



Season 3, Episode 5 – “Resilient Communities for the Future”: A GIAHS Designation for Agroforestry in Brazil”

Featuring: Dr. Evelyn Nimmo

Discussion Questions

1. How might the GIAHS designation (and project activities like creating digital narratives) help convince young people to stay in their communities and farm using traditional systems? Why is this a goal for the project?
2. Dr. Nimmo talks about the “human elements” of the erva mate system, why are those just as important as the biophysical elements? What might this mean for our understanding of ‘conservation’?
3. A goal of the project is to help traditional farmers recover autonomy and recognition, to challenge the invisibilization of the farmer in the supply chain of erva mate. Can you apply this idea of invisibilization to your own experience of accessing food? Do you know of concepts, social movements or business approaches that attempt to increase democracy in food systems? What is the role of consumers in all of this?
4. How does the work of CEDErva, and the erva mate growers, challenge common perceptions of what is meant by “modern” and “innovative” when it comes to food systems?
5. What role does farmer-to-farmer knowledge sharing, and recognition of the role of Indigenous knowledge, play in a process of reconciliation in settler-colonial contexts like Brazil (and other places)?