



## SESSION 4:

### PROMOTING SAFE, NUTRITIOUS AND SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION



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Marie Claire Custodio is an Associate Researcher for Market and Food Systems Research at the International Rice Research Institute, the Philippines. Her research and work involve food choice in the context of markets and value chains in South and Southeast Asia.

She is currently a Ph.D. candidate and researcher, focusing on rural development at the Department of Agricultural Economics, Ghent University, Belgium. Her research topic is estimating the value of healthier rice in the Philippines in the context of rice-based diets. She holds a MBA degree from the University of the Philippines. After obtaining her MBA degree, she held professional research positions in various market research companies in Southeast Asia.



**Dr. Ir. Sahara Djaenudin, Ph.D.**  
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Dr. Sahara has wide experience in conducting research funded by national and international organizations, including the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Japan International Cooperation Agency-World Bank Group, and other international and regional bodies. Her areas of expertise encompass food policy, agri-food value chains, agri-food digital market, contract farming, and rural economic development. She publishes widely on agri-food economics issues in Indonesia and often contributes opinion editorials to several national newspapers related to the development of agriculture in Indonesia.

Dr. Sahara is now Head of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Management, Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia. Previously, she was Deputy Director of the International Centre for Applied Finance and Economics at IPB, and Secretary of the Rural Development Program at IPB.

Dr. Sahara completed her Ph.D. from the University of Adelaide, Australia, where she studied under the John Allwright Fellowship.



**Dr. Jody Harris, Ph.D.**  
**Global Lead Specialist – Food Systems, World Vegetable Centre, UK**

Dr. Jody Harris is an applied researcher with a particular interest in the politics and ethics of food systems, and in policy and social interventions to achieve healthy diets and sources of nutrition. She conducts mixed methods research into the power within societies, including research work on equity and marginalization, power in politics and food policy processes, and power in food systems, including the roles of different actors in food systems. Dr. Harris is currently Senior Researcher at the World Vegetable Centre, which aligns research focus on food policy and vegetables in food systems, to achieve sustainable, healthy diets. She is also a Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (UK), where she has furthered conceptual thinking on power, equity and ethics in nutrition.

Dr. Harris' most recent study is exploring and analyzing COVID-19 impacts beyond production, by examining changes in food environments and food policy in Thailand and the Philippines. This study brings together research across the food system in two different ASEAN contexts to draw lessons from the current pandemic to be better prepared for future food system disruptions.



**Dr. Emorn Udomkesmalee, Ph.D.  
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Dr. Emorn Udomkesmalee is the Senior Advisor and Former Director of the Institute of Nutrition, Mahidol University, Thailand. She also is Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, at Johns Hopkins University, USA.

She is a member or holds leadership positions with numerous international research and policy development bodies. To mention a few ... Dr. Emorn is Chair of the Board of the International Food Policy Research Institute, a Board Member of the Micronutrient Forum and the Sight and Life Foundation, and she is the Scientific Director of the International Life Sciences Institute for the Southeast Asia Region.

At the national level, she is an Eminent Panel Member for the National Policy Council on Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation and she is Chair of the Sub-Committee on Agriculture and Nutrition at the Office of Atoms for Peace (Thailand).

Her research interests include micronutrient assessment, bioavailability and metabolism; efficacy of food-based interventions to address micronutrient deficiencies; and maternal and child nutrition policy and program implementation.

She received her Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry and metabolism from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, and completed post-doctoral training at the Vitamin and Mineral Nutrition Laboratory, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, under the United States Department of Agriculture.