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# Cooking Inner Darkness and Making Kin: Behind the staff only doors

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## **Cooking inner darkness and making kin: Behind the staff only doors**

This paper follows the lives of the chefs and cooks within the boundaries of Athenian restaurant kitchens, offering an ethnographic sense of this professional context and environment of teamwork. Bringing Turner (1967a, 1995) and Goffman's (1956) works together, this paper presents the often harsh realities of the cooks' work settings and the chef's behaviours.

The first part of the paper presents the division between the front and back of house in restaurants, engaging with Goffman's work (1956) and situated in ethnographic narratives reveals the daily workings and lives of cooks. The second part of the paper observes and analyses the relationships of the cooks and the chef in the restaurant kitchen. Using Turner's work on liminality (1967a, 1995) and Carsten (1995)'s work on kinship it explores the humiliation and abuse cooks experience from their chef, and the creation of *communitas*, and new formations and definitions of kinship. Within restaurant kitchens in Athens-in-crisis, the notion of teamwork comes to the fore and reveals how bonds are formed in a high-pressured environment.

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