

Reembedding economy and society into ecosystem: Inspirations from ecological farmers from Nepal's Chitwan Valley

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Bhattarai explores the centrality of farming in creating an ecologically and humanely non-destructive future. Ecological agriculture founded on the ecosystem processes has the potential to produce food and other necessities while providing a host of other functions required for ecosystem resilience in a world increasingly faced with uncertainties and resource depletion. Based on over a decade of involvement in ecological agriculture in Nepal including a recent 15 month long ethnographic research among a group of ecologically-oriented farmers in Nepal's Chitwan valley, he proposes that the way a variety of agronomic, labour and market practices these farmers are generating provide some clues to contributing towards a future firmly reembedded in the ecosystem.

Anil Bhattarai is a columnist, researcher and an activist. With masters in Economics (Tribhuvan University, Nepal), in public health (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi) and Medical Anthropology (University of North-Carolina, US), his scholarly focus has been decidedly transdisciplinary. At University of Toronto as a PhD Candidate he is exploring the way intentional ecological farming practices are transforming Nepal's agrarian landscape in some profound ways and how those practices could provide insights into a viable future for the world increasingly enmeshed in multiple crises engendered by fossil-fuelled and globally integrated industrialism.



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