Dhanush Sudesh, Aspiring PhD Researcher

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LINKS

LinkedIn, Substack , Website

PROFILE

Aspiring PhD researcher with a Master's degree in Italian Food and Wine from the University of Padova, specializing in the intersection of food, culture, and technology. My research focuses on how artificial intelligence impacts food authenticity, cultural heritage, and emotional connections in cooking. With over 4 years of professional experience in wine education, hospitality, and operations, I bring strong skills in qualitative research, cross cultural analysis, and storytelling. I am seeking opportunities to further develop my expertise and contribute to academic research that bridges traditions and innovation in food systems

PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

Forthcoming Book Chapter

Dhanush Sudesh (forthcoming). The Heart of Naples on a Plate: Exploring Family, Culture, and Pizza. Accepted for inclusion in a collective volume on food and anthropology (eds. Paride Bollettin & Mallory, University of Padova).

An ethnographic account of Neapolitan pizza as a cultural and familial tradition, based on an in-depth interview with a local family in Naples. Explores authenticity, generational knowledge, and the tension between tradition and innovation.

Master's Thesis

Dhanush Sudesh (2025). The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Food Authenticity and Emotional Connections in Cooking. MSc Thesis in International Food and Wine (Anthropology focus), University of Padova. Supervisor: Prof. Paride Bollettin.

Investigates how AI influences food authenticity and emotional connection in cooking through literature review, interviews, surveys, and cultural analysis. Highlights generational divides in acceptance, the irreplaceability of human presence, and proposes design principles for culturally sensitive AI in kitchens.

Research Interests

AI in Food Systems | Food Anthropology |Consumer Behavior | Sustainable Food Cultures |Digital Heritage Preservation

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Apr 2021 — Apr 2023

Marketing Associate, John Distilleries Pvt. Ltd. — Bengaluru

- Conducted 50+ guided wine tasting sessions, blending cultural narratives and sensory analysis to explore consumer perception and engagement.
- Developed and delivered educational materials on wine varieties, regional heritage, and food pairing, strengthening skills in knowledge transfer and public communication.
- Collaborated with the brand manager on marketing campaigns, applying insights into consumer behavior and market trends.
- Managed the brand's Instagram presence, creating content that connected product storytelling with cultural identity.

Jul 2019 — May 2020

Campus in-charge, K12 Techno services Pvt. Ltd. — Bengaluru

- Managed academic and administrative operations for 1,000+ students, ensuring effective coordination between faculty, staff, and stakeholders.
- Led a 30+ member team, oversaw compliance documentation, and streamlined communication across departments.
- Coordinated examinations, events, and training sessions, applying strong organizational, data management, and problem-solving skills.

EDUCATION

Oct 2023 — Sep 2025

Msc, Italian food and wine, Università degli Studi di Padova — Padua, Italy

Thesis Title : *The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Food Authenticity and Emotional Connections in Cooking*

Jun 2020 — Jul 2023

Postgraduate Diploma in Operations Management, NMIMS — Mumbai, India

Jun 2015 — Jul 2019

Bachelor's, Hotel Management, AIMS Institutes — Bengaluru, India

SKILLS	Power BI | Qualitative Analysis | Interviewing | Thematic & Content Analysis | Literature Review & Synthesis| Survey design | Microsoft Office Suite |Public Speaking & Academic Presentations | Academic Networking & Collaboration | Critical Thinking & Problem-Solving
CERTIFICATIONS	McKinsey.org Forward program, Mckinsey & Company | Analyzing & Visualizing Data with Microsoft Power BI, Microsoft | Google Data Analytics, Google | Google digital marketing & E- Commerce, Google | WSET, Wine and spirit eduction trust