



Political Ecology, Agroecology, and Food Sovereignty

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This Special Issue is concerned with linking the analysis of capitalism and its ecological contradictions to a political ecology of emancipatory praxis—in other words, how to confront and resolve these contradictions through social relational transformation that constructs noncapitalist political structures in alignment with ecological capacities. This praxis will focus on two approaches to the means of generating human sustenance that is socially egalitarian and ecologically sustainable—agroecology and food sovereignty. Thus, agroecology is an approach to farming that ecologically attempts to provide sustainable yields through the use of environmentally sound management technologies, while politically it pursues “forms of social action which redirect the course of co-evolution between nature and society in order to address the crisis of modernity”. Food sovereignty bases itself on agroecology, whilst emphasizing the political dimension which “implies new social relations free of oppression and inequality between men and women, peoples, racial groups, social and economic classes and generations”.





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