

International Conference: Critical Agrarian Studies in the 21st Century

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Beijing, China



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Day 1: 10 October 2023

9:00-9:20

Welcoming remarks from hosts

Chair: Jingzhong Ye, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, China

Wanlong Lin, Vice President, China Agricultural University, China

Ruth Hall, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

9:20-10:30

OPENING: PLENARY 1

Looking back at 50 years of agrarian studies and peasant struggles

Chair: Ruth Hall, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Henry Bernstein	SOAS, University of London	UK
Jingzhong Ye	College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University	China
Morgan Ody	General Secretary / La Via Campesina	France

10:30-11:00 Group Photo and Coffee break

11:00-12:30

PLENARY 2

Climate justice and agrarian justice

Chair: Mercedes Ejarque, CASAS & National Institute of Agricultural Technology, Argentina

Ruth Nyambura	African Ecofeminist Collective	Kenya
Michael Levien	Johns Hopkins University	USA
Lyda Fernanda Forero	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas	Colombia
Amita Baviskar	Ashoka University	India

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00

Parallel sessions 1

SESSION 1-1

Gendered perspectives on land and the means of social reproduction

Chair: Guolin Gu, Boston College, USA

Gender gaps in agricultural productivity and social reproduction: the case of Tanzania	Haroon Akram-Lodhi	Trent University, Peterborough, Canada / National Farmers' Union
(Gendered) Boundaries of contention: gender dynamics of agrarian agitations in postrevolutionary Tunisia	Dhouha Djerbi	Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Switzerland
Women and agrarian question: A comparative study of capitalist and peasant agriculture in Rajasthan (India)	Navpreet Kaur	University of Delhi, India
The means of reproduction: gendered experiences of land occupations	Ashley Fischhoff	Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
The gendered intergenerational land inheritance in Zimbabwe: land inheritance trajectories and the resurgence of patriarchy in smallholder tobacco farms.	Kwashirai Zvokumba	University of Johannesburg, South Africa

SESSION 1-2

Agrarian capitalism and migrant labour struggles

Chair: Alessandra Corrado, Università della Calabria, Italy

Immigrant farm workers, self-exploitation, and social reproduction: the Lesotho-South African land-labour questions	Mnqobi Ngubane	Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
Beyond capital-centric narratives: agribusiness, small farmers, and precarious work	Enrique Castañón Ballivián	University College London
Permanently temporary: seasonal agricultural labor, transformative adaptation and uneven climate and environmental vulnerabilities in Turkey	Deniz Pelek	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
	Cemil Yıldızcan	Galatasaray University, Turkey
	Ethemcan Turhan	University of Groningen, The Netherlands
Post-Soviet International of migrant farmers in Russian agriculture	Alexander Nikulin	Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Russia

SESSION 1-3

Race, indigeneity, ethnicity and land

Chair: Nikhil Deb, California Polytechnic State University, USA

Identity negotiation in fluid contexts: A study of rural-to-urban migrant mothers' circular migration in contemporary China	Yuqi Sun	University College London, UK
Unraveling spatial interactions and uneven livelihood transformations in the multi-ethnic China's Southeast Asian borderland	Xiaobo Hua	China Agricultural University, China
Identity or inclusion? Everyday human rights practices in the Colombian Caribbean	Camilo Espinoza Diaz	University of Salamanca, Spain
Discussant	Celeste Smith	Cultural Seeds, Oneida Nation, Canada

SESSION 1-4

Rural social movements and emancipatory politics

Chair: Katie Sandwell, Transnational Institute, Netherlands

Emancipatory rural politics in Latin America 2010-2020: Restoring working people alliances in the times of populism	Sergio Coronado	Center for Research and Popular Education, Colombia
Food sovereignty from the roots up: Radicalising Australia's new peasantry	Tammi Jonas	University of Western Australia, Australia
Peasant and indigenous family farmers in South America's Southern Cone: the regional historical formation of COPROFAM	Thomas Patriota	Institute of Development Studies, UK
Discussant	Zainal Arafit Fuat	Serikat Petani Indonesia, La Via Campesina

