

Biotechnology, Globalization and Food Security

How plant patents and trade policy threaten the global food supply

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at 7:00pm
Bass Lecture Hall, University of Texas

Free lecture featuring Devinder Sharma, noted Indian journalist and outspoken critic of industrial agriculture, genetically engineered crops, globalization and free trade.



Devinder Sharma, who trained as an agricultural scientist, is an award-winning Indian journalist and former Development Editor of the Indian Express, the largest selling English language daily in India at that time. He is well-known and respected for his views on food and trade policy.

His books include:

- ♦ GATT and India: The Politics of Agriculture
- ♦ GATT to WTO: Seeds of Despair
- ♦ In the Famine Trap
- ♦ Keeping the Other Half Hungry (forthcoming)

In New Delhi, he chairs an independent collective, the Forum for Biotechnology & Food Security, which was successful in stopping the import of recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH) into the country, banning the genetically engineered terminator technology's entry into India and delaying the introduction of genetically modified Bt cotton in India.

Globalization affects us all

On the eve of the FTAA (Free Trade Area of Americas) ministerial meeting from November 20-21 in Miami, this lecture will drive home exactly how corporate-controlled globalization is affecting the most basic rights of both individuals and sovereign nations.

How will the FTAA spread GMOs?

The US is trying to use the FTAA (much like it is using the WTO) to force all countries in the hemisphere to accept biotechnology and genetically engineered (GE) foods for the benefit of unregulated US corporations. Yet food security organizations all over the world agree that these technologies will only increase hunger in poor nations. The US is also trying to expand NAFTA's corporate protectionism rules on patents to the whole hemisphere.

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Stop the FTAA: Another World Is Possible, November 17-22.
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