

International Agri-food Lecture

What is alternative, what is conventional? Transformations in agri-food systems

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Alternative food networks have become a wide spread and extremely diverse phenomenon: farmers' market, Community supported agriculture, local and organic food networks, etc. Everywhere, different ways of producing, trading and consuming food have developed, contesting the domination of the so called "conventional" food system. Or this is the black and white story we are used to. Things might be more complex however. In this presentation we will try to overcome some of the limitations resulting of the binary opposition between alternative and conventional, aiming at a better and subtler understanding of change in the food system.

Jérémie Forney's research focuses on the transformation of farming and agri-food networks, especially farmers' adaptation to political and economic changes. He is further working on processes of localisation and ecologisation in agri-food networks. His work has recently developed in a re-conceptualisation of autonomy as a key element in the transformation of agri-food systems.



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