

TOWARDS MULTISPECIES FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

COMPETITIVE ADAPTATION AND RELATIONAL FUTURES AT THE LAND-SEA INTERFACE

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In an era of climate change, humans must navigate livable futures in relation to all other species with whom they co-inhabit the earth. While farmers are sometimes understood as stewards of the land who craft landscapes in cooperation with other species, the move from land to sea illuminates crucial tensions in the more-than-human dimensions of food sovereignty. Fishers compete for declining fish stocks with growing populations of grey seals and invasive fish species. Each shift in food web dynamics reverberates through fishers' social networks as they navigate EU fishing quotas, technologies, markets, and marine conservation. I contemplate how this shifts our understanding of adaptation, interdependence, and multispecies food sovereignty for livable futures.

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