SESSION 1-5

Environmental change and agrarian struggles

Chair: Pei Jiang, CASAS & University of Cambridge, UK

The black gold rush: agrarian struggles and environmental justice on coal frontiers in the Yellow River basin	Bowen Gu	Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Autonomous University of Barcelona
Emerging climate politics in social movements amid the new rush for land and 'green' minerals in Southern Africa	Boaventura Monjane	Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
The lost countryside of the lost city: Hatay, Turkey, under the wreck, despite the wreck	Zeynep Ceren Eren Benlisoy	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands
	Özgür Çetinkaya	Development Workshop Cooperative, Turkey
	Sinem Kavak	Lund University, Sweden

SESSION 1-6**Political economy of global agribusiness***Chair: Aniket Aga, SUNY Buffalo, USA*

The relationship between agri-food production and macro-economic dynamics: a study of soybeans in Brazilian South and China	Angelo Belletti	Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
The political economy of the agrochemical complex in China	Yunan Xu	International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Blind spots and blank spots: Central Asia in the grabbing debate	Irna Hofman	University of Oxford, UK
	Kronenburg-Garcia	
The enduring effects of the dictatorship on the Brazilian agrarian question: a critical analysis of the legacy of conservative modernization	Gabriel Bastos	Departamento de Ciências Sociais, Universidade Federal De Juiz De Fora, Brazil
The great expulsion: accumulation by exclusion in China's dairy industry	Xiaojun Feng	College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University, China

15:00-15:15 Coffee break**15:15-16:45****Parallel sessions 2****SESSION 2-1****Migration and precarity across urban and rural spaces***Chair: Nancy Peluso, University of California Berkeley, USA*

What counts as work: Reconsider rural surplus labor debate in post-socialist China in the 21st Century	Ziwei Zhang	Harvard University, USA
Replacing cash crops with food crops: the agricultural structure adjustment and migrants governance in Shanghai	Liuhui Ma	East China University of Science and Technology, China
Landed land reform migrant workers: insights from the Zimbabwe South Africa corridor	George Mudimu	Marondera Agricultural University of Science and Technology, Zimbabwe
Proletarianization and the shift from agrarianism in rural South Africa: insights from Levubu-Tshakhuma	Jackson Sebola-Samanyanga	University of Pretoria, South Africa

SESSION 2-2

Reassessing the commons: property rights and indigeneity

Chair: Tsegaye Moreda, Institute for Social Studies, Netherlands

Indigenous Peoples, commons, and the challenge of sustaining life amid capitalist land grabs	Lorenza Arango	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Property rights and patterns of organization of common property resources on redistributed farms in South Africa	Shane Phiri	Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
Land as private property and the question of labour: notes from Assam, India	Vasundhara Jairath	Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, India
Discussant	Sibongiseni Gwebani	Masifundise and World Forum of Fisher Peoples, South Africa

SESSION 2-3

Extractivism and farmer struggles

Chair: María Soledad Castro, CASAS & University of Zurich, Switzerland

Clash of extractivisms: Labour, accumulation and environmental conflicts in the Amazon	Murat Arsel	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands
Critical agrarian studies, scholar-activism and de-alienation from ecological consciousness	Yukari Sekine	Independent researcher, Brazil
Extractivism and eco-territorial conflicts: mining and social resistances in Ecuador	Alessandra Corrado	University of Calabria, Italy

SESSION 2-4

Debt as an agent of capitalist dispossession

Chair: Barbara Harriss-White, University of Oxford, UK

The persistence of the moneylender: how informal debt shapes financialization in the Cambodian countryside	Nathan Green	National University of Singapore, Singapore
The paradox of materiality: an account of producer-intermediary credit-debt relations in commodity chains	Faustina Obeng Adomaa	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Reproductive Binds: Syrian refugee farmworkers and agrarian debt in Lebanon	China Sajadian	Vassar College, USA

SESSION 2-5

Land appropriation and rural politics

Chair: Walter Chambati, Sam Moyo Institute for Agrarian Studies, Zimbabwe

Creative dispossession: Explaining peasant quiescence to land expropriation	Guolin Gu	Boston College, USA
Cultural reinvention or cultural erasure? a study of land rental and rural spatial change from the Perspective of Rural Gentrification	Jiexiang Zhao	Nankai University, China
The boom-and-bust life: cultivating belonging on Madagascar's extractive frontier	Brian Klein	University of Michigan, USA
Natural resources, appropriation, and disaster: the valuation of land and water and environmental justice in Brazil	Debora Lima	Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil
Discussant:	Clarissa Mendoza	Movement for Agrarian Reform and Social Justice, Philippines

