

Agro-ecology

Objective 3.2

To become familiar with several transition alternatives of different size and scope, and their respective strengths and limits as pathways to transforming the food system.

(115 minutes)

3.4 Watch “Earth Talk: Agroecology: Who Will Feed us in a Planet in Crisis with Miguel A. Altieri.”

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Altieri, Miguel. “Who Will Feed us in a Planet in Crisis?” video, 46:49, posted by Schumacher College to YouTube on March 10, 2016.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV2IG0qT91s> [_https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV2IG0qT91s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TV2IG0qT91s)

Miguel Altieri, an internationally respected agro-ecology expert and activist from Latin America, guides us to a deeper understanding of agro-ecology. He explains agro-ecology, its methods, its multiple benefits, and the politics of transition. Pay close attention to the efficiency of agro-ecological methods that he highlights. Take note of the rapid horizontal transmission of knowledge through peasant-to-peasant movements and how these groups organize and federate their political efforts from the local level to the global. Reflect on the strategies, priorities, and methods these movements use and the impacts they are generating. Finally, take note of how they respond to climate breakdown. We encourage you to watch the whole lecture. For a focused viewing, start at minute 14:20 (33 minutes).

Local food models have been evolving in wide range of settings. In this next set of readings and videos, reflect on each of their potentials to advance systems change. At the same time, consider their limits.