## EU's anti-GMO stance reflects food security politics, not health concerns

Two years ago, a woman in a classroom with me muttered "isn't that a good thing?" about the ban on the cultivation and importation of most genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in the European Union (EU), "it protects EU citizens, right?"

"Nope, the ban on GMOs merely allows the EU to act as an autonomous region through its politics of food security. The EU set up the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in part for food security, and the ban on GMOs is but an excuse to ban foreign imports and prevent dependency on foreign seed manufacturers in order to maintain the EU's agricultural self-sufficiency," my professor for my course on the development and politics of the EU responded.

Read the full, original story here: <u>"The European Union's opposition to GM crops has nothing to do with safety"</u>

## **Additional Resources:**

 "What the French ban of Bt MON810 maize means for science-based risk assessment," Nature Biotechnology