SESSION 2-6**The politics of climate change***Chair: Michael Levien, Johns Hopkins University, USA*

Climate change politics as land use planning in the Amazon and the Cerrado: insights on contemporary drivers of land conflicts in Brazil	Diana Aguiar	Federal University of Bahia, Brazil
	Marcela Vecchione	Federal University of Pará, Brazil
Mitigation, adaptation, transformation? Environmental politics in Patagonia, Argentina	Mercedes Ejarque	National Institute of Agricultural Technology, Argentina
REDD+ and the Climate rent: the reorganization of value relations through forest conservation in Colombia	Sergio Carvajal Gallego	Clark University, USA
Forests as vital infrastructures? Climate and security in the eastern Himalayas	Corinne Lamain	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Discussant:	Kirtana Chandrasekaran	Friends of the Earth International

16:45-17:00 Coffee break**17:00-18:30 Parallel sessions 3****SESSION 3-1****CASAS Panel: Social mobilization against racial and extractivist capitalism***Chair: Ruth Hall, PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa*

Class, caste and contemporary farmers' politics in India	Bhoopendra Kumar Ahirwar	School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, UK
National development and claims-making: explaining patterns of indigenous, black, and campesino mobilization in 1975-199 Colombia	Isabel Güiza-Gómez	University of Notre Dame, USA
	Laura García-Montoya	University of Toronto, Canada
	Arturo Chang	
Our salt! Women's struggles to reclaim the commons and their livelihoods in Ghana's salt mining areas	Faustina Obeng Adomaa	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
	Adwoa Yeboah Gyapong	University of Ghana, Ghana
	Gertrude Dzifa Torvikey	

SESSION 3-2

Climate justice and sustainable agriculture

Chair: Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Trent University, Peterborough, Canada / National Farmer's Union

Decolonizing climate-smart agriculture: climate justice and global agricultural value chains in Pakistan	Noaman Ali	Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan
	Muhammad Arfan	Centre for Climate and Environmental Research, Institute for Art and Culture Lahore, Pakistan
Agrarian struggles, contemporary capitalism and climate change mitigation: evidence from Northern Ghana	Daniel Ankrah	University of Ghana, Ghana
	Adwoa Gyapong	
Rice farmers between sustainability and resistance in the Lake Chad Basin: some trajectories of "fate-taming" (Cameroon)	Antoinette Danebei	Université de Douala Cameroun, Cameroon
Resigning from farming: an updated political economy and the sustainability challenges of agriculture in China	Juan Liu	China Agricultural University, China

SESSION 3-3

Social reproduction during agrarian transitions

Chair: Lyn Ossome, Makerere University, Uganda

"Kër gi, Tool bi ": The Micro-Politics of Paternalism, Women Work and Reproduction in the Senegalese horticulture?	Rama Salla Dieng	University of Edinburgh
The Korean Women Peasants' Agroecology Movement and the changing interspecies relationship with ecology	Hyojeong Kim	Ewha Womans University, Korea
The dual commodification of social reproduction and domestic workers' double burden in China	Yihui Su	Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE)
Practice models of rural China's ageing in place: from the perspective of multiple collaborative governance	Yanxia Zhang	China Agricultural University, China
Discussant	Jeongyeol Kim	Korean Women Peasants' Association, La Via Campesina

SESSION 3-4

Food systems and struggles for food sovereignty

Chair: Yan Hairong, Tsinghua University, China

Ongoing food transition and agroecology movements in China: evidence from the practice of participatory guarantee system by Beijing Organic Farmers' Market	Yishuai Ding	China Agricultural University, China
Securing agropastoral system and rural livelihood through the market garden in Niger: unfolding smallholders resilience to interwoven challenges	Abdoulkarim Issoufou	China Agricultural University, China
Multiple and entwining food crises – towards a perspective on “food as value creation”	Sergio Schneider	Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul, Brazil
Non-State actors and the construction of food sovereignty: lessons from Malaysia	Ku Nurasyiqin Ku Amir	Universiti Utara Malaysia, Malaysia

