



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – *Deadline 1 April 2018*

LAND GOVERNANCE AND (IM)MOBILITY Exploring the nexus between land acquisition, displacement and migration

*28th and 29th June 2018
Muntgebouw, Utrecht, The Netherlands*



We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting abstract submissions for our Annual International Conference 2018

Abstract submissions will be accepted until 1 April 2018

Key notes including:

- **Prof. dr. [Tania Li](#)**, University of Toronto; Canada Research Chair in the Political-Economy and Culture of Asia; Centre for Southeast Asian Studies
- **Prof. dr. [Bernhard Truffer](#)**, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development; Utrecht University
- **Prof. ir. [Klaas van Egmond](#)**, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development; Utrecht University
- **Ms. [Sheela Patel](#)**, Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC), India; Slum Dwellers International (SDI)
- **Mr. [Michael Uwemedimo](#)**, Collaborative Media Advocacy Platform (CMAP), Port Harcourt, Nigeria

LANDac's Annual International Conference offers a podium for researchers, practitioners and private sector interested in all aspects of improving land governance for equitable and sustainable development; its 2018 conference takes the land-mobilities nexus as a starting point and focuses on the multiple ways in which land acquisitions feed into processes of mobility and the ways in which mobilities generate land claims.



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Land-mobilities

The 2018 conference takes the land-mobilities nexus as a starting point and focuses on the multiple ways in which land acquisitions feed into processes of mobility and the ways in which mobilities generate land claims. On one side of the equation, land acquisitions trigger the inflows or outflows of people into particular areas, generate other mobilities (of capital, goods, and ideas etc.) and (re-)shape land claims. While land acquisitions may offer new livelihood possibilities and attract new groups of people, they also often lead to evictions and other forms of displacement and dispossession which affects people's access to land and land tenure security and ultimately violating people's 'right to remain'. Resettlement policies in turn may negatively affect the land rights of other groups. On the other side of the equation, migration generates new and overlapping claims in localities that offer relative security and economic possibilities. Urbanization and the rapid and uneven growth of populations in rural settings present considerable land governance challenges.

Given the variety of mobilities, what are good ways forward in land governance? Can land governance contribute to inclusive development – such as the prevention of displacement? Can it support vulnerable groups to settle in safe places and build secure and sustainable livelihoods? Can land governance prevent and address conflicts derived from mobility-related claims? How can property regimes move along with these changes and be made more responsive to challenges? How do economic transformations – value chain integration, market liberalization or reregulation – affect the ability of rural people to make a living on their lands? And what are the critical gaps in our understanding of the land-mobility nexus? For example, what do we know about the stability of communities created by investment flows – and what are the implications of land investments for the mobility or immobility of local communities? And what is the role of migrants who themselves invest in land – and who are the sometimes powerful actors in land-related negotiations with significant potential to disadvantage others?

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, Agriterro, 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.

We now invite you to submit your abstract proposal for one of the panels listed below. For an overview of all panels, check [here](#).

- [Digital Data Technologies and Land Administration](#)
- [SDG Data Monitoring Initiatives](#)
- [Infrastructure and Involuntary Resettlement](#)
- [Conflict-Induced Displacement](#)
- [Extractivism, Conservation and Displacement](#)
- [Land Reforms and Fragility](#)
- [The Role of FPIC and Early Consultation](#)
- [The Role of Local Governments](#)
- [Inclusive Business and Food Security](#)
- [Land and Sustainable Palm Oil](#)
- [Land-Based Financing and Sustainable Cities](#)
- [Delta Cities and Food Security](#)
- [Climate Change and Land Subsidence](#)
- [Land and Natural Hazards](#)
- [Environmental Migration](#)
- [Migration and Youth](#)
- [Scaling Up Women's Land Rights](#)
- [Land Governance in the Global North](#)
- [Multi-stakeholder Dialogues: CITYforum, LANDdialogue, Learning Platforms](#)
- Other topics

Besides these thematic panels, we organize country sessions on the following regions: Mozambique, Ethiopia, Sudan, India, Indonesia and Brazil.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We now call for the submission of **abstract proposals**.

For abstract proposals, use the following [template](#). Abstracts should include:

- Title of paper
- Name, affiliation and contact details of presenter
- Panel to participate in
- Abstract of maximum 300 words

Abstract proposals should be received before **1 April 2018** and must be submitted, in English, via email to: landac2018@gmail.com.

LANDac also welcomes other innovative and original ideas; 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 landac2018@gmail.com.

An impartial selection committee will review submissions. Successful applicants will be notified in the course of April 2018.

Please note that registration for the conference is open. Registration costs are €150, including food and drinks (€75 for BSc and MSc students upon proof of a valid student ID). We regret that LANDac is unable to cover participant expenses. You can submit your registration through the following [application link](#):

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 July 2-13, 2018. For more information, and to register, please visit the [Utrecht Summer School website](#).



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 - University of Twente), Gerard Baltissen (KIT), Lisette Meij (Land Portal) and Barbara Codispoti (Oxfam Novib).



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