



International Conference on
Global Land Grabbing

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Provisional Programme, panels and papers

Organising committee:

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Wednesday 6 April

8.30 Registration

9.30 Opening session: Chair, Ruth Hall (PLAAS)

Welcome - Lawrence Haddad, Director, Institute of Development Studies and member of the High Level Panel of Experts of the UN FAO Committee on Food Security and Saturnino (Jun) Borras Jr., International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague and Editor, *Journal of Peasant Studies*

Keynote address – Olivier de Schutter – UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. He is Professor at the Catholic University of Louvain and at the College of Europe (Natolin), and also a member of the Global Law School Faculty at New York University and Visiting Professor at Columbia University.

Plenary discussion: defining the big questions for the conference.

11.00 Tea/coffee

11.30 Conceptual perspectives on land grabbing and the politics of agrarian change: A plenary panel and discussion (Chair: Wendy Wolford, Cornell)

- Tania Li – Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto
- Sam Moyo – Director of the African Institute of Agrarian Studies, Harare and President Codesria, Dakar
- Dianne Rocheleau – Department of Geography, Clark University

Plenary discussion: what conceptual perspectives help us understand the contemporary dynamics of land grabbing?

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Panel session 1

Panel 1 - LIVELIHOODS: Biofuels and Livelihoods

Chair: John McCarthy, Australian National University

Jennifer Baka, PhD Candidate, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, USA, *Biofuels and Wasteland Development: How India's Biofuel Policy is Aiding in Community Land Privatization in Tamil Nadu*

Festus Boamah, University of Bergen, Norway, *The relationship between land grabbing for biofuels and food security, a bane or boon? The food security implications of jatropha biodiesel project in Northern Ghana*

Victoria Marin, PhD candidate, Twente Centre for Studies in Technology and Sustainable Development-CSTM, University of Twente, Netherlands, *Biofuels and Land Appropriation in Colombia: Do Biofuels National Policies Fuel Land Grabs?*

Alberto Alonso-Fradejas, Land and Territory Area Research Coordinator. Institute for Agrarian and Rural Studies, part of Guatemala's National Coordination of NGOs and Cooperatives (IDEAR-CONGCOOP), Guatemala, *Expansion of sugar cane and oil palm plantations in indigenous and peasant land in Guatemala: Fuelling a new cycle of accumulation, territorial dominance and social vulnerability?*

Panel 2 - ENVIRONMENT: Carbon Grabs

Chair: Melissa Leach, IDS Sussex

Thomas Sikor, School of International Development, University of East Anglia, *Global enclosures? Exploring the dynamics of forest-based climate mitigation*

Melissa Leach, Institute for Development Studies (IDS) of the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK. *[title to be confirmed]*

Tor A. Benjaminsen and Ian Bryceson, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, *Conservation as land grabbing in Tanzania" (REDD and implications)*

Catherine Corson, Program in Environmental Studies, Mount Holyoke College, USA, *Madagascar, protected areas*

Panel 3 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Enclaves and Corridors

Chair: Ben White, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

Liza Grandia, Department of International Development, Community and Environment, Clark University, *Projecting Smallholders: The PPP and Land Dispossession in Northern Guatemala*

Randi Kaarhus, Associate Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies (Noragric), UMB - Norwegian University of Life Sciences: *Agricultural Development Corridors equals Land-grabbing? Models, roles and accountabilities in a Mozambican case*

Michael Levien, University of California at Berkeley, *The Land Question: Special Economic Zones and the Political Economy of Dispossession in India*

Rawat, V.B., Bhushan, M.B., Surepally, S., *The Special Economic Zones controversy in India: the need for political action*

Panel 4 - GOVERNANCE: Codes of Conduct/Roundtables

Chair: Elizabeth Fortin, University of Bristol, UK

Elizabeth Fortin, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Bristol, *Multi-stakeholder initiatives to regulate biofuels: the Roundtable for Sustainable Biofuels*