SESSION 3-5

Land rights and commodification

Chair: Enrique Castañon Ballivian, CASAS & University College London, UK

Failed business or controlling resources? Agricultural land-based investments in Lao PDR	Vong Nanthavong	Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Switzerland
Contract farming and the land question: a comparative assessment of capital's engagement with farmland and farmers in the Global South	Helena Pérez Niño	International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands
	Mark Vicol	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
State-led relocation policy implementation and its consequences: case studies from western China	Hanze Xu	College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics

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PLENARY 3

Urbanization, labour and migration

Chair: Sinem Kavak, CASAS & Lund University, Sweden

Ricardo Jacobs	University of California, Santa Barbara	South Africa/ USA
Walter Chambati	Sam Moyo African Institute for Agrarian Studies	Zimbabwe
Raúl Delgado Wise	Autonomous University of Zacatecas	Mexico
Lu Pan	China Agricultural University	China
Carmen Louw	Women on Farms Project	South Africa

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PLENARY 4

Agribusiness and petty commodity production

Chair: Jacobo Grajales, Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France

Carla Gras	National Council of Scientific and Technological Research and National University of San Martín	Argentina
Aniket Aga	SUNY Buffalo	USA
Pramesh Pokharel	All Nepal Peasants' Federation, La Via Campesina	Nepal
Forrest Zhang	Singapore Management University	Singapore
Barbara Harriss-White	University of Oxford	UK

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Parallel sessions 4

SESSION 4-1

Roundtable Discussion on Agrarian Extractivism: what, why, where how?

Chair: Alberto Alonso-Fradejas & Sergio Sauer

Sergio Sauer	University of Brasilia, Brazil
Navpreet Kaur	Miranda House, University of Delhi, India
Gertrude Dzifa Torvikey	University of Ghana, Ghana
Ben McKay	Calgary University, Canada
Vong Nanhthavong	Center for Development and Environment, Lao PDR/ University of Bern, Switzerland
Alberto Alonso-Fradejas	Wageningen University, The Netherlands

SESSION 4-2

Bio-politics of seed and species control

Chair: Ruth Nyambura, African Ecofeminist Collective, Kenya

Biopolitics of breeding: a perspective of farming panopticism	Pei Jiang	University of Cambridge, UK
Land rush through a lens of multispecies ethnography: insights from Chinese agribusiness in Northern Laos	Bin Yang	Yunnan University, China
The spread of Chinese hybrid seeds in Pakistan and Tajikistan	Michael Spies	Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development, Germany
How human-elephant relations are shaped: a case study of integrative governance process in Xishuangbanna, China	Feng Ba	China Agricultural University, China
Discussant	Adrian Zulu	FIAN Zambia

SESSION 4-3

Urbanization and agrarian change

Chair: Ricardo Jacobs, UC Santa Barbara, USA

A 'New Urban Revolution'? Beyond the socio-spatial dynamics of Abahlali baseMjondolo land occupation at eKhenana in Durban, South Africa	Nduduzo Majazi	Institute for Poverty, Land & Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa
Urbanization and processes of peri-urban land structuring in Malawi: urban growth, land dispossession and impoverishment	Sane Zuka	Malawi University of Business and Applied Sciences, Malawi
Tracing the livelihood transformation under urbanization: how the migrant farmers emerge and persist in China	Jixia Lu	China Agricultural University, China

SESSION 4-4

Interface of new forms of capital and agrarian relations

Chair: Yunan Xu, CASAS & International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Grounded financialization: producing surplus through flood infrastructure and land reclamation in Jakarta Bay	Bosman Batubara	Utrecht University, The Netherlands
Qingli and the Construction of Consensus in a Village: A Case Study of Village Team's Road Construction in Ping Village in Hunan Province	Shiping Yu	Shanghai University, China
The making of the Térraba-Sierpe Delta waterscape in Costa Rica: thinking within and beyond the plantation	María Soledad Castro Vargas	University of Zurich, Switzerland
The restructuring process of the upland agriculture in southwest China, 2008-2019	Jingsong Li	Zhejiang University, China

SESSION 4-5**Pastoralist communities at the frontier of changes**

Chair: Nguyet Dang Bao, CASAS & International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands

Squeezed from all sides: pastoralists' pressure under commodification, grassland protection and climate change	Qian Zhang	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
Agro-pastoral activities, emergence of "new peasants" and agrarian dynamics in Bas-Chari (Chad)	Abdoulaye Malloum Mahamat	Université de Maroua, Cameroon
	Soumine Adoum	Soumaïne - Société civile, Cameroon
Continuing land rush amid dynamic changes in the cast of participants and institutional mechanisms: a view from Ethiopia	Moges Bantie	International Institute of Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam
Conflict resolution through pastoral-farming resource exchanges: the rise and decline of the <i>shagpo</i> system in Amdo Tibetan society	Tsering Bum	Southwestern University of Finance And Economics, China
Discussant	Verdiana Morandi	European Shepherds Network and World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples

SESSION 4-6**Energy transition in agrarian landscapes**

Chair: Bowen Gu, University of Barcelona, Spain

Carbon frontiers: commodification and unequal geographies in the Mexican agrarian landscape	Geronimo Barrera de la Torre	Brown University, USA
The political economy of solar energy development in rural China	Zhanping Hu	North China Electric Power University, China
Understanding the interplay between energy transition dynamics and resource governance in Mozambique: Extending the analysis from the international level to the frontiers of resource extraction	Emilinah Namaganda	Utrecht University, The Netherlands
	Kei Otsuki	
The making of a lithium frontier: mining, conflict and identity in Bolivia's Uyuni Salt Flat	Martin Pere Nogues	The Graduate Center, City University of New York, USA

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Parallel sessions 5

SESSION 5-1

CASAS Panel: Agroecology and agrarian politics

Chair: Muhammad Arfan, CASAS & Centre for Climate and Environmental Research, Institute for Art and Culture Lahore, Pakistan

Agroecology and Agrarian Questions: linking peasantry-capitalist to socio-ecological dimensions in Brazil	Guadalupe Satiro	University of Brasilia, Brazil
Populism, democracy and the state: Argentine rural movements in pursuit of sustainable development	Andrea Sosa	National Scientific and Technological Research Council/ University of San Martín, Argentina
The new Brazilian agrarian issue and the role of agroecology in expanding the social function of the land	Anderson Antonio Silva	Federal University of Goiás, Brazil PEASANT

SESSION 5-2

Peasant struggles & social movements

Chair: Boaventura Monjane, CASAS & PLAAS, South Africa

Agrarian injustice unveiled: Empowering grassroots struggles through data activism in Brazil	Ricardo Barbosa Gustavo Oliveira	Graduate School of Geography, Clark University, USA
How farmer-herder conflicts reconfigure the authority of politico-legal institutions in Ghana	Daniel Yeboah	University for Development Studies, Ghana
Minorities and the struggle for land and citizenship: the post-2021 military coup debates on federalism in Myanmar	Sai Sam Kham	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Discussant:	Eric Arnulfo Fernandez Conte	La Via Campesina, Panama

SESSION 5-3

Modernization, agrarian change & new actors

Chair: Kranthi Nanduri, CASAS & Hindal School of Banking & Finance, India

How the shifting political, social, economic, natural and cultural environment from the 1990s made the emergence of the new gentry class possible in rural China?	Mengzheng Yao	Cornell University, USA
Cross-class alliances and urban middle classes with peasant characteristics: A historical-spatial approach to agency in territory-based rural mobilisations in Turkey	Sinem Kavak	Lund University, Sweden
Holistic gentrification and the recreation of rurality	Yue Du	Tsing Hua University, China
Filling the Gap: A Theoretical Account of the New Rural Construction in China	Jin Xu	China Agricultural University, China

SESSION 5-4

Nature commodification and governance

Chair: Yukari Sekine, CASAS, Brazil

Unraveling irrigation governance: a systematic review of global transformations amid agricultural modernisation and neoliberalism	Yu Wang	Southern University of Science and Technology, China
Keeping seed sovereignty in the fields: how does smallholders' practice improve the resilience governance of germplasm resources security — a case study based on the ethnic minority areas in western China	Ping Fang	School of Management, Guangxi Minzu University, China
	Li Zhou	Renmin University of China
Neoliberal climate: land grabbing against the backdrop of cyclones in Bangladesh	Nikhil Deb	California Polytechnic State University, USA
Power of knowledge or bureaucracy? The expert-government-community coalition for development in rural China	Chuanhong Zhang	China Agricultural University, China
	Xiaoyun Li	
	Dongwei Wu	

