



Re-Inventing Food Systems through Agri-Environmental Governance

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Symposium

Re-inventing food systems through agri-environmental governance?

Diversity of governance practices and everyday transformations in the food-agriculture-environment nexus

The intensification of environmental concerns over the past decades has brought into food systems a variety of governance mechanisms that transcend traditional boundaries (e.g. between the public and the private or the state and the market) and produce new combinations of governance ideas, tools and actors at various scales. This re-configuration of governance has created a polyphonic proliferation of new instruments that draw on contrasting logics and different rationalities – yet all of which are harboured within the dominant but highly contested discourse of sustainability. In these processes, assemblages of actors, human and non-human, have been transformed and reorganized, affecting arguably the whole systems in which they were embedded, and producing new relations of interdependence, identification and power. Food itself, as the central stake of the production-consumption process, has been changed. The criteria of what defines the identity of a food product are discussed and redefined within multiple spaces of dialog.

This symposium takes up the challenge of highlighting some of these transformations that unfold throughout the food system, and that impact the way actors connect with others in the production of everyday practices of agri-environmental governance. Novel theories, methods and empirical case studies shall be discussed that allow us to better grasp the entangled nature of our agri-food systems, and to make sense of changing socio-ecological assemblages and subjectivities, as interrelated elements.

Programme

09.15: Welcome and Introduction

09.30: The diversity, complexity and ambiguity of AEG

(Discussant: Terry Marsden)

Sustainability's Demise? Paradoxical effects of implementing the EU's geolabel. A case study from Cyprus (Gisela Welz)

Governance as practices and assemblages: looking at the transformative potential of AEG (Jérémie Forney, Dana Bentia, Ismaël Tall & Thomas Vetter)

The changing landscape of agri-environmental governance in Indonesia (Angga Dwiartama)

14.00: Confronting novelty in governance, old problems and new challenges

(Discussant: Hugh Campbell)

Critical debates in agri-environmental policy design and implementation: Hard paths, soft paths, and artificial paths (Steven Wolf)

Post-Normal Conservation: Re-Ordering of Biodiversity Governance and Environmental Subjectivity (Katja Neves)

The Politics of Big Data: Corporate Agrifood Governance meets "Weak" Resistance (Michael Carolan)

17.15 Conclusion

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