## IGS SEMINAR

## THE NEXUS BETWEEN FOOD, PEOPLE AND PLACE: FROM A FOOD TOURISM PERSPECTIVE

This seminar investigates the global rise of food tourism as a meaningful cultural and experiential practice. It focuses on the dynamic interplay between food, people, and place, drawing on key concepts such as local food, sense of place, and identity to explore how food-related experiences contribute to both personal and socio-cultural understandings of place. The seminar argues that food tourism is a legitimate form of cultural engagement that reflects and reinforces regional distinctiveness and values. To illustrate these ideas, the seminar examines the case of Ekiben in Japan-regionally distinctive boxed meals sold at train stations. Through this lens, the seminar highlights how food tourism fosters a deeper connection to place and culture, making it a justified and enriching tourism experience.

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