



# LANDac

Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development



Utrecht University

## Annual Summer School

# Land Governance for Development

**Large-scale acquisition of land in the global South has received a great deal of interest in the last few years. Especially following the food crisis, and stimulated by the growing demand for biofuels, pressure on land continues to increase. This course provides a multidisciplinary analysis of the 'land rush' within the more general context of land governance in Africa, Asia and Latin America: the history and drivers, the diversity of stakeholders and networks involved, the urgency and current challenges, and innovative governance solutions.**

The course is organized by the Netherlands Academy for Land Governance (LANDac) at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. MSc students, PhD students and professionals from development organizations and related projects will acquire up-to-date knowledge on new land pressures and learn how to place these in broader theoretical contexts and policy debates. Participants learn about best practices in land governance from different perspectives and on multiple levels, from local to international. Topics are discussed in interactive mini-courses, lectures and solution-oriented workshops. The design of the course allows for participants to closely work together with professionals, experts and fellow students from a variety of backgrounds.

LANDac, the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance is a partnership between several Dutch organizations and their Southern partners involved in development-related research, policy and practice. The partners share a concern for increasing land inequality and new land-related conflicts, and how land governance – the rules and practices surrounding the access to land – can be used to promote equitable and sustainable development in the Global South.

More information about LANDac and our activities is available on our website: [www.landgovernance.org](http://www.landgovernance.org).

### Course aim

The course provides participants with thorough knowledge of current problems as well as academic and policy debates related to land and development. Participants also build understanding of practical knowledge and possible solutions. The guiding question is how to optimize the link between land governance, inclusive sustainable development and poverty alleviation.

### Course contributions

Lecturers include (more to be confirmed): prof. dr. Annelies Zoomers, dr. Guus van Westen, dr. Griet Steel (course directors) and dr. Gemma van der Haar, Prof. dr. Jaap Zevenbergen, dr Femke van Noorloos, Malovika Pawar and other local practitioners and policy makers from Oxfam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Royal Haskoning DHV.

### Period

First two weeks of July

### Target group

The course is designed for Master's students, PhD students, and academics, as well as for practitioners from development organizations, projects and governments who are interested in or work in the fields of land governance, development studies, natural resource management, planning, human rights and conflict studies.

### Credits

3.0 ECTS credits + Certificate of Attendance

### Course fee (incl. housing)

€ 910

### More information

<https://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/social-sciences/land-governance-for-development>

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