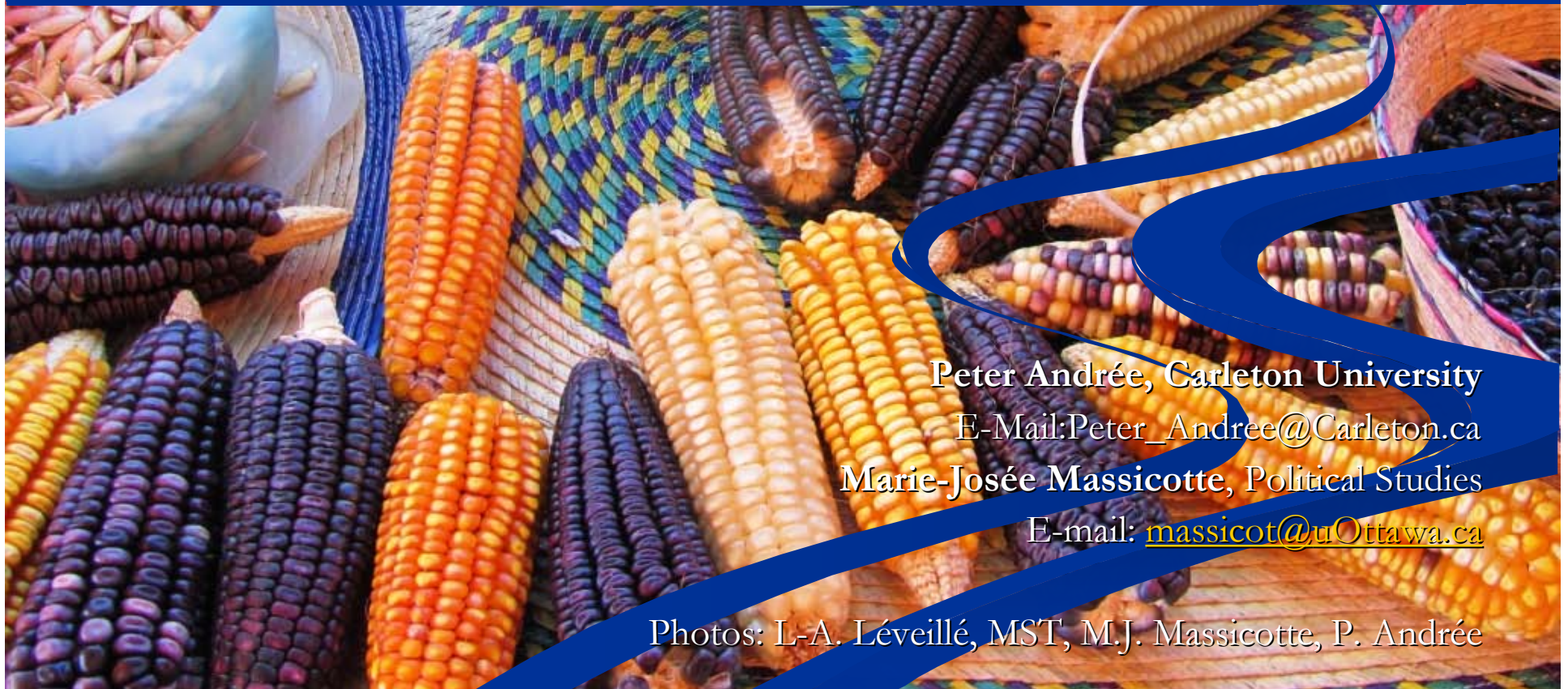


Contesting Agro-Extractivism, Insights from Food Sovereignty Activism

Beyond Extraction

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Globalization and Food Sovereignty: Global and Local Change in the New Politics of Food

- Contestation and responses to agro-extractivism:
 - appropriation and exploitation of agricultural resources for commercial purposes
 - industrial, capital- and energy-intensive, favouring large-scale monoculture, often for export markets
- Globalizing food regime



'Global' food crisis?

