

LANDac ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2018

LAND GOVERNANCE AND (IM)MOBILITY

Exploring the nexus between land acquisition, displacement and migration

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Muntgebouw, Utrecht, the Netherlands



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We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting submissions for our Annual International Conference 2018! Submissions will be accepted until **11 FEBRUARY 2018**.

Key notes including:

Prof. dr. [Tania Li](#)

Prof. dr. [Bernard Truffer](#)

LANDac's Annual International Conference 2018 will look at land investments through the lens of mobility. What are the implications of land based investments on the movements of people, and on processes of urbanization? And how have displacement and population movements contributed to new and contesting land claims?

The 2018 conference takes this land-mobilities nexus as a starting point, focusing on the extent to which land acquisitions trigger the inflow or outflow of particular groups of people – and also yield other mobilities (capital, goods, ideas etc.) and land claims. Providing people with secure and equal access to land is fundamental in giving people the 'right to remain', but land acquisitions simultaneously contribute to evictions and displacements, and the resettlement of groups. Up to now, the discussion has focused on respecting land rights, informing the local inhabitants in advance, and, in the case of forced displacement, offering fair compensation.

Given the variety of mobilities, what are good ways forward in land governance? To what extent can land governance contribute to inclusive development – preventing eviction and displacement, while supporting vulnerable groups to settle in safe places and build secure and sustainable livelihoods? How can property regimes (and ideas of fixing people to the land) move along with these changes and be made more suitable? How do economic transformations – value chain integration, market liberalization or reregulation – affect the ability of rural people to make a living on their lands? What do we know about the stability of 'foreign' investor communities – and what are the implications of their land investments for the mobility and immobility of local communities? And what is the role of migrants who themselves invest in land – and who are sometimes powerful actors in land-related negotiations that might disadvantage others? At the heart of the conference debates will be the Sustainable Development Goals – what is the role of land governance in the context of the ambition to "leave no one behind"?

We invite proposals tackling these questions on the relation between land governance and mobility by covering topics including:

- Large scale investment in land for food security
- Urbanization and infrastructure development
- Climate change
- Conflict induced displacement and competing claims
- Development induced eviction and displacement
- Resettlement, migration and mobility
- Cities and urban expansion
- Inclusive development and land in the Sustainable Development Goals
- Right to leave and right to stay
- Land governance and social justice
- Land administration and technologies

Abstracts on other, related topics will also be considered.

LANDac – the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development – brings together researchers, policy makers, development practitioners and business professionals in the field of land governance and development. With a focus on new pressures and competing claims on land and natural resources, the LANDac network conducts research, disseminates information, and organizes courses and training, while strengthening linkages between actors who might not usually meet. Our guiding question is how to optimize the link between land governance, sustainable development, and poverty alleviation.

LANDac is a partnership led by, and based at, the International Development Studies (IDS) Group of Utrecht University. Other partners include: the African Studies Centre Leiden, Agriterra, the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) of the University of Twente, the Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Land Portal, Oxfam Novib, Royal Haskoning DHV, VNG International and Wageningen University and Research.

Registration for the conference will cost **150 EUR**, including welcome drinks, a conference dinner and catering throughout. Registration will open in early March. Please visit the [LANDac website](#) for more information.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words must be submitted, in English, via email to: landac2018@gmail.com. Word format is preferred – in the document, please include *only*:

- The title of the submission
- The name of the presenting author(s)
- The affiliation and email address of presenting author(s)
- The abstract text

To submit a panel proposal, please send a panel outline (following the abstract guidelines) plus the names of at least 4 panellists and the working titles of their contributions. An impartial selection committee will review submissions. Successful applicants will be notified by 11 March 2018. **Submissions which do not follow these guidelines will not be considered.**

PhD students are invited to present a poster of their research and LANDac also welcomes other innovative and original ideas. So, if you have other suggestions for materials to present or exhibit at the conference – such as short films, interactive websites, photos, posters – please contact the organisers at the above address.

The conference will be followed by the Annual LANDac and Utrecht University Summer School [Land Governance for Development](#) which will take place in Utrecht from the 2nd to the 13th July 2018.

Organising committee: Annelies Zoomers (LANDac and Utrecht University), Guus van Westen (LANDac and Utrecht University), Griet Steel (LANDac and Utrecht University), Gemma van der Haar (Wageningen University), Christine Richter (ITC Twente) and Barbara Codispoti (Oxfam Novib).



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