Geographical Indications for All

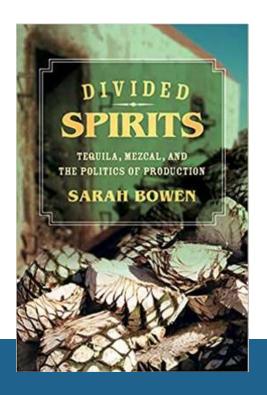
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Why GIs? My background



Tequila & mezcal (Mexico)





Comté cheese (France)



Agricultural clusters **(US)**





GIs across the **Global South**

Defining geographical indications

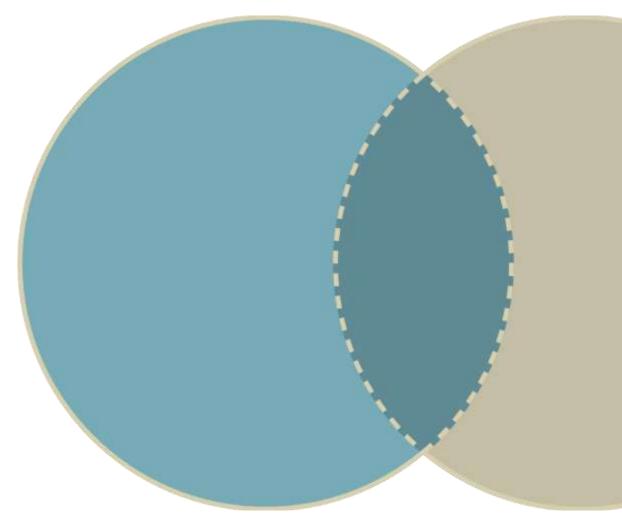
Place-based names that convey the geographical origin, as well as the cultural and historical identity, of agricultural products





Between tradition and innovation

Traditions: place, culture



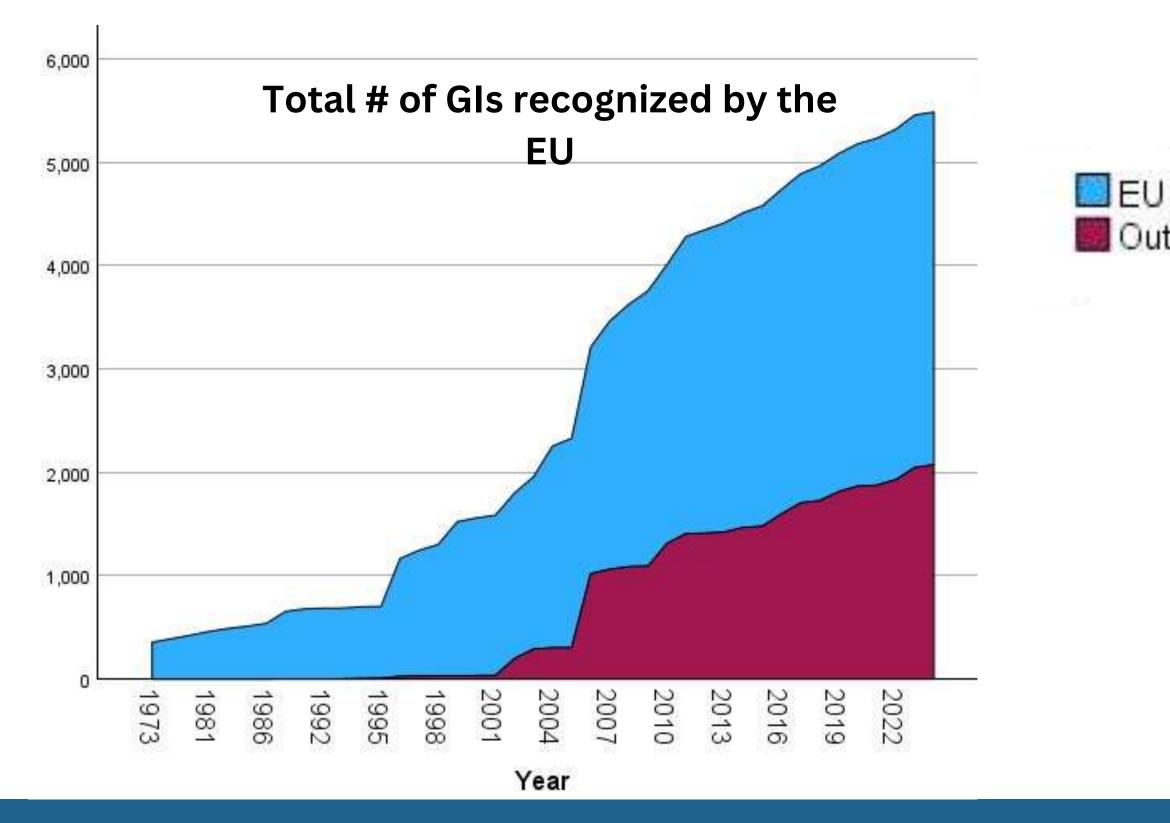
Innovations: sustainability, governance, marketing, networks

