

Webinar

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Corporate concentration and power in the global food system



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Event Summary:

Corporate concentration has become a dominant feature of the modern industrial food system. In nearly all stages of global food supply chains, from farm inputs, to production, to trade, to food processing and food retail, a common pattern is that just a handful of transnational firms tend to dominate markets and wield significant power. What does this concentrated power mean for food security and food system sustainability, especially for the world's poorest people and countries? This talk examines the implications of concentrated corporate power in the global food system in the context of the current climate and COVID crises, and maps out potential policy options to rein in corporate power in the sector.

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