SESSION 5-5**Cross-border migration, seasonal labor & livelihoods transformations***Chair: Emilinah Namaganda, CASAS & Utrecht University, The Netherlands*

The historical-intersectional-landscape analysis of the emergence of the cross-border rural labor regime in the contemporary land rushes in the Northern Vietnam-southern China Region.	Nguyet Dang Bao	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands
From semi-proletarianization to trans-local livelihoods: the land transfer paradox and rural transformation in China	Xingyan Chen	Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
How important is farmland still for rural livelihoods in developing countries?	Li Ma	Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology, China
	Qian Zhang	Stockholm University, Sweden

SESSION 5-6**Commons and communities: collective practices in rural China***Chair: Hairong Yan, Tsinghua University*

Collective Practices among a Tibetan Herder Community	Ling Ding	Anhui Normal University
	Hairong Yan	Tsinghua University
Farmers' organization for ecosocialism: the case of agricultural extension cooperative in X Village in Northeast China	Yu Huang	Minzu University of China
The role of village leaders in making a new collective village	Ming Gao	College of Liberal Arts, Shanghai University
Development of rural collective economy and the re-organization of rural community: a case study on a rural cooperative led by a rural party branch in Yantai City	Yiyuan Chen	College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University

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Parallel sessions 6

SESSION 6-1

Contemporary land grabs and labour extraction

Chair: Rama Dieng, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Grabbing peasant land and labour at no cost: contract farming case in Tanzania	Gabriel Kanuti Ndimbo	China Agricultural University, China
	Jiaming Gu	
	Lerong Yu	
	Evaristo Haulle	Mkwawa University College, Tanzania
Land struggles by indigenous peoples, black communities and campesinos in the Colombia Amazon: towards less sectorial and fragmented framework of political struggle	Itayosara Rojas Herrera	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
'I am a worker, not a farmer': work, land, and personhood in the Global South.	Sandeepan Tripathy	National University of Singapore, Singapore
From scale operation to family farms: a case study from Northwest China	Qiangqiang Luo	Yunnan University, China

SESSION 6-2

Agriculture in the cities

Chair: Ku Nurasyiqin Ku Amir, CASAS & Universiti Utara Malaysia

From agro-industrial commodity chain to rural-urban food linkage: sustainable alternatives in China's food system	Forrest Zhang	Singapore Management University, Singapore
Economic crisis, de-proletarianization and repeasantisation in Zimbabwe's urban areas during a changing agrarian situation	Grasian Mkodzongi	Independent researcher, Zimbabwe
Tilling the urban soil: the socio-material realities of urban agrarian resistance in the contested lands of Metro Manila	Marvin Montefrio	Yale-National University of Singapur College, Singapore
	Nathalie Dagmang	Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines
Discussant:	Jocelyn Parot	URGENCI

SESSION 6-3

Agroecology and the emancipatory agenda

Chair: Martha Robbins, Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University, The Netherlands

Agroecology as counter-hegemony	Raj Patel	University of Texas, USA
Balancing farming and care responsibilities in an agroecological transition: probing agrarian social reproduction in Southwest China	Miaomiao Qi	Cornell University, USA
The political economy of agroecological transitions	Ben McKay	University Of Calgary, Canada
	Ryan Nehring	International Food Policy Research Institute
	Georgina Catacora-Vargas	Bolivian Catholic University, Latin American Scientific Society of Agroecology
Discussant	Pramesh Pokharel	Farmers delegation

SESSION 6-4

Global international agrarian politics and the role of China

Chair: Lianjiang Li , Lingnan University of Hong Kong (TBC)

A China-centered food regime? Research on China' food trade impacts on Southeast Asia	Shaohua Zhan	Nanyang Technological University, China
Leading the way? Agribusiness and organic farming in rural China	Yue Zhao	University of Melbourne, Australia
"Can the ends of the world share the same moment?": temporality, simultaneity, and Chinese state-owned enterprises "Going Out"	Wen Lei	College of Humanities and Development, China Agriculture University, China
Looking back at 20 years of agrarian sociology in China	Chunwen Xiong	China Agricultural University, China

