



**Food Sovereignty**  
**Post-capitalist Societies**  
**Capitalocene**  
**(a research agenda)**

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# Other Paradigms or Other Models of Civilization?

Goal:

**Assure social progress  
compatible with planetary  
balance**

Challenge:

**Avoid Capitalocene's "implacable logic"**

# **Current Challenge**

**Create opportunities to build a more equitable, healthier, and less conflictive world**

**What is a promising point of departure?**

# What society do we want?

**Limits to growth?**

**Whose Technical Progress?**

**Social Interaction:**

gift/reciprocity

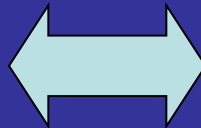
**Full employment w/o poverty**

**Exchange:** local monies, markets

# Which model of country?

## Homogeneous World

- **Modernized:**
- urban-industrial;
- interdependent;
- Integrated
- Advanced Technology
- Backwardness of many



## Diverse worlds

- Important rural society
- Dynamic agriculture
- Diversified producers
- Self-sufficiency
- Dialogue

**Science for Capital**

**Science for welfare**

# How to achieve this?

**Direct democracy**

**Basic Needs:** guarantees

**Social Responsibility:**

Everybody works

**Local development**

**Inclusion:** mutual commitments



# **Can we build alternative societies?**

***Forging niches of sustainability within a world of consumption and waste?***

¡Of course...! Crisis of civilization

# **Basic principles for forging ALTERNATIVES**

**Autonomy**

**Solidarity**

**Self-sufficiency**

**Productive diversification**

**Sustainable management**



# **Solidarity:**

Fundamental for social development

## **Necessary for:**

- Defining/defending basic needs
- Producing/procuring basic needs
- Workers'/People's control
- Conservation/rehabilitation of ecosystems

# Dialogues among knowledge systems:

- New forms of learning – among people
- Integrate theoretical reflection w/  
academic and social practice
- Deepen methodological **pluralism**
- Construct **new** ‘post-capitalist’  
**societies**

# How to begin thinking?

**Collaboration: confronting visions  
educators/barefoot researchers**

**Forge Niches of  
Sustainability**

# Thinking about (Losing) Sovereignty

- 1) Power, power ...
- 2) International integration
- 3) International relations
- 3) Technology – Green revolution

# Elements of a Food System

- 1) International State System
- 2) Division of Labor and Trade
- 3) Rules of Alt. Food Regimes
- 4) Forms of Capital Accumulation
- 5) Relations betw/ Agriculture and Industry
- 6) Social Forces
- 7) Internal Contradictions
- 8) Transitions betw/ Food Regimes

# Food Security

**Situation that exists when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life. (FAO, 2002)**

# Food Sovereignty (1)

1. To control or determine the shape of all aspects of the food system
2. To produce sufficient and healthy food in culturally appropriate and ecologically sustainable ways, normally in and near their locales



# Food Sovereignty (2)

3. To utilize and develop agro-ecological approaches to production
4. To protect farmers' right to seed, land, water and fair markets, and their communities, livelihoods and social and environmental sustainability

# Food Sovereignty (3)

5. For the development of regional, national and international policies that can democratize the administration of food systems and further the realization of (i)–(iv)

# **Interim(!) Results**

## **(Hypotheses for CROP project)**

**Poverty is not Acceptable**

(The community is responsible to all)

**Unemployment is not Necessary**

(A waste of energies and creativity)

**Food Sovereignty IS a strategy**

# Sources of Conflict

**What/how is to be produced?**

**Diet – traditional or modern**

**Where – local, regional, national, int'l**

**Scale – small, industrial,**

**Who – individual, community, commercial**

**How – traditional, organic, agrochemical,  
agroecological**