The global expansion of GIs

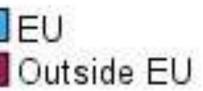




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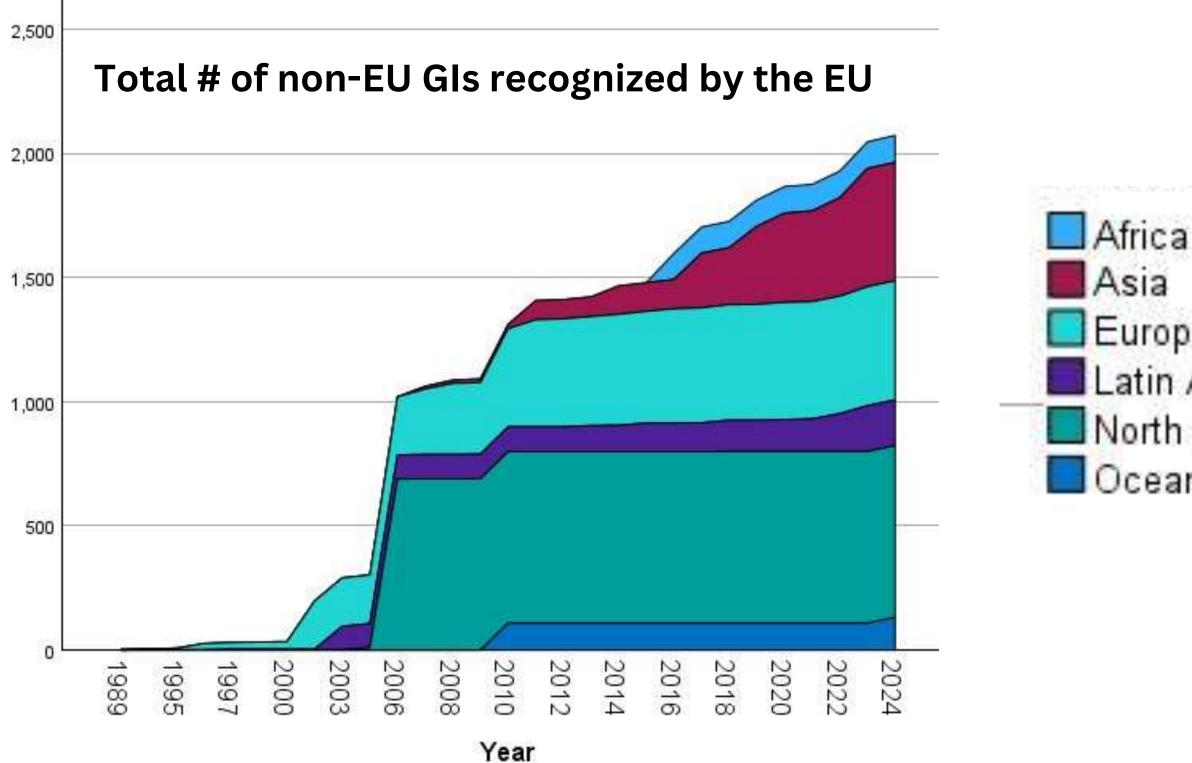