Mateo Mier y Teran, Dphil student, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, *Strengths and limitations of the Round Table for Responsible Soy – RTRS in Mato Grosso, Brazil*

Theresa Selfa, Environmental Studies, SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry, New York, USA, and Alia GANA, Directrice de recherche au CNRS, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre la Défense, *Sustainable Biofuels Certification: A new green imperialism?*

Laura Silva Castañeda, PhD Student, Laboratoire d'études du développement, Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), *Certification systems and land conflicts: the case of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil*

Panel 5 - POLITICS: Conflict and Violence

Chair: Jeff Boyer, Appalachia State University, North Carolina, USA

Jefferson Boyer, Anthropology Department, Appalachian State University and Wilfredo Cardona Peñalva, Agricultural economist, former director of Honduras's rural sustainable development research office, Ministry of Agriculture & Cattle Ranching, *Land Grabbing in Pre- and Post-Coup Honduras*

Samuel B. Mabikke, PhD Student at the Centre of Land, Water and Environmental Risk Management, Technische Universität München, *Escalating land grabbing in post-conflict areas in Africa: A Need for Strengthening Land Governance in Northern Uganda*

Markus Zander, Poptún, Petén, Guatemala, DED in cooperation with the Pastoral Social del Vicariato Apostólico de Petén and Jochen Dürr, working DED with IDEAR/CONGCOOP in Guatemala, *Dynamics of change in land tenure, local power and the peasant economy: the case of Petén, Guatemala*

Megan Ybarra, Assistant Professor, Politics Department, Willamette University, *The Civil War's Role in Guatemalan Conservation*

15.30 Tea/coffee

16.00 Panels session 2 (panels 6-10)

Panel 6 - LIVELIHOODS: Gender

Chair: Ruth Meinzen-Dick, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Ruth Meinzen-Dick (IFPRI), Julia Behrman (IFPRI), Agnes Quisumbing (IFPRI), *The Gender Implications of Large Scale Land Deals*

Diana Fletschner, Kelsey Jones-Casey, and Florence Santos, Rural Development Institute, *Rural Women and Land Conversions in China*

Patience Mutopo, PhD Candidate, Cologne Centre for African Studies, University of Cologne, Germany, *Gendered Realities: Bio fuel Production and the Politics of displacement after Land Reform in Mwenezi District, Zimbabwe*

Julia, WALHI/Dayakology Institute, Indonesia and Ben White, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), *Expropriation and incorporation: gendered politics of oil palm expansion in a Dayak Hibun community in West Kalimantan*

Panel 7 - ENVIRONMENT: Constructing Marginal Lands

Chair: Saturnino M. ('Jun') Borras Jr. International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

Saturnino M. Borras Jr., ISS (The Hague), Danilo Carranza (Rightsnet, Philippines), Jennifer C. Franco (Transnational Institute, Amsterdam) and Maria Lisa Alano (AFRIM, Philippines), *Land grabbing and the contested notion of marginal lands: Insights from the Philippines*

Rachel Nalepa, PhD student, Department of Geography and Environment, Boston University, USA, *The politicization of the pixel: land classifications and their role in the political economy of biofuels development*

Gustavo de L. T. Oliveira, PhD Student, Geography Department, University of California at Berkeley, *Land regularization in Brazil and the global land grab: a state-making framework for analysis*

Fouad Makki, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University and Charles Geisler, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, *Land Grabbing and Terra Nullius Narratives in Contemporary Ethiopia*

Panel 8 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Estates and Outgrowers

Chair: Kojo Amanor, University of Ghana

Claude Fortin, graduate student, Saint Mary's University, Canada, *The Biofuel Boom and Indonesia's Oil Palm Industry: The Twin Processes of Peasant Dispossession and Adverse Incorporation in West Kalimantan*

Farshad Araghi, Department of Sociology, Florida Atlantic University, *Land or Labor Grab? Accumulation by Displacement and the Coloniality of Capital*

Mark Maughan, graduated from University of Cambridge, *Land grab and oil palm in Colombia*

