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Panel Title:

Agrarian Modernization, a global transboundary process that generates local asymmetries

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This panel wants to analyze the technology transference during Agrarian Modernization and point its impact at the socio-environmental level from a comparative and connected global perspective.

The agrarian modernization implemented through Institutes of Agrarian Research (IARs) in collaboration with international institutions, was not just a translation of the agrarian transformations that took place in United States before 1930s.

The geopolitical context and the social reality of the different regions where it expanded were quite different, as well as the interest of local elites. Therefore, the effects of this cultural and technological package differed according to the

diverse geographical, environmental, economic and social particularities where it spread.

Although this process has allowed the connection between the spaces of production and consumption, it ignored local particularities. And had an enormous social cost, as broad rural sectors have been excluded and have become urban poors.

Goal

Explain this process from a regional perspective but considering a global perspective to understand its role in the configuration of the geopolitical scenery that emerged after the second half of XX and in the expansion of a global agrofood network based on the export of agricultural commodities.