

Famines in the Past and in the Present

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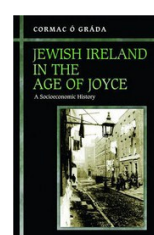
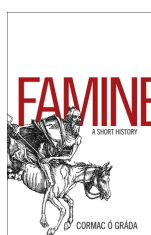
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ABSTRACT

The twentieth century witnessed many catastrophic famines. Famine still features strongly in media reports, yet the famines of the twenty first century (so far) or so have been 'small'. At the same time, both WHO/UN data and recent news events suggest that malnutrition remains a much more intractable problem: while the proportion of the world's poor that is malnourished declines, the food situation facing a billion or so people condemns them to ill-health and premature death. These contrasting signals — the 'disappearance' of famine, the persistence of hunger — are not lost on international aid agencies, as it has implications for the nature of relief work and the future of humanitarian aid.

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