- 2007-2008: food price hikes and protests
- Obesity and food shortages
- Agrofuels production (R&D)
- Climate change
- Speculation and control by a few large agribusinesses and investors



Three key dimensions of FS



1. Socio-economic well-being

- Agricultural production
- Social reproduction (sustaining life)

2. Ecology

- Stewards of natural resources, biodiversity, cultural diversity

3. Democratic governance from below

- Autonomy/self-determination, democratic decision-making by small producers, and consumers

Four lines of inquiry + CDN examples and questions

- Neoliberalism
 - Social Movement Analysis
 - Efforts for social and ecological “protection”
 - Knowledge as power
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- Across all four lines of inquiry: race and indigeneity, gender and class

1) Neoliberalism

- Shaping global food systems
AND shaping resistance



- Example: Savour Ottawa



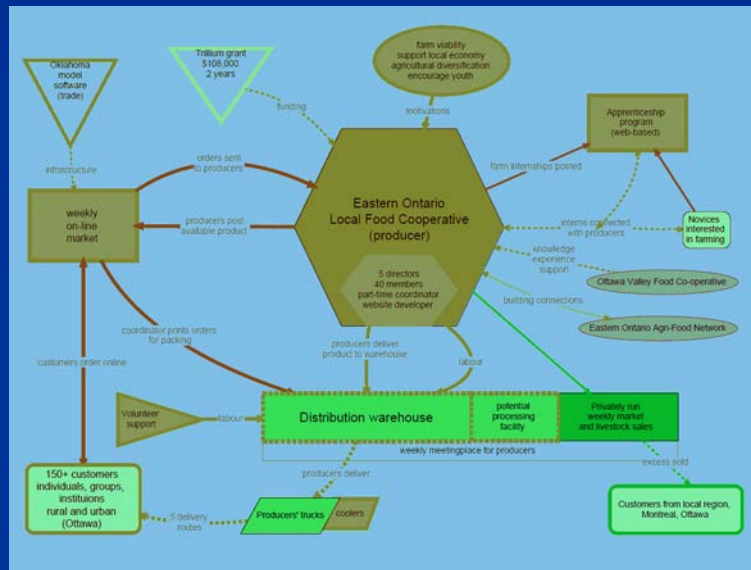
Find out Where to Buy
Local Food this
Spring Season



Q: How best to theorize food activism that appears to be attacking neoliberalism, but using neoliberal tools to do so?

2) Social Movement Analysis

■ Example: Ontario Community Food Initiatives:



<http://nourishingontario.ca/>

- Q: How to scale up or scale out (without selling out)?

3) Polanyi's 'Protectionism'

■ Example: Food Secure Canada



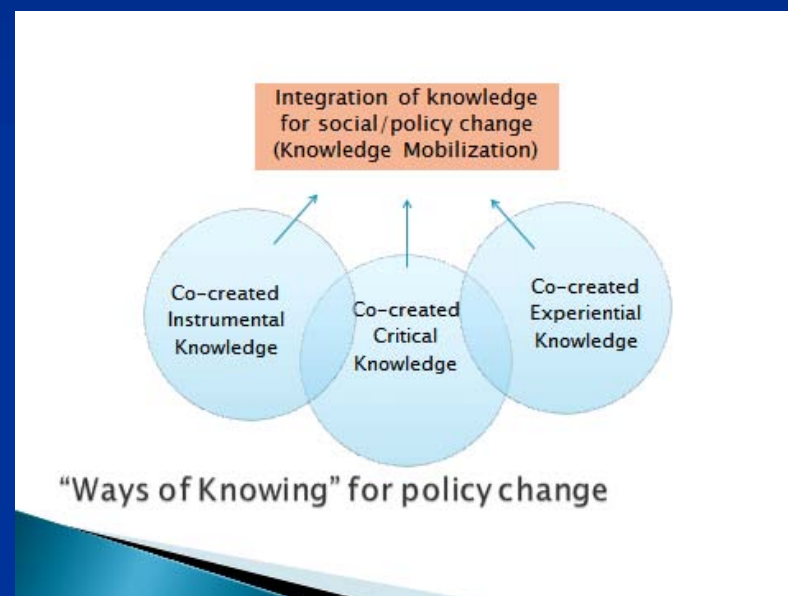
Food Sovereignty in Canada,
across producer and consumer
interests?

4) Knowledge as power

■ Example:



<http://www.foodsecurityresearchcentre.ca>



Q: how do you **really** work across diverse experiences and knowledges to realize change?



Meegwetch, merci, thank you