

Concentration and Crises: Exploring the Deep Roots of Vulnerability in the Global Industrial Food Systems



The world is in the grips of a multi-dimensional food crisis. The effects of the war in Ukraine, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate emergency are wreaking havoc on global food supply chains and contributing to rising world hunger.

This talk outlines some of the key features of the global food system that makes it prone to crises in the face of shocks, identifying concentration as a common thread at multiple scales of the system. It draws lessons from the origins of this multi-level concentration to inform the current food systems transformation agenda.



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Lunch will be provided.

