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Thinking Beyond Sustainability: The Need to Negotiate Food System Resilience

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Abstract

My talk will bring together food system thinking, sustainability metrics and resilience concepts. I will argue that strategies aimed at enhancing resilience by increasing robustness of, and/or recovery to the status quo of food system outcomes are inherently unsustainable, whereas accepting a different set of outcomes can both enhance resilience and be more sustainable. This will however need a shift from the ongoing productionist paradigm underpinning 'meeting demand' to one more related to 'managing demand'. It will also require negotiation between a broader set of food system actors than is currently the norm.

Biography: Dr John Ingram

Dr John Ingram is an Associate Professor and Senior Research Fellow at Somerville College, University of Oxford.

His interests are in the conceptual framing of food systems; the interactions among the many food system actors and their varied activities, and the outcomes of their activities for food security, livelihoods, enterprise and business, and environment; scenario analysis; and food system resilience.

He has designed and led regional food system research projects in Europe, south Asia, southern Africa and the Caribbean and has conceived, developed and/or led a range of major international research initiatives. He has had substantial interaction with FAO, UNEP and CGIAR and many other international organisations, with national departments and agencies, with NGOs, and with businesses in the food sector, helping to establish research on the links between food security and environment through the analysis of food systems.

In addition to leading the Food Systems Transformation Research Group within Oxford's Environmental Change Institute, he leads the multi-university post-graduate 'Interdisciplinary Food Systems Teaching and Learning' programme (**IFSTAL**); co-leads the Foresight4Food (**F4F**) and Food System Impact Valuation (**FoodSIVI**) programmes; and coordinates the Global Food Security £15m programme '**Resilience of the UK Food System**'.