

# **Food Inequalities (old & new) and the Long Pursuit of Food Democracy**

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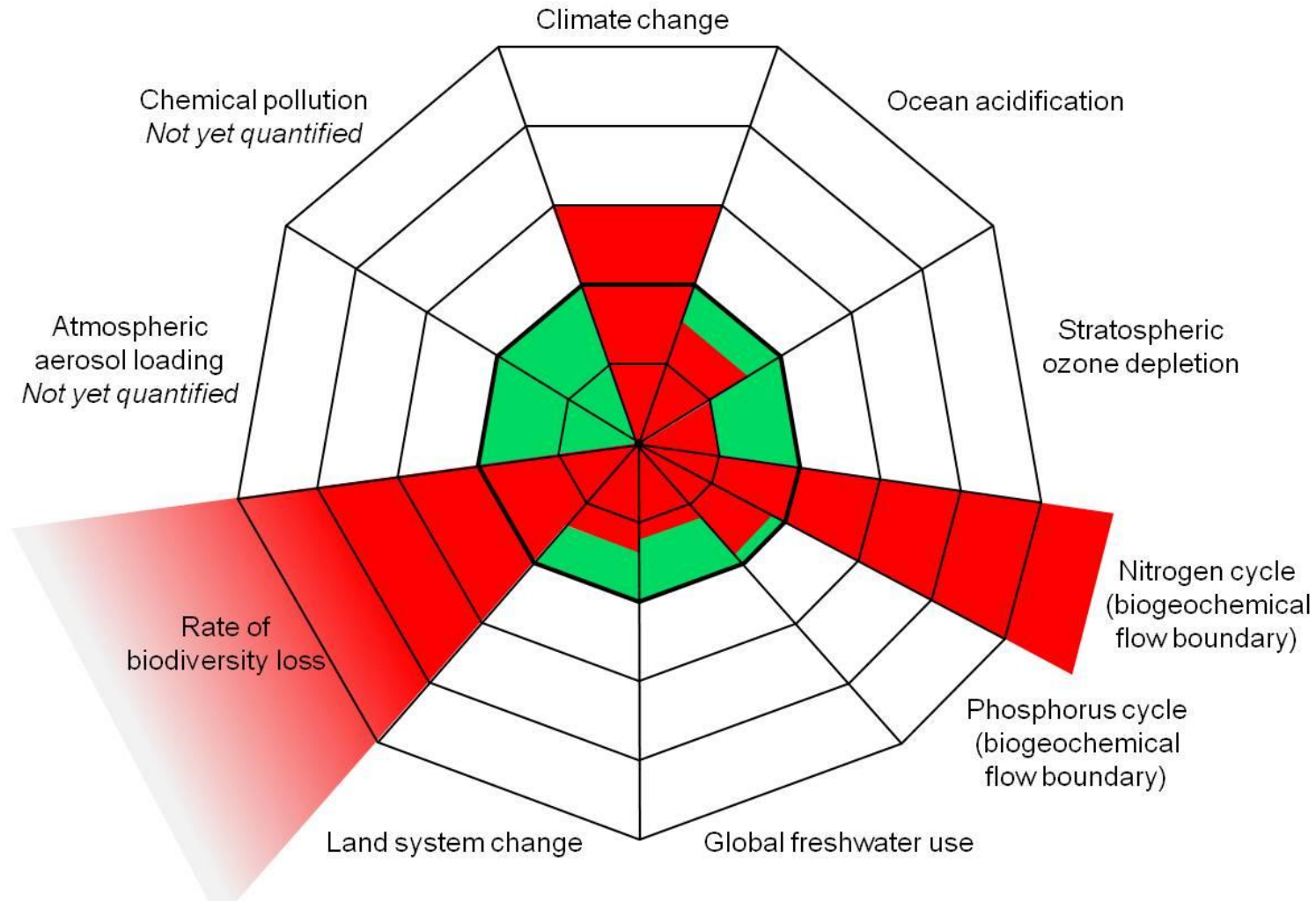
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# Introduction

# **1. 21<sup>st</sup> century picture**

# Planetary Boundaries Exceeded?



Rockström, J., W. Steffen, et al. (2009). "A safe operating space for humanity." Nature 461: 472-475

