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Class, Diet and Inequality in the NAFTA Region

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“To what extent have Canada, Mexico and the United States converged toward a similar diet or in what ways have they diverged, if at all. Based on macro data from FAOSTAT and the USDA, I argue that NAFTA nations have experienced a “class-differentiated convergence” roughly mimicking what has happened in the United States: Upper-income classes are accessing more diversified luxury foods, while lower-and-middle-income classes are seeing more energy-dense fare in their diets.”

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