Dzodzi Tsikata and Joseph Yaro, ISSER, University of Ghana, *Land Market Liberalization And Trans-National Commercial Land Deals In Ghana Since The 1990s*

Panel 9 - GOVERNANCE: Human Rights

Chair: Sofia Monsalve, Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN)

Alison Graham, Sylvain Aubry, Rolf Künemann and Sofia Monsalve Suárez, FIAN, *Advancing*

African Agriculture (AAA): The Impact of Europe's Policies and Practices on African Agriculture and Food Security – from human rights perspective

David K. Deng, Andrea Johansson and Smita Narula, New York University (NYU), USA
Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights. Cases Studies on Agricultural and Biofuels Investment

A.R.Vasavi, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India, *Terms Of/For Land: Acquisition vs Rights?*

Roman Herre, Fooffirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) German section and Saturnino M. Borrás Jr., International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), *A human rights perspective on land grabbing: the case of Cambodia*

Panel 10 - POLITICS: Commodification, conflicts and dispossession: interactions between the global and the local

Chair: Marja Spierenberg, VU Amsterdam

An Ansoms, Université Catholique de Louvain, Belgium, *The commercialisation of space in Rwanda: Large-scale land grabbing and local livelihoods*

Willem Odendaal, Legal Assistance Centre, Namibia, *Land grabbing in Namibia*

Maru Shete, School of Graduate Studies, St. Mary's University College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *International land deals and household food security in Ethiopia*

Melanie Sommerville, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Canada, *The Global Land Grab and Marginalization in Canada: the Case of One Earth Farms*

17.30 Drinks reception and open space session, video and publications display (IDS Common Room)

19.00 Dinner, hosted by the Future Agricultures Consortium (IDS, Room 120)

Thursday 7 April

9.00 Panel session: Framing the debate (chair: Ben White, ISS)

- Anuradha Mittal/Frederic Mousseau, The Oakland Institute
- Ward Anseeuw, CIRAD/University of Pretoria/Mike Taylor, International Land Coalition
- Laura German, CIFOR
- Eric Holt-Gimenez, Food First

A panel discussion and plenary debate on the ways that the 'land grab' debate has been framed, reflecting on the findings of different research groups.

10.30 Tea/coffee

11.00 Panel session 3 (panels 11-15)

Panel 11 - LIVELIHOODS: Livelihoods and Dispossession

Chair: Tania Li, University of Toronto

Kathleen Guillozet and John Bliss, Oregon State University College of Forestry, Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society, *Forest Access and Foreign Investment in Ethiopia's Natural Forests: A case study in West Arsi, Oromia Regional State*

Martina Locher, PhD Student, Department of Geography, University of Zurich, *Foreign land acquisition, customary land rights and livelihoods in rural Tanzania: The case of a UK-based forestry company in the Southern highlands*

Marja Spierenburg, VU University Amsterdam, *Stuck between a Park and a Plantation: the Privatization of Majete Wildlife Reserve in Malawi*

Shelley Feldman and Charles Geisler, Development Sociology, Cornell University, *Land Grabbing in Bangladesh: In-Situ Displacement of Peasant Holdings*

Panel 12 - ENVIRONMENT: Green Grabs

Chair: Wendy Wolford, Cornell University, USA

Maanda Ngoitiko, Kenyatta University and Benjamin Gardner, University of Washington, *Community-based tourism in Tanzania: Dispossession or empowerment?*

Ngeta, Kabiri, University of Cape Town, South Africa, *Wildlife Conservation and Land Acquisitions: A case study of the Tanzania and Kenya Land Conservation Trusts*

Diana Ojeda, Clark University, USA, *Whose Paradise? Conservation, tourism and land grabbing in Tayrona Natural Park, Colombia*

Dianne Rocheleau, Geography and Global Environmental Studies, Clark University, USA and Rosaluz Perez, San Cristobal de Las Casas, Mexico, *Dispossession by Green Deceit*

Panel 13 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Finance

Chair: Stephen Spratt, IDS Sussex

Shepard Daniel, The Oakland Institute, *Agricultural investment and large-scale land acquisitions: the role of the international finance corporation*

Stephen Spratt, IDS Sussex and/or Angus Selby, title to be confirmed.

