



are pleased to invite you to a round table discussion on

“Food Politics 2015: Issues and Controversies”

with

Marion Nestle
Paulette Goddard Professor
Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health
Professor of Sociology
New York University

A debate will follow

Friday, May 8 – 10:30-12:30
East Conference Room
U.S. Embassy
Via Sallustiana, 49

Conversation will be in English. Given the security restrictions for access to the Embassy, we kindly request that you plan to arrive a few minutes ahead. All electric and electronic devices will be kept in custody at the entrance. We thank you in advance for your collaboration.

Please **RSVP BY May 7 at 13:00**, via e-mail to CANDILOROT@STATE.GOV; or by calling 064674-2455.

A brief bio of Prof. Marion Nestle follows.

About Marion Nestle

Marion Nestle is Paulette Goddard Professor in the Department of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health at New York University, which she chaired from 1988-2003. She is also Professor of Sociology at NYU and Visiting Professor of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell, and holds an honorary degree from Transylvania University in Kentucky. She earned a Ph.D. in molecular biology and an M.P.H. in public health nutrition from the University of California, Berkeley.

Her first faculty position was in the Department of Biology at Brandeis University. From 1976-86 she was Associate Dean of the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine, where she taught nutrition to medical students, residents, and practicing physicians, and directed a nutrition education center sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

From 1986-88, she was senior nutrition policy advisor in the Department of Health and Human Services and managing editor of the 1988 Surgeon General's Report on Nutrition and Health. She has been a member of the FDA Food Advisory Committee and Science Board, the USDA/DHHS Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee, and American Cancer Society committees that issue dietary guidelines for cancer prevention. Her research focuses on how science and society influence dietary advice and practice.



She is the author of five prize-winning books: *Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health*; *Safe Food: The Politics of Food Safety*; *What to Eat: Why Calories Count: From Science to Politics* (with Dr. Malden Nesheim); and *Eat, Drink Vote: An Illustrated Guide to Food Politics*. She also has written two books about pet food, *Pet Food Politics: The Chihuahua in the Coal Mine* and *Feed Your Pet Right* (also with Dr. Nesheim). Her most recent books were published in 2013: the tenth anniversary edition of *Food Politics* (with a foreword by Michael Pollan); the paperback edition of *Why Calories Count*; and *Eat, Drink, Vote*. Her next book, *Soda Politics: Taking on Big Soda (and Winning)* will be published by Oxford University Press in October 2015.

Among her recent honors are the John Dewey Award for Distinguished Public Service from Bard College in 2010. In 2011, the University of California School of Public Health at Berkeley named her as Public Health Hero, Time Magazine included her Twitter among its top 10 in health and science; Michael Pollan ranked her as the #2 most powerful foodie in America (after Michelle Obama), and Mark Bittman ranked her #1 in his list of foodies to be thankful for. She received the James Beard Leadership Award in 2013, and in 2014 the U.S. Healthful Food Council's Innovator of the Year Award and the Public Health Association of New York City's Media Award, among others.

From 2008 to 2013, she wrote a monthly Food Matters column for the San Francisco Chronicle food section. She blogs daily (almost) at www.foodpolitics.com, and twitters @marionnestle (125,000 followers).