SESSION 6-5

CASAS Roundtable: Scholar-activism and emancipatory agendas

Chair: Vong Nanhthavong, Center for Development and Environment, Lao PDR / University of Bern, Switzerland

Diana Aguiar	Federal University Of Bahia, Brazil
Bosman Batubara	Utrecht University, The Netherlands
Deniz Pelek	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain
Morgan Ody	La Vía Campesina

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PLENARY 5

Agrarian politics, care and social reproduction

Chair: Zeynep Ceren Eren Benlisoy, CASAS & ISS, The Netherlands

Lyn Ossome	Makerere University	Uganda
Nancy Peluso	University of California, Berkeley	USA
Rama Salla Dieng	University of Edinburgh	Senegal/Scotland
Arieska Kurniawaty	Solidaritas Perempuan	Indonesia
Suowei Xiao	Beijing Normal University	China

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

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PLENARY 6

Forms of organisation and collective action

Chair: Juan Liu, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University

Sergio Coronado	CASAS & Center for Research and Popular Education	Colombia
Kranthi Nanduri	CASAS & Jindal School of Banking & Finance	India
Jeongyeol Kim	La Via Campesina	Korea
Yan Shi	Shared Harvest Farm and URGENCI	China

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Parallel sessions 7

SESSION 7-1

Roundtable: Reflections on food sovereignty with practitioners in China

This conversational style session will share insights on food sovereignty initiatives and new nested markets in China and discuss ideas for building links between Chinese and international farmers and food sovereignty practitioners.

Organised by the Solidarity Encounter Organising Team.

SESSION 7-2

Ecological thinking in Theory and Practice

Chair: Shaila Seshia Galvin, Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland

Rethink ecological civilization imaginary through hydrosocial territories in rural China	Qinhong Xu	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Anti-swidden climate policies, maize plantations, and deforestation in the uplands of northern Laos	Lamphay Inthakoun	Kyoto University, Japan
Compressed ecological modernization shaped by farmers' practices under 70-year policy changes of collective forests in China – take a Dong ethics village as an example	Minghui Zhang	Nanning Normal University, China
Discussant:	Lyda Fernanda Forero	Trade Union Confederation of the Americas

SESSION 7-3

Land grabbing, proletarianization and farmers strategies

Chair: Sai Sam Kham, ISS Erasmus University, The Netherlands (TBC)

The plurality of state, capital, and societal actors as well as the meanings of land and its implications for land governance: insights from a Myanmar case	Doi Ra	International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Land grabbing in Paraguay: disparities and particularities within the “global land rush”	Valdemar João Wesz Junior	Federal University for Latin American Integration, Brazil
‘This is God’s land’: land seizures as a mechanism of land access for peri-urban farming among Malawian migrants in Zimbabwe	Johannes Bhanye	University of the Free State, South Africa

Land extension for another 30 years: What do farmers think? An empirical study based on the comprehensive survey of China's social situation in 2019	Hao Zhang	Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China
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SESSION 7-4

Peasant struggles and the reactions to green extractivism

Chair: Debora Lima, CASAS & Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil

The visionary, the pragmatic, the powerless and the disengaged: a typology of reactions beyond resistance to fossil and green extractive activities in Ecuador and Mexico	Gerardo Torres Contreras	University of Sussex, UK
Fishery resources and state territoriality in contemporary Morocco	Guohan Yin	Lund University, Sweden
Capitalocene and its Discontents: Extractivism's Confrontation with Honeybees and Rural Beekeeping in Southern Turkey	Cagla Ay	University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

SESSION 7-5

Transformation of peasant identities

Chair: Isabel Güiza-Gómez, CASAS & University of Notre Dame, USA

The legacy of insurgencies: ancestry, identity and memory in the Brazilian struggles for land, territory and autonomy in the Teia dos Povos da Bahia (Bahia Peoples' Web)	Mariana Reinach	Rural Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Modernity, canal and clash of identities: making of rural-agrarian distress in northern India	Sudhir Kumar Suthar	Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
The rise of flexible extraction: Boom-chasing and subject-making in northern Madagascar	Annah Zhu	Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Precarious workers and peasants in Indonesia: human rights perspective	Mirza Buana	Lambung Mangkurat University, Indonesia
	Rahmat Budiman	
	Ellisa Vikalista	