Hubert Cochetet, AgroParisTech, and M. Merlet, AGTER, *Land grabbing and share of the added value in agricultural processes. A new look at distribution of land revenues*

Sergio Sauer, University of Brasilia and Sergio Leite, Rural Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, *Agrarian structure, foreign land ownership, and land price in Brazil*

Panel 14 - GOVERNANCE: Legal Frameworks

Chair: Liz Alden Wily

Adeline Carrier, CNRS, Paris, *Economic Land Concessions: a Legal Framework to Legitimize Land Grabbing in Cambodia?*

Lorenzo Cotula, IIED, *Legal frameworks for land deals in Africa: A political economy approach*

Kyla Tienhaara, Australian National University and Thijs Etty, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, *Green' Land Investments: Boon or Bane for Developing Countries?*

Carin Smaller – title to be confirmed.

Panel 15 - POLITICS: Local Elites

Chair: Sandra Evers, VU Amsterdam

Colin Filer, Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program, Australian National University, *The New Land Grab In Papua New Guinea*

J. A. Mope Simo, Catholic University of Central Africa, Cameroon, *Land grabbing, governance and social peace-building issues in Cameroon: Case study of the roles of elites in land deals and commoditisation in the North West Region*

O'Brien, E, in collaboration with The Kenyan Land Alliance, *Local land grab practices scrutinized – the role of Kenya's elite*

Madeleine Fairbairn, PhD candidate, Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, *Indirect expropriation: The role of national politics and domestic elites in the Mozambican farmland grab*

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Panel session 4 (panels 16-21)

Panel 16 - LIVELIHOODS: Transition countries

Chair: Max Spoor, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

Oane Visser, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, and Max Spoor, ISS/Erasmus University, Netherlands, *Land grabbing in the former Soviet Union: mechanisms and consequences*

Oane Visser and Natasha Mamonova, Radboud University Nijmegen, Netherlands, *Land deals in Russian agriculture: exploring various (il)legal strategies of large-scale land acquisition*

Alexander Nikulin, Centre for Peasant Studies and Agrarian Reform, Moscow, Russia, *Regional variants of "Land Grabbing" in Russia*

Maria Tysiachniouk, Centre for Independent Social Research, St. Petersburg, Russia. *Internationalization of the forest sector in Russia: public and private authority in woodlands*

Panel 17 - ENVIRONMENT: Mining

Chair: Gavin Capps, University of Cape Town

Gavin Capps, University of Cape Town, South Africa, *Investigating the Mining-Land-Chief Complex: The Case of the BaFokeng Rasimone Platinum Mine Development in South Africa's North West Province*

Dana Graef, Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology & Environmental Studies, Yale University, *The Roles of Transnational Mining and Green Energy in Defining Costa Rican Environmental Sovereignty*

William Tsuma, PhD, *Mining And Minerals Reforms In Ghana: Strategy to Legitimize Land Acquisitions and Grabbing in Mining Communities*

Ye Jingzhong and Wang Chunyu, China Agricultural University, Beijing, *Mining and Land in North China: politics and livelihoods*

Panel 18 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Intra-regional Land Deals

Chair: Dzodzi Tsikata, University of Ghana

Ruth Hall, PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, *The next Great Trek: South African commercial farmers move north*

Joseph Ariyo and Michael Mortimore, *Land deals and commercial agriculture in Nigeria*

Lee Mackey, PhD candidate, Dep't Urban Planning, School of Public Affairs, University of California-Los Angeles, *Legitimizing Foreignization in Bolivia: Technology and the Social Relations of Brazilian Landowning in Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

Miles Kenney-Lazar, PhD Student, Clark University, Graduate School of Geography, *Concession-led development: Land, resources, and inequality in the Lao PDR*

Panel 19 - GOVERNANCE: Restructuring the state I

Chair: Wendy Wolford, Cornell University

Kojo Amanor, Institute of African Studies, University of Ghana, *Global land grabs, agribusiness and the commercial smallholder*