## **2. What's driving this food world?**

# Global top retailers

source: Kantar/The Grocer July 2 2011

Rank	Company	Home	Total Sales \$ bn	Stores	Sales outside hm country
1	Wal-Mart	US	326,577	8,535	27%
2	Carrefour	France	96,264	14,170	59%
3	Tesco	UK	72,124	5,380	33%
4	Metro	Germany	67,643	2,178	62%
5	Costco	US	60,684	574	
6	Kroger	US	60,632	3,609	
7	Schwarz	Germany	59,086	10,123	

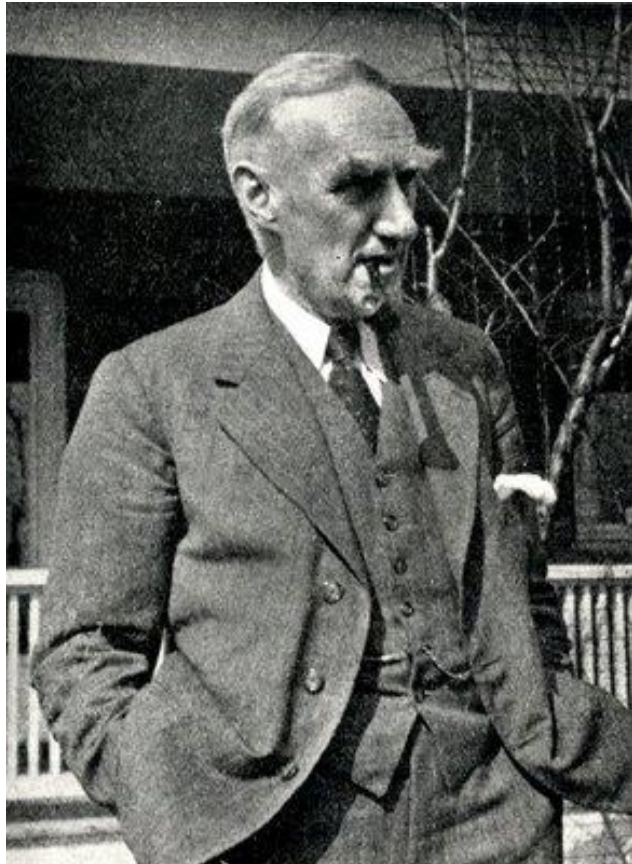
# **3. Is 'Food Democracy' useful?**

# **4. Is there a 'Food Democratic Transition'?**

**5. Does this help to  
understand the present  
features of the world of food?**

# **6. Policy response**

# Linking food, health, income & justice



**John Boyd Orr**  
**(1880-1971)**  
public health researcher  
1<sup>st</sup> D-G of FAO



**Sicco Mansholt**  
**(1908-1995)**  
1<sup>st</sup> European Agriculture  
Commissioner for 1958-1972

# **CAP's origins are 1930s science: the Productionist Paradigm**

Lang & Heasman (2004) *Food Wars*

**Science + capital +  
distribution → output →  
cheaper food → health  
= progress**

# New agenda is a food world of 'poly-values'

Quality	Social values
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taste</li> <li>• Seasonality</li> <li>• Cosmetic</li> <li>• Fresh (where appropriate)</li> <li>• Authenticity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pleasure</li> <li>• Identity</li> <li>• Animal welfare</li> <li>• Equality &amp; justice</li> <li>• Trust</li> <li>• Choice</li> <li>• Skills (citizenship)</li> </ul>
Environment	Health
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Energy use</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Land use</li> <li>• Soil</li> <li>• Biodiversity</li> <li>• Waste reduction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Nutrition</li> <li>• Equal access</li> <li>• Availability</li> <li>• Social status/ affordability</li> <li>• Information &amp; education</li> </ul>
Economy	Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food security &amp; resilience</li> <li>• Affordability (price)</li> <li>• Efficiency</li> <li>• True competition &amp; fair returns</li> <li>• Jobs &amp; decent working conditions</li> <li>• Fully internalised costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science &amp; technology evidence base</li> <li>• Transparency</li> <li>• Democratic accountability</li> <li>• Ethical values (fairness)</li> <li>• International aid &amp; development</li> </ul>

# A new phase for CAP evolution?

(after Crosskey 2011)

1. 1957-62: Creation of CAP
2. 1962-92: Stimulation of production
3. 1992-2003: Responding to international pressure
4. 2003-13: Decoupling + rural development
5. 2013-30: **Sustainable food linking production and consumption**

# **7. How academics can help**

# Conclusion

We have much to do!

Thanks!

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