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PROGRAMME

Climate Change and Agrarian Justice

Date: 26 – 29 September 2022

Time: 13h00 - 15h30 (Central African/European Time)

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Day 1: Monday 26 September

Critical Agrarian Studies and the Politics of Climate Change Responses

13h00 - 14h10: **Welcome and Opening Plenary**

- Ruth Nyambura, *African Ecofeminist Collective, Kenya*
- Ian Scoones, *Institute for Development Studies, UK*
- Myint Zaw, *journalist, activist and Goldman Environmental Prize winner, Myanmar*
- Antolin Huascar Flores, *President of Confederación Nacional Agraria del Perú (CNA), La Via Campesina representative*
- Chair: Jacobo Grajales, *University of Lille, France*

14h10 - 14h20: **Break**

14h20 - 15h30: **Parallel Sessions**

SESSION 1:

The Politics of Resilience and Adaptation

Chair: Mercedes Ejarque (CASAS, Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria, Argentina)

The Environmentalization of the Agrarian Question and the Agrarianization of the Climate Justice Movement	Zehra Yaşın	Department of Sociology, University of Ankara, Turkey
Rethinking resilience through socio-environmental conflicts in Nicaragua	Noémi Gonda	Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
	Selmira Flores	Nitlapan Institute, Central American University, Managua, Nicaragua
	Jennifer J. Casolo	Institute of Development Policy, University of Antwerp; Nitlapan Institute, Central American University, Managua, Nicaragua.
	Andrea J. Nightingale	Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
Resisting and remaking climate change adaptation: Counter-conducts in adaptation projects in Ecuador	Meg Mills-Novoa	Department of the Environmental Sciences, Policy, and Management and the Energy and Resources Group, University of California, Berkeley, US

	Rutgerd Boelens	Water Governance and Social Justice, Wageningen University, Wageningen University
	Jaime Hoogesteger	'Political Ecology of Water in Latin America' with CEDLA, University of Amsterdam, Wageningen University
	Jeroen Vos	Water Resources Management Group, Wageningen University, Netherlands
Gendered adaptation pathways: Climate Smart Agriculture and the unevenness of resilience in rural Rwanda	Nathan Clay	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

SESSION 2:**Climate, Energy Transitions, and Agrarian Change***Chair: Sinem Kavak (CASAS, Lund University, Sweden / Turkey)*

Land and nature appropriation: climate change narratives, green grabbing, and social-environmental resistances in Brazil.	Sergio Sauer	University of Brasilia, Brazil
Space/Time Mismatches in an Era of Climate Change: Landscape Care and Biomass Energy Politics in Italy	Andrew Mathews	Department of Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz, US
Certificated exclusion: forest carbon sequestration project in Southwest China	Jun He	National Centre for Borderland Ethnic Studies in Southwest China/ School of Ethnology and Sociology at Yunnan University, China
	Jiping Wang	National Centre for Borderland Ethnic Studies in Southwest China/School of International Education at Yunnan University, China
Just transitions to renewable energy in pastoral areas?	Caroline Upton	University of Leicester, UK

SESSION 3:**Interrogating Mitigation and Carbon Accounting***Chair: Annie Shattuck, (JPS, Indiana University Bloomington, USA)*

Land-based negative emissions technologies (NETs) and agrarian livelihoods in the global South	Pamela McElwee	Rutgers University, US
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The political life of mitigation initiatives in agrarian relations: from carbon accounting to climate accountability	Shaila Seshia Galvin	Department of Anthropology & Sociology, Graduate Institute, Geneva
	Diego Silva Garzon	Centre for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute, Geneva
Sacrificial Futures: the rule of numbers and belligerent rurality in the post-truth Anthropocene	Ritodhi Chakraborty	Lincoln University, Aotearoa New Zealand
	Mark H. Cooper	University of California, Davis, United States
Up in the air: The challenge of conceptualizing and crafting a post-carbon planetary politics to confront climate change	Alistair Fraser	Dept of Geography, Maynooth University, Ireland

SESSION 4:**The Allure and Consequences of False Solutions***Chair: Sergio Sauer (JPS, University of Brasilia, Brazil)*

Beyond COP: States, Accumulation Frontiers and Climate Change Politics in the Agriculture Dependent States	George Mudimu	Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies at University of Western Cape, South Africa / Zimbabwe
	Loveness Msofi	Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies at University of Western Cape, South Africa / Malawi
	Sandra Bhatasara	University of Zimbabwe
Linking Climate Smart Agriculture to Farming as a Service: Mapping an Emergent Paradigm of Datafied Agrarian Dispossession in India	Ali Malik	Law, Politics and Society Department at Drake University, US
After Coal: Climate Forest Governance and the Agrarian Politics of Appalachia	Gabe Schwartzman	University of Minnesota, US
Capitalism, Climate Change, and the Imperial Mode of Living: Confronting 'Ecological Imperialism' in the UK through Agroecological Transition	Mark Tilzey	Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University, UK

Day 2: Tuesday 27 September

Diverse Impacts and Responses to Climate Change in the Rural World

13h00 - 14h10: **Plenary Conversation:**

- Natacha Bruna, *Observatório do Meio Rural, Mozambique*
- Jason Moore, *Binghamton University, United States*
- Amita Baviskar, *Ashoka University, India*
- Chair: Ruth Hall, *Journal of Peasant Studies & PLAAS, University of the Western Cape*

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SESSION 5:

Climate change as an agent of capitalist expansion and dispossession

Chair: *Adwoa Yeboah Gyapong (CASAS, University of Ghana, Ghana)*

Understanding non-economic loss and damage due to climate change in Ghana	James Boafo	Department of Geography and Rural Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
	Thomas Yeboah	Bureau of Integrated Rural Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
	Lawrence Guodaar	Department of Geography and Rural Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
	Yamoah Stephany	Department of Geography and Rural Development, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana
	Hanson Nyantakyi-Frimpong	Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Denver, US
Agrarian Questions in the Capitalocene: Mudflow Disaster, Climate Change, and the Long Extermination of Peasantry in Porong Frontier	Fathun Karib	Department of Sociology, State University of New York, Binghamton; Department of Sociology, Universitas Islam Negeri Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta
Agribusiness moving through the Capitalocene: Slow violence and	Alexander Panez Pinto	University of Bio-Bio, Chile

renewed strategies of capitalist agriculture in Chile	Jorge Olea Peñaloza	Catholic University of Temuco, Chile
SESSION 6: Political ecologies of climate impacts <i>Chair: Amit Kuriën (CASAS, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology & the Environment, India)</i>		
The decline of drought-tolerant indigenous crops in a climate change context: A historical political agroecology account of the Bassari, south-eastern Senegal	Anna Porcuna-Ferrer	Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Cerