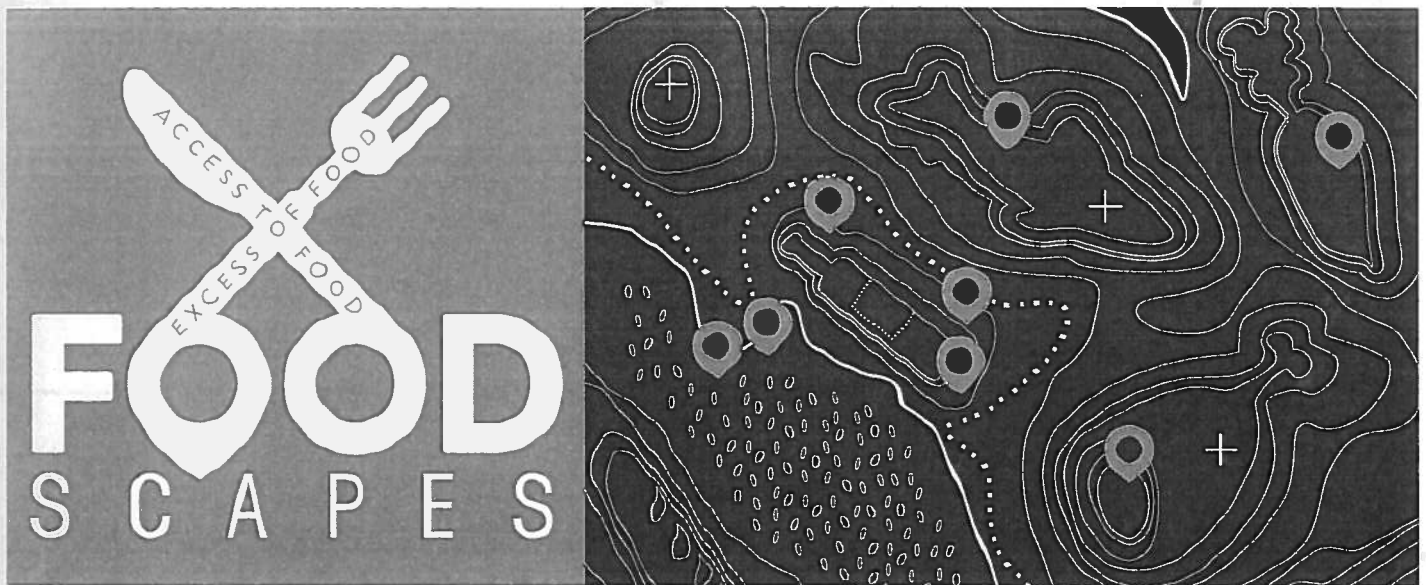
Mapping Enghave Foodscapes – Untapping the Potential of the Local Food Environment

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The rapid growth in nutrition related disorders, the increased focus on the environmental impact of food production and consumption as well the occurrence of frequent food scares and scandals has led to an increased interest in new and alternative food geographies and networks. Many of these seem to be taking “the local” as their point of departure. This also holds for the settings approach introduced by WHO nearly three decades ago and much intervention research has been focusing on our local everyday life arenas since these are the places where health is created and lived. Such local community settings include welfare institutions such as the kindergarten, school, institutions and workplaces. Everyday practices of food provisioning and consumption are increasingly entering the agenda in these settings since they are playing an important role as learning arenas on important topics such as food quality, food waste and policy and ethics, sustainability of food systems/regimes. At the same time politicians and planners are increasingly becoming aware of the fact that public food can play a role in the local and regional development of food systems.

This paper aims at identifying the Local food environment and assessing its resources with regards to providing opportunities for healthy and sustainable eating for its inhabitant. It takes as a point of departure a mapping of the Enghave Foodscapes - a local neighbourhood in Copenhagen and a close neighbor of Aalborg University. It takes as a point of departure insight gained from the broad category of FoodScape Studies (FSS) in order to explore opportunities for a deeper understanding of the socio-physical space in such arenas. The paper give a brief account of the origin of foodscape studies based on a reviews of the literature. The paper looks in particular at applications in public food environments - so called captive foodscapes and suggests a typology of physical, social, mental, discursive and learning foodscapes. The first results from the mapping of Enghave foodscapes and the assessment of its characteristics are presented and the paper finally the paper discusses how the idea of foodscapes can be developed as a suitable conceptual framework for the analysis of how food, the different types of agents and intermediaries interact in the foodscape.

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