

#### **Berlin's Urban Food Commons**

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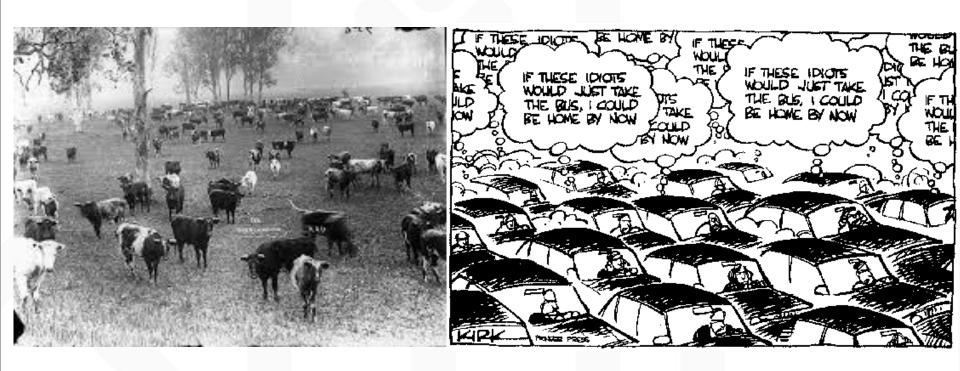


## **Outline**

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## Commons



How and Why might the Commons be extended to Urban Food Sharing?



## Food as Commons

#### Concerns

- Public Health
- Food Governance
- Sharing
- Food Access and Sovereignty
- Right to the City
- Right to food

#### **Food Commons**

- Fisheries
- Wild Edibles
- Community Gardens
- Open Source Seeds
- Gastronomy and Culinary Traditions
- Food Safety



## Methodology

	What is shared	How it is shared	Org.	ICT usage
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- Ethnographic Research 2016 2017
- Site visits, Participant Observation and User Engagements
- Semi-structured interviews participants, stakeholders, and regulators
- Analysis of policy and governance documents and food safety regulations



## Food Commons in foodsharing.de







# Public Fridge as Open Access Commons



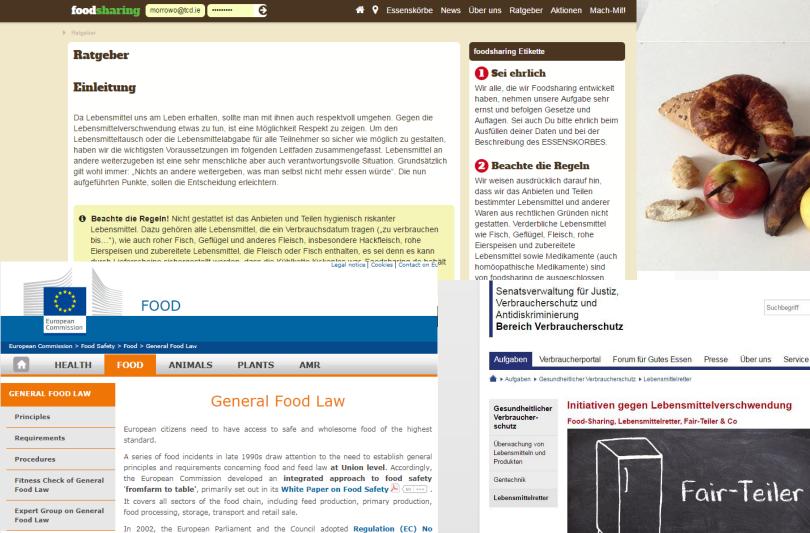








# **Governing Food Sharing**



Wir alle, die wir Foodsharing entwickelt haben, nehmen unsere Aufgabe sehr Auflagen. Sei auch Du bitte ehrlich beim Ausfüllen deiner Daten und bei der Beschreibung des ESSENSKORBES.

bestimmter Lebensmittel und anderer Waren aus rechtlichen Gründen nicht gestatten. Verderbliche Lebensmittel Lebensmittel sowie Medikamente (auch homöopathische Medikamente) sind

Bereich Verbraucherschutz



Zur Senatsverwaltung Kontakt

Suchbeariff

♠ Aufgaben ▶ Gesundheitlicher Verbraucherschutz ▶ Lebensmittelretter

#### Initiativen gegen Lebensmittelverschwendung

Food-Sharing, Lebensmittelretter, Fair-Teiler & Co



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The General Food Law Regulation is the foundation of food and feed law. It sets outs an

178/2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law (General

Food Law Regulation).

ALL TOPICS

# Governing Food Sharing

Governance Concerns	EU General Food Law 178 and German Law (macro)	Berlin Senat Fair-Teiler Ruling (meso)	Foodsharing.de rules (meso)	Personal and interpersonal (micro)
Trust	Trust in the EU Risk Assessment Process, the European Food Safety Authority, and other member states	Trust in food safety laws, expiration dates, local food safety authority, and the Federal Institute for Risk Management	Trust Bananas and Violation reports, Foodsharing Rules and Quizzes, Being known by others.	Trust in community and altruism. Trust your gut.
Safety	Food that is not unsafe or injurious to health	No microbiologically sensitive foods. Must Maintain Cold Chain	No microbiologically sensitive food. Must Maintain Cold Chain	Dependent on smell, taste, texture, feeling, know how
Quality	Free movement (the market) of safe and wholesome food.??	A responsible person must inspect food for quality.	Don't share anything you wouldn't eat.	Relational and dependent on tastes and preferences.
Traceability	Total traceability, 2 steps forward 2 steps backwards.	A responsible person keeps records on what goes in and out, when, and with whom.	Social and place based networks. Online message board and crowdsourced updates on the fridge.	Social, online, and place based networks.
Responsibility (Liability)	Liability carried by food businesses (from production to consumption).  Responsibility of Member	Individual responsibility and liability	Collective responsibility for following rules, communicating, sharing well, keeping positive relationships, and maintaining fridges. No	Personal responsible to use "common sense."

## Enclosing the Fridge Commons?







# **Closing Reflections**

- Market led food governance disadvantages
   Grassroots sustainability organizations
- Tensions in governing food as a public good and a private commodity
- New Liability structures for community based sharing
- Can we move from a risk society to an ethic of care?



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