

(2025 February 20) Animal Agriculture and Its Impact on Earth - Rao (Planet Critical)

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My comment to this Planet: Critical episode (MG):

The official line (IPCC etc) on addressing the climate crisis has been to focus on cutting down fossil production with a decidedly negative attitude toward less techy approaches. While this undoubtedly has some crowd-soothing (and politician-satisfying) affects, it is also, as usual, the techno-national means (contra Einstein) for profit-making mitigation (or deferral) via tech fixes, as if those will correct the tech-fixes that got us into the tech mess we're in.

Sailesh Rao's insistence on a species-aware, synergistic systems or holistic (some would say common sense) focus on exactly those other approaches, in combination with tech reductions, has made his position controversial (to say the least), despite the increasing admission that fossil fuel reduction is not happening and not likely to happen in a capital-driven, energy-insatiable global economy; that official calculations do not consider (or do not adequately account for) such obvious contributions to carbon loads as extractive ocean-trawling and CO(2) release from melting arctic and antarctic systems; and technocratic institutions refuse to engage with the full range of global cumulative impacts animal agriculture has on biological, chemical and meteorological planetary boundary transgressions.

Of course we need to move forward with carbon reduction as quickly and as broadly as feasible; but let's not neglect the equally, and just possibly more important, need to address the problem in all it's manifestations, including the need to regenerate the natural systems we have devastated by (yes, colonial) animal agriculture.

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