Takeshi Ito, Colorado College, USA, Noer Fauzi Rachman, PhD student, Department of Environment Science, Policy and Management, UC Berkeley, and Laksmi A. Savitri, Sajogyo Institute, Bogor, Indonesia, *Naturalizing Land Dispossession: A Policy Discourse Analysis of the Merauke Integrated Food and Energy Estate (MIFEE), Papua, Indonesia*

Teo Ballvé, PhD Student, Geography Dept. University of California at Berkeley, USA, *Decentralization, Statehood, and the Narco Land-Grab in Colombia*

Panel 20 - POLITICS: Local Politics

Chair: Ben White, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)

Perrine Burnod, CIRAD and Andrianirina Ratsialonana Rivo, Malagasy Land Observatory, *From International Land Deals to Local Informal Agreements: Regulations of and Reactions to Agricultural Investments in Madagascar*

Tania Salerno, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, *Peasants and transnational land deals in Mindanao, The Philippines*

Thea Hilhorst, Royal Tropical Institute, Joost Nelen and Nata Traoré Thea, SNV Netherlands Development Organisation, *Agrarian change under the radar screen: Rising farmland acquisitions by national investors in francophone Africa*

Sandra Evers, VU Amsterdam, title to be confirmed.

Panel 21 - OVERVIEW: Evaluating options: opportunity or danger?

Chair: Thomas Sikor, University of East Anglia

Elisa Da Vià, PhD Candidate, Cornell University, Department of Development Sociology, *The Politics of "Win-Win" Narratives: Land Grabs as Development Opportunity?*

Annelies Zoomers, University of Utrecht, *The global land rush: The urgency of reframing the debate and 'deepening' the agenda*

Alicia Harley, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and Jon Hellin, CIMMYT, *Evaluating land grab*

Esteve Corbera, Katrina Brown and Neil Adger, University of East Anglia, *A resilience framework for 'land grabbing' research*

15.30 Tea/coffee

16.00 Panel session: Policy roundtable: perspectives from multilateral/bilateral development institutions (Chair: Ian Scoones, Future Agricultures Consortium, IDS Sussex)

- Klaus Deininger, Lead Economist, Development Research Group, World Bank
- Paul Mathieu, Senior Officer, Land Tenure and Management Unit, FAO
- Jean-Philippe Audinet, Policy Division, IFAD
- Albert Engel, Director, Division Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)
- Gregory Myers, Head, USAID Land Tenure Unit and Chair, FAO's Working Group on the Voluntary Guidelines for Land Tenure
- Sarah Cooke, Deputy Director, DFID, Head of the Growth and Agriculture Dept (GAD) in DFID's Policy Division (tbc).
- Philip Mikos, Head of Unit, Natural Resources, European Commission, DG Dev (tbc)

Five minute presentations on agency positions and key issues, followed by facilitated question and answer session and plenary discussion.

17.30 Book fair: a series of book, report and special issue journal launches over drinks, plus poster and publication displays from different participating organisations.

19.00 Bus to restaurant in Brighton departs.

19.30 Dinner in Brighton hosted by the *Journal of Peasant Studies* and the Future Agricultures Consortium.

Friday 8 April

9.00 Plenary panel: Perspectives from Social Movements and Civil Society (Chair: Saturnino M. ('Jun') Borras Jr, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS))

- Shalmali Guttal, Focus on the Global South
- Henry Saragih, La Via Campesina
- Sofia Monsalve, FIAN International
- Maryam Rahmanian, IPC for Food Sovereignty
- GRAIN (tbc)
- East African Farmers' Federation (tbc)
- ROPPA (Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa) (tbc)

A moderated panel discussion on key challenges and responses from social movements and civil society, followed by a plenary debate.