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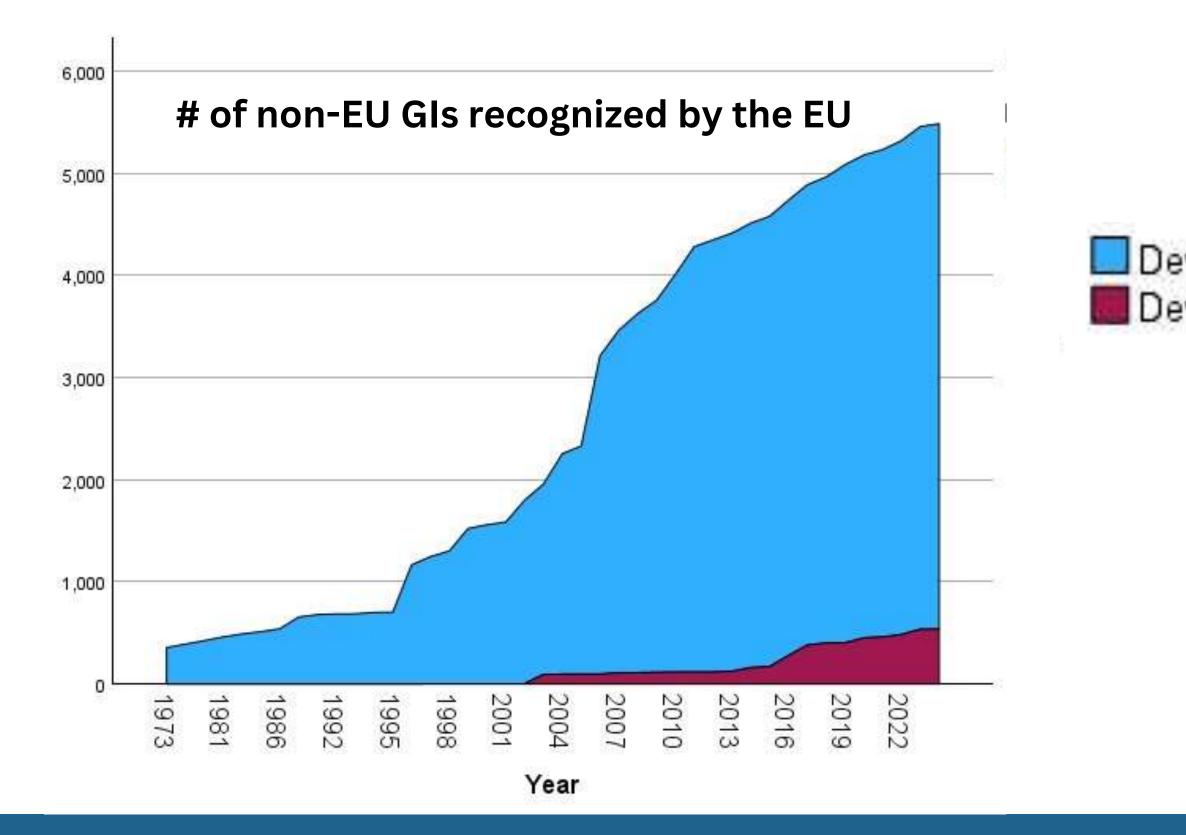
Who is included? Who is excluded?



Africa
 Asia
 Europe
 Latin America and Caribbean
 North America
 Oceania

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Developed Developing

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How can GIs address inequalities in the global food system?

What needs to change to develop "GIs for all"?



Explaining GIs' success & failure: Getting the institutions right

Legislative frameworks

Distribution of power along supply chains

Standards & codes of practice

Collective organizations

Telling the whole story: Expanding the boundaries of terroir

Broader political economic context

Regulatory institutions & governance structures

Collective understandings & organizations Agricultural & cultural practices

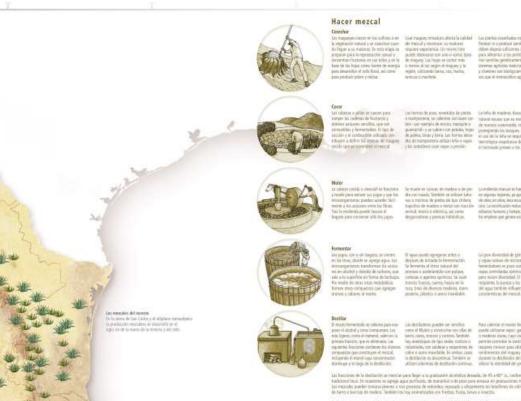
> Soil, geography, microclimate

An example

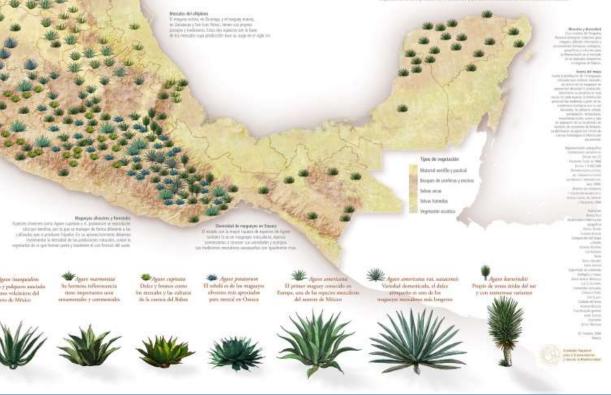






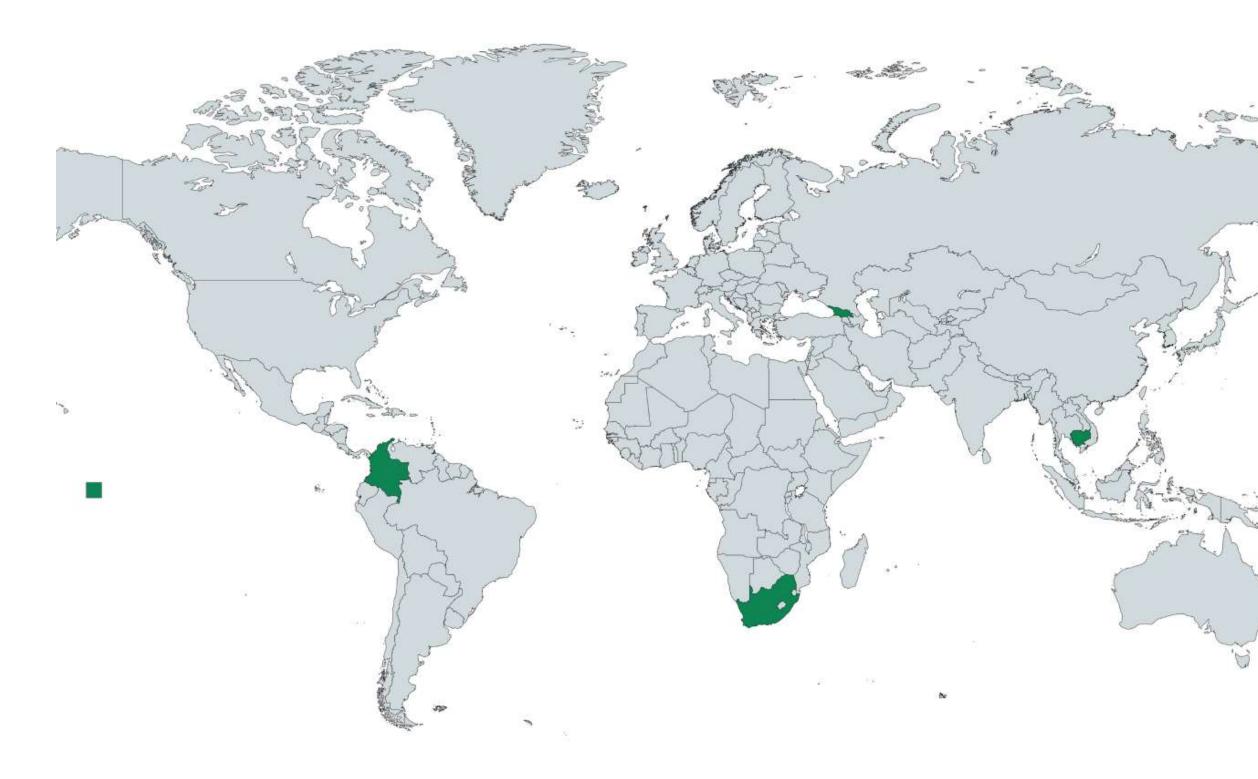


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How can GIs acknowledge and address historical legacies?

Fieldwork and preliminary analysis





Kampot pepper (Cambodia)



Qvevri wine (Georgia)



Rooibos tea (South Africa)

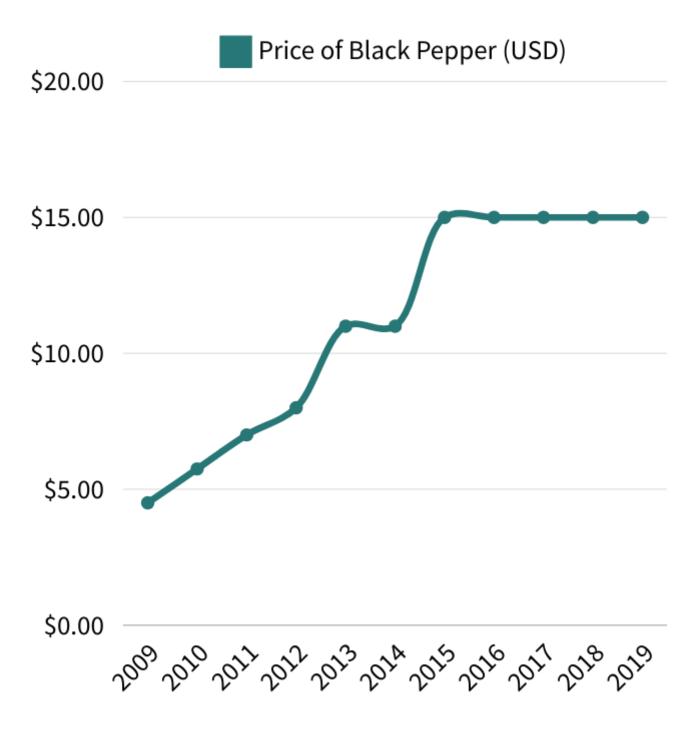


Café de Colombia (Colombia)

Cambodia: Resurgence







- Kampot pepper GI: Cambodia (2010), European Union (2016)
- Prices tripled after establishment of GI (compared to doubling for non-GI)
 Importance (and risk?) of outside

support and markets

Georgia: Self-determination













- Evidence of qvevritype clay wine vessel since 5th or 6th milennia BC
- Qvevri wine virtually prohibited during Soviet era
- Recent rebound of
- qvevri wines
- Qvevri GI: since 2021

South Africa: Inclusion







- Rooibos GI: South Africa (2014), European Union (2021)
- Entrenched inequality, historical legacies
- Benefit sharing agreement: 2019

Colombia: Vision







- Association created in 1927
- Café de Colombia GI: Colombia (2005), European Union (2007)
- Strategies for capturing value: regional designations, originroasted coffee

Conclusions: Fostering GIs for all

Selfdetermination



Resurgence

Inclusion





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