

TRANSFORMATIONS AND VISIONS:

responses, alternatives and resistances to large-scale land deals in the Global South



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP | 23–25 MAY 2018

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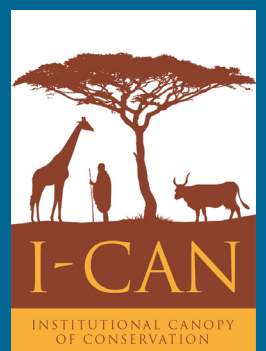
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Organisers: Günther Schlee, John Galaty, Echi Gabbert, Karen McAllister, Caroline Seagle

Programme

Wednesday, May 23rd

12:00 *Informal get-together for lunch at “Haus und Hof”*

13:30 *Registration*

Welcome Note and Presentations by the Hosts of the Workshop

14:30 **Günther Schlee**

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Land Grabbing and Migration to Europe

15:00 **John Galaty**

I-CAN (Institutional Canopy of Conservation) project and Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Institutions, Ontologies and Interests: friction between states, investors and communities over saving and ceding lands in rural Africa

15:30 **Echi Gabbert**

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Georg August University Göttingen & ‘Lands of the Future’ Research Initiative, Germany

Lands of the Future Research Initiative - Welcome Note

15:45 *Coffee break*

Session: Institutions, Resistances and Alternatives to Large-Scale Land Deals in Africa

Chair: Echi Christina Gabbert, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Georg August University Göttingen & ‘Lands of the Future’ Research Initiative, Germany

16:00 **Michael Ochieng Odhiambo**

Land and Rural Development (PLRD), Kombewa Centre, Kenya

Good Policies, Bad Practice: a reflection on the limits of regional and national policies in securing pastoral land rights in Kenya

16:30 **Kelly Askew and Rie Odgaard (co-author)**

LSA Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A. and Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark

“Collective Land Rights” Reconsidered: experiences from East Africa

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17:00 *Coffee break*

17:15 **Dessalegn Rahmato**

Ethiopian Academy of Sciences (EAS) and Forum for Social Studies, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Land Deals, Rural Unrest and the Crisis of State in Ethiopia

17:45 **Stanley Kimaren Riamit**

Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA), Narok, Kenya

Land Grabs from Within and Below: lessons regarding legal resistance and community action in Maji Moto, Kenya

Plenary Discussion

Chair: *Karen McAllister, Faculty of Arts, International Development Studies, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada*

18:15 What is at stake in responses, alternatives and resistances to Large-Scale Land Deals in the Global South?

18:45 *Section meetings & workshops (further information to follow at conference)*

20:00 *Dinner at the restaurant "Wildschütz"*

21:00 *Wrap-up day 1*

Thursday, May 24th

Session: The Turbulence of Pastoralism and Land Use

Chair: *Kelly Askew, LSA Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, U.S.A.*

09:00 **Nikolaus Schareika and Mark Moritz**

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Georg August University Göttingen, Germany and Department of Anthropology, Ohio State University, Columbus, U.S.A.

Critical Transitions from Pastoralism to Ranching in Central Africa

09:30 **Saverio Krätli**

DITSL the German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture, and Transdisciplinary and Social-ecological Landuse Research, Witzenhausen, Germany and IUAES Commission on Nomadic Peoples

Order OR Stability. Farming-pastoralism systems, from misrepresentation to turbulence

10:00 **Ivo Strecker**

Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

Reckless Herders. Report from the Hamar Integrated Pasture Project in Southern Ethiopia

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10:30 **Echi Gabbert**

Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Georg August University Göttingen & 'Lands of the Future' Research Initiative, Germany

Experts, Stakeholders and World Makers? Possibilities and limits of the global neighbourhood approach in land use research

11:00 *Coffee break*

Session: Responses and Resistances to State and Corporate Impositions, Part I

Chair: Jacques Pollini, I-CAN (*Institutional Canopy of Conservation*) project, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

11:15 **Christophe Gironde**

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Losing Land, Losing Ground? Dispossession and resilience in Northeastern Cambodia

11:45 **Karen McAllister**

Faculty of Arts, International Development Studies, St. Mary's University, Halifax, Canada

Negotiating Laws, Livelihoods and Landscapes: intersections between state and local responses to Chinese foreign investment in Northern Laos

12:15 *Lunch at the institute*

Session: Responses and Resistances to State and Corporate Impositions, Part II

Chair: Caroline Seagle, Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

13:15 **Dominique Caouette**

Department of Political Science and East Asian Studies Centre, Université de Montréal, Canada

Complex Encounters on the Margins: the political economy of natural resources and mining in Palawan Islands, Philippines

13:45 **Hassan Kochore**

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

Pastoralism and the Politics of 'Megaprojects': land acquisition (and dispossession) on the 'Shifting Frontiers' of Northern Kenya

14:15 **Tijo Salverda**

Global South Studies Center, University of Cologne, Germany

Facing Criticism: an analysis of (land-based) corporate responses to the large-scale land acquisition countermovement

14:45 *Coffee break*

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Session: States, Stakeholders and Land Appropriation

Chair: *Christophe Gironde, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland*