10.30 Tea/coffee

11.00 Panel session 5 (panels 22-27)

Panel 22 - LIVELIHOODS: Pastoralism

Chair: Jeremy Lind, IDS Sussex

Abdirizak Nunow, Moi University, *The Dynamics of Land Deals in the Tana Delta, Kenya*

Claire Bedelian, University College London, *Conservation land leases in the Mara, Kenya*

John Letai, Oxfam GB, *The Genesis of Land deals in Kenya and its implication on Pastoral Livelihoods- a case study of Laikipia District*

Marcel Rutten, Africa Studies Centre, Leiden University, *Selling Wealth to Buy Poverty: 20 years of titling experiences in semi-arid Kenya: raising security or a sell out to foreign investors?*

Panel 23 - ENVIRONMENT: Water

Chair: Tony Allan, SOAS, University of London

Phil Woodhouse, University of Manchester, *Is Water the Hidden Agenda of Agricultural Land Acquisition in sub-Saharan Africa?*

Martin Keulertz, University College, London, *The New Geopolitics of Virtual Water in East Africa*

Andrea Bues, Humboldt University of Berlin and Philipp Baumgartner, University of Bonn, *FDI's Impact on the Agricultural Land and Water Sector – a Comparative Case Study from Ethiopia*

Panel 24 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Partnerships and Business Models

Chair: Edward Lahiff, University of Cork

Ward Answeeuw, CIRAD/University of Pretoria and Jean-Jacques Gabas, CIRAD, *The end of the African peasant? From Investment funds and Finance-Value-Chains to questions about Africa's farmers*

N.C. Davis, University of Western Cape/University of Pretoria, and E. Lahiff, University of Cork, Ireland, *Joint ventures in South Africa's land reform programme: strategic partnerships or strategic resource grab?*

Christopher Tanner PhD, FAO, Mozambique, *Community–investor partnerships in Mozambique: an answer to land grabbing or a cruel illusion?*

Tom Lavers, PhD candidate, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK, *The role of foreign investment in Ethiopia's smallholder-focused agricultural development strategy*

Panel 25 - GOVERNANCE: Restructuring the State II

Chair: Phil McMichael, Cornell University

Michael Dwyer, University of California at Berkeley Energy & Resources Group, *Building the politics machine: Tools for resolving the global land grab*

Sara Safransky, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, *Reimagining Detroit: The Politics of Abandoned Land*

Deepak K Mishra, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, *Behind Dispossession: State, Land Grabbing and Agrarian Change in Rural Orissa*

Gerben Nooteboom and Rosanne Rutten, University of Amsterdam, *Gulf-State Concessions in Indonesia and the Philippines: Contested Control of Agricultural Land and Foodcrops*

Panel 26 - POLITICS: Resistance and Mobilization I

Chair: Shapan Adnan, Oxford University

Sam Moyo, African Institute of Agrarian Studies (AIAS), Harare, *Resistances to land grabbing in Africa: Some trends*

Wendy Wolford, Development Sociology, Cornell University, USA, *Patterns of Resistance in Latin America*

Longgena Ginting, WALHI/Friends of the Earth, Indonesia, and Oliver Pye, University of Bonn, *Resisting Agribusiness Development: The Merauke Integrated Food and Energy Estate in West Papua, Indonesia.*

Kelsey Jones-Casey, Rural Development Institute, and Gizachew Manahle, Faculty of Law, Haramaya University College of Law, *Movements against Land-Grabbing within the Ethiopian Diaspora*

Panel 27 - OVERVIEW: Land grabbing and land titling

Chair: Phil Hirsch, Australian Mekong Research Centre, University of Sydney

Roosalinda Cardenas Gonzales, University of California at Santa Cruz, *After land titling: ethnic rights and green capitalism in Afro-Colombian communities*

Philip Hirsch, University of Sydney, *Titling against grabbing? Critiques and conundrums around land formalisation in Southeast Asia*

Jeremy Ironside, University of Otago, New Zealand, *The Competition for the Communal Lands of Indigenous Communities in Cambodia*

Xiubin Li, Institute of Geographic Science and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, title to be confirmed.