15:00-15:15 Coffee break

15:15-16:45**PLENARY 7****Development, its multiple crises, and its aftermath**

Chair: Huifang Wu, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University

Issa Shivji	University of Dar es Salaam	Tanzania
Nikita Sud	University of Oxford	UK
Lianjiang Li	Lingnan University of Hong Kong	China
Alexander Nikulin	Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration	Russia
Verdiana Morandi	European Shepherds Network	Italy

16:45-17:00 Coffee Break**17:00-18:30****PLENARY 8****Agrarian Futures**

Chair: Annie Shattuck, Indiana University, USA

Jan Douwe van der Ploeg	Wageningen University	The Netherlands
Yan Hairong	Tsinghua University	China
Raj Patel	University of Texas, Austin	USA
George Mudimu	CASAS & Marondera University of Agriculture, Science and Technology	Zimbabwe
Sylvia Kay	Transnational Institute	The Netherlands
Zainal Arifin Faut	Serikat Petani Indonesia	Indonesia

Closing remarks from hosts

Chair: Jingzhong Ye, Dean, College of Humanities and Development Studies, China Agricultural University

Taisheng Du, Vice President, China Agricultural University, China

Closing Event: performance, music and drinks

Pre-conference and post-conference events

October 8-9: Arrival.

October 13-14: Field trip to Yi County, Hebei Province.

October 15: Departure.

The logistics note provides further information about signing up for these.

Conference Papers

Draft conference papers can be submitted [here](#).

Please read the [conference papers](#) for your session before arriving.

We encourage everyone to read papers for the sessions you plan to attend so we can have a vibrant discussion.

Convenors

The Journal of Peasant Studies (JPS) is convening this conference in partnership with the College of Humanities and Development Studies at China Agricultural University (COHD), the Transnational Institute (TNI) and the Collective of Agrarian Scholar-Activists from the global South (CASAS).

The Conference Program Committee included Chunyu Wang, Jingzhong Ye, Isabel Guiza-Gómez, Mercedes Ejarque, Pei Jiang, Muhammad Arfan, Ruth Hall, Jacobo Grajales, Annie Shattuck, Sergio Sauer, Shaila Seshia Galvin, Jenny Franco, Sylvia Kay, Katie Sandwell.

Time	Day-1	Day-2	Day-3														
09:00-10:30	Opening Plenary 1: Looking back at 50 years of agrarian studies and peasant struggles	Plenary 3: Urbanization, labour and migration	Plenary 5: Agrarian politics, care and social reproduction														
10:30-11:00	Group Photo, Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break														
11:00-12:30	Plenary 2: Climate justice and agrarian justice	Plenary 4: Agribusiness and agrarian extractivism	Plenary 6: Forms of organisation & collective action														
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch														
13:30-15:00	Parallel sessions 1						Parallel sessions 4						Parallel sessions 7				
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15:00-15:15	Coffee Break						Coffee Break						Coffee Break				
15:15-16:45	Parallel sessions 2						Parallel sessions 5						Plenary 7: Development, its multiple crises and aftermath				
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16:45-17:00	Coffee Break						Coffee Break						Coffee Break				
17:00-18:30	Parallel sessions 3						Parallel sessions 6						Plenary 8: Agrarian Futures				

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18:45-20:00	Reception Dinner						Introduction of the field trip					Closing Event: remarks, performance, music and drinks		

Venue

Plenary Sessions: Lecture Hall, CLS Building

Parallel Sessions:

Session 1-1, 2-1, 3-1, 4-1, 5-1, 6-1 and 7-1: Seminar Room 014, COHD Building

Session 1-2, 2-2, 3-2, 4-2, 5-2, 6-2 and 7-2: Seminar Room 004, COHD Building

Session 1-3, 2-3, 3-3, 4-3, 5-3, 6-3 and 7-3: Seminar Room 008, COHD Building

Session 1-4, 2-4, 3-4, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4 and 7-4: Seminar Room 306, COHD Building

Session 1-5, 2-5, 3-5, 4-5, 5-5, 6-5 and 7-5: Conference Room 1, CLS Building

Session 1-6, 2-6, 4-6, 5-6: Conference Room 3, CLS Building

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