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THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LOCAL FOOD SYSTEMS: STORIES OF RESISTANCE AND STRUGGLE IN SIERRA DE CÁDIZ (ANDALUSIA)

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This paper analyses the transitions and dynamics of one Local Food System (LFS) in Sierra de Cádiz (Andalusia). The article reviews the history of this LFS through three different stories. These stories are considered paradigmatic examples of the three main strategies of local actors involved in the LFS. These strategies are studied in relation to the internal and external pressure that affected this LFS in the last 30 years.

This article use an ethnographic approach to underlines the internal complexity of LFSs and the need of critical analysis that focus on internal and external power relationships. Furthermore, it highlights the existence of these local power dynamics around the definition of quality, and the different ways of legitimation that local actors use in these processes.