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Panel session 6 (panels 28-32)

Panel 28 - LIVELIHOODS: Land Rights

Chair: Paul Matthieu, FAO

Liz Alden Wily, Political Economist and Land Tenure Specialist, independent researcher, *Nothing new under the sun or a new battle joined? An inquiry into the meaning of the global land rush in Africa through a land rights lens*

Suraya Afiff, University of Indonesia, Jacqueline Vel, Leiden University and John McCarthy, Australian National University, *Reappraising the 'land grab' scenario: Diverse Trajectories of Land Development in Indonesia*

Joseph Mujere, University of Edinburgh and Sylvester Dombo, University of Zimbabwe, *Large-scale investment projects and land grabs in Zimbabwe: The case of the Nuanetsi Ranch Bio-Diesel project*

Derek Hall, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada, *Land Grabs and Crop Booms in Southeast Asia*

Panel 29 - ENVIRONMENT: Ecologies of Dispossession

Chair: Benjamin Gardner, University of Washington, USA

Philip McMichael, Development Sociology, Cornell University, *Situating the land grab: articulating 'global ecology' and political economy*

Brenda Baletti, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Geography, *Saving the Amazon? Land grabs and "sustainable soy" as the new logic of conservation*

Benjamin D. Neimark, Dept. of Geography and Urban Studies, Temple University, *Biofuel battlegrounds: Property rights, land deals, and alternative energy production in Madagascar*

Ritu Verma, ICIMOD, Nepal/University of Sussex, *The 'New' Politics of Land and Development: Experiences of Dispossession, Social Equity and Environmental Sustainability in East and Southern Africa*

Panel 30 - POLITICAL ECONOMY: Dragon in a Three Piece Suit: China Invests

Chair: Joshua Muldavin, Sarah Lawrence College, New York

Paulette Nonfodji, University of Amsterdam, *China's Farmland Rush in Benin: Toward a Win-Win Economic Model of Cooperation?*

Joshua Muldavin, Sarah Lawrence College, New York, *Land from the Tiller: China's role in global processes of land dispossession*

Lila Buckley, IIED, *Eating Bitter to Taste Sweet: An Ethnographic Sketch of a Chinese Agricultural Project in Senegal*

Peter Ho and I. Hofman, University of Groningen, Netherlands, *Land Grabbing or Global Outsourcing: The Case of China*

Panel 31 - GOVERNANCE: Community consultation and free prior informed consent

Chair: Wendy Wolford, Cornell

David Deng, New York University (NYU), USA, *Free Prior and Informed Consent: Community Consultations for Large-scale Acquisitions in Sudan*

Dianne Rocheleau, Clark University, title to be confirmed.

Anne Perault, title to be confirmed

Panel 32 - POLITICS: Resistance and Mobilization I

Chair: Eric Holt-Gimenez, Food First

Shapan Adnan, Visiting Research Fellow, University of Oxford, *Land grabbing, restructuring of land rights, and resistance by dispossessed groups: Analytical issues arising from case studies on rural Bangladesh*

Cécile Famerée, RUG, Nijmegen, Centre for Development Studies, *Land grabbing, resistance and rural social differentiation: case studies in the Peruvian jungle*

Devparna Roy, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, USA, *Gujarat's Gain and Bengal's Loss? Development, Land acquisition in India and the Tata Nano Project: A comparison of Singur with Sanand*

V. V. Veum, SPIRE (Development Fund – Norway), *Foreign Land Acquisitions and Conflicts: How Daewoo's land acquisition in Madagascar contributed to the country's political crisis*

15.30 Tea/coffee

16.00 Plenary session: Concluding conversation (chair: Ruth Hall, PLAAS)

- Dzodzi Tsikata, ISSER, University of Ghana
- Thomas Sikor, University of East Anglia
- Ben White, International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)
- Sofia Monsalve, Foodfirst Information and Action Network (FIAN)

Short presentations from different perspectives: what have we learned, what action do we need to take?

17.00 Closing remarks and thanks – Ian Scoones, Future Agricultures Consortium, IDS, Sussex