



# Youth engagement in agro-ecological farming

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This PhD research is part of FOREFRONT, an interdisciplinary research programme in Brazil and Mexico on complex social-ecological systems in agro-forest frontier areas. In Brazil the research is taking place in the region Zona da Mata Mineira (part of the Atlantic Forest biome) in three municipalities that can potentially form part of an ecological corridor between the Carapaó National Park and the Serra do Brigadeiro State Park. The research is part of an ongoing, long-term action research between researchers of the Federal University of Viçosa (UFV) and local peasants. This PhD research shows how rural youth in Zona da Mata become political actors by following diverse critical, place-based education initiatives. As a result of this transformative and transgressive learning, young peasants are strengthening agroecological practices on their fields, while at the same time re-signifying agroecology as a movement for cultural diversity and biodiversity. Research is based on two years of fieldwork and ethnographic filmmaking (see, for example, the link to YouTube).

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**More information:**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJD5zPz0Jbw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uJD5zPz0Jbw)

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