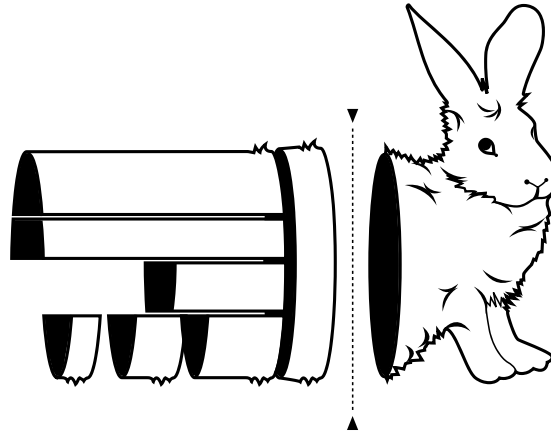


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## THE FUTURE ON YOUR PLATE

Can the way we cook tell us something about climate change? Does the shape of our cutlery reflect our attitude towards technology?

PostlerFerguson presents **The Future on Your Plate**, an exhibition during London Design Week, examining how the way we cook can be a way of talking about how global issues shape our domestic futures.

Our relationship with food shapes both our personal lives and our global environment through how we consume it, cook it, grow it and distribute it. Shared meals and celebrations form some of our most basic cultural patterns. The way in which how we eat and cook shapes the spaces we live in and the tools we surround ourselves with. Modern systems of food production and distribution shape global economies. Agricultural technology reworks entire ecosystems.

The projects presented in **The Future on Your Plate** trace a line from global social and environmental changes to future domestic environments and cultural rituals associated with food. Rather than proposing utopian solutions, these projects concern themselves with asking what compromises will we have to make in the face of a radically changed future, and what positive possibilities will we find hidden there.

*Life Machines* is a series of household objects that facilitate the introduction of robotic assistance into the domestic environment to enable an ageing society to live outside of care homes. It questions what daily freedoms we are willing to give up in exchange for independence.

*Nouveau Neolithic* concerns itself with preserving the pleasure gourmet food in a future where energy depletion and climate change have led to the collapse of global food distribution. Drawing on collective food production models from the Great Depression and World Wars, it finds pleasure in the face of disaster through a combination of social collaboration, energy-free appliances, and recipes based on urban foraging.

**The Future on Your Plate** can be seen from September 20-23, 2007 during London Design Week at Designersblock.

*September 20-23*

*The Nicholls & Clarke Building*

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