15:00 Edward Ole Iekaita Kissau

Ujamaa Community Resource Team, (UCRT) Arusha, Tanzania

Analyzing the Policy and Legal Framework in the Context of Community Land Holding in Tanzania: examining the WMA approach and legal dimensions of land conflicts in Tanzania

15:30 Corey Wright

Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

A World on Fire in Tanzania: the politics and conflicts arising in WMAs (Wildlife Management Areas)

16:00 Stephen Moiko and John Kamanga

Centre for Sustainable Dryland Ecosystems and Societies, University of Nairobi, Kenya and South Rift Association of Land Owners (SORALO), Karen, Kenya

At the Precipice of Land Loss at the Fall of the Hammer: collaborative land grabbing in Kamorora, Kenya

16:30 *Coffee break*

Film Keynote

Chair: *Echi Christina Gabbert, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Georg August University Göttingen & 'Lands of the Future' Research Initiative, Germany*

16:45 Ivo Strecker

Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz, Germany

"Guardians of productive landscape film series"- Re-thinking and reforming the relationship between subsistence and capitalist economies

Abraham and Sarah. Creators of a productive landscape (2017, 53 minutes)

Plenary Discussion

Chair: *Jun Borras, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands*

18:00 How can the relationship between subsistence and capitalist economies be re-thought?

18:45 *Section meetings & workshops (further information to follow at conference)*

20:00 *Dinner at the restaurant "Delphi"*

21:00 *Wrap-up day 2*

Friday, May 25th

Keynote Lecture

09:00 **Jun Borras**
International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands
Global Resource Grabbing, Petty Reform Incrementalism and Deep Social Reforms

09:45 *Coffee break*

Session: Conflicts and Resistances to Land Deals and Land Grabs in Africa

Chair: *Mark Goodale, Institute of Social Sciences, Laboratory of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland*

10:00 **Tobias Haller**
Institute of Social Anthropology, University of Bern, Switzerland
From Commons to Resilience Grabbing and Reverse: insights from studies on LSLA (Large-Scale Land Acquisitions) in Africa and potential responses via bottom-up institution building

10:30 **Mamy Rakotodrainibe**
Collectif pour la defense des terres malgaches (TANY Collective)
When Malagasy Citizens Abroad Participate in the Struggle Against Land Grabbing

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:15 **Abdullahi A. Shongolo**
Independent Researcher, Kenya & MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Metamorphosis of Land Grabbing: a growing transnational security challenge in Northern Kenya

11:45 **Ibrahim Elhadi Osman**
Independent Researcher, Sudan & MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany
Gunfire in Support of Land Grabbing: empirical cases from Sinnar State, Sudan

12:15 – 13:15 *Lunch at the institute*

Session: Conservation Land Deals: challenges and resistances

Chair: John Galaty, I-CAN (Institutional Canopy of Conservation) project and Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

13:15 Agnes Anthony Sirima

Department of Tourism and Recreation, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Morogoro, Tanzania

National Strategies and Local Responses to Land Appropriations for Conservation and Tourism in Tanzania

13:45 Mali Ole Kaunga and Jacques Pollini

Indigenous Mouvement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT) Kenya and I-CAN (Institutional Canopy of Conservation) project Kenya

Dispossessing and Displacing People and Livelihoods to Create Development: opening up Northern Kenya rangelands for development - development for whom?

14:15 Nobuko Nishizaki

Faculty of Human Development and Culture, Fukushima University, Japan

Nature Conservation and “Land Grab” in Southern Ethiopia: a focus on the management of natural resources

14:45 Coffee break

Session: Green Grabbing, Extraction and Resistances

Chair: Günther Schlee, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany

15:00 Mark Goodale

Institute of Social Sciences, Laboratory of Cultural and Social Anthropology, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland

The Food That Will Feed the World: Lithium extraction and ‘Colonial Environmentalism’ in Bolivia

15:30 Caroline Seagle

Department of Anthropology, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

Destroying Nature to Save it? An investigation of mining, conservation and biodiversity offsets in Madagascar

16:00 Daniel Rogei Salau

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

Ramifications of ‘Green Land Grabs’ on the Local Social-Economic and Political Ecology: the case of a Maasai community in Olkaria’s geothermal steam fields, Rift Valley, Kenya

16:30 Coffee break

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Plenary Discussion

Chair: Agnes Anthony Sirima, Department of Tourism and Recreation, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA), Morogoro, Tanzania

16:45 Transformations and Visions of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions and Resistances in the Global South: what have we learned?

17:45 **John Galaty and Günther Schlee**

Closing Remarks

18:00 *End of the Workshop*

Saturday, May 26th

Venue: Seminar Room in the MPI Guesthouse – optional Attendance

09:00 *I-CAN project roundtable discussion*
with brief introduction by John Galaty and Edward Kissau (facilitated by John Galaty and Jacques Pollini and including: Mali Ole Kaunga, Stanley Kimaren Riamit, Rogei Daniel Salau, Agnes Sirima, John Kamanga, Stephen Moiko)

11:00 *Discussion of output and publication plans*
facilitated by workshop organizers: Günther Schlee (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle/Saale, Germany) | John Galaty (McGill University, Montreal, Canada) | Echi Gabbert (Georg August University Göttingen, Germany) | Karen McAllister (Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada) | Caroline Seagle (McGill University, Montreal, Canada)