What are agronomies?

G. Serpantié, agronomist
E. Mollard, sociologist

What are agronomies?

G. Serpantié, agronomist
E. Mollard, sociologist

What are agronomies?

G. Serpantié, agronomist
E. Mollard, sociologist

= «political agronomy»

1. **agronomy** is a thought about farming

Farmers’ know-how and thought of their society underlie farming practices.

Peasants' communities

Landlords

Landlords’ written thought became the “authorized knowledge”

Peasants’ oral one became “rejected” by intellectuals and governments.
2. Agronomy is practices and powers

The powerful knowledge gave birth to Agronomy, a practice and a power:

A public function regulating farming

An elite art for managing, technically and economically, partner of kings

An hegemonic engineering based on a pile of sciences, and partner of state controls regimes to “stir up” farming
3. agronomy is a young integrated science

System agronomy is currently splitting in hybrid sub-specialties to adapt to stakes

Agro-economy, agro-ecology, practices agronomy, compared agriculture, geo-agronomy, political agronomy…

agronomy becomes a hub for partnership with academic sciences and society