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In *The Visible Hands That Feed*, Ruzana Liburkina offers essential insights into the characteristics that inform day-to-day operations within the food sector. This work is a valuable contribution to the discipline of ethnography and the literature on sustainable development in the food sector. While uninhibited in offering criticism of the present food sector's role in the ongoing climate crisis, Liburkina also leaves room for hope for future sustainable development in the everyday work that feeds you and me.

Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in Europe and South America, Liburkina evaluates two supply chains for rice and wheat from grain production to preparation with the exclusion of the practices of end consumers. The first chain under consideration is a transcontinental rice supply chain linking economic actors in Uruguay with the European Union and the second is a bread supply chain entirely located in Germany. One of the great strengths and novelties of this work is the situating of the mundane, day-to-day realities of food sector practitioners into the broader image of market structures and material flows. Underlying insights into the general operation of these structures, anecdotes from her fieldwork center the agency of individual participants throughout. Space is given to the people who work within organizational structures thus rendering these agents as visible in the operation of these systems. The professional experiences, concerns, and daily workflows of the chefs and quality assurance employees alike are rendered visible and considered as mechanisms for manifesting understandings of responsibility and growth day to day.

Convincingly dispelling assumptions that these food systems are solely informed by market and profit-driven objectives, the study centers on practitioners’ attribution of meaning to food. The materialities, knowledge systems, and ethics that underpin the production, distribution, and consumption of food are accounted for. In this in-
stance, the core of the book centers on two important, if vague, themes of responsibility and growth in the food sector.

Both in terms of responsibility and growth, Liburkina considers "audit culture," which is the idea that reporting schemes and certifications mediate corporate responsibility. Within this culture, it is suggested that instead of merely upholding existing structures, such schemes could be reappropriated to reorder agrifood systems. Understandings of responsibility are traced within the apparatus of audit culture, the everyday work of quality control practitioners, and the notion of the "sovereign customer." At each level, Liburkina weaves anecdotes and stories from her observations within these organizations, successfully grounding these scholarly findings into the real-world chains and operations in question. Underpinned with insights from this small scale, attention is drawn to where formalized forms of responsibility relations discourage reflexivity across agrifood systems. Social connectedness not usually characterized as a major feature of large-scale industrial food operations is found to be a key element in the pursuit of economic interests and profit maximization. Liburkina suggests that re-making food systems must contend with and challenge the existing dynamics of social connectedness in terms of who is excluded and why. Similarly, a case study of one alternative food network's commitment to nongrowth is demonstrated to possess the capacity to facilitate economic expansion at certain stages, which complicates any underlying assumptions about the concept of growth in the sector.

While retaining an underlying commitment to sustainable change, Liburkina is careful not to condemn all forces and agents at play in the food systems under examination. Instead, the organizational and belief systems that underpin these structures are criticized with an understanding of the efforts and individuals that maintain them. Liburkina suggests, among other proposals, that an important strategy for sustainability is to maintain an ongoing commitment to reimagining and reflexivity concerning everyday operations within the food sector. In this sense, the overall tone of the work is that of optimism for the future of our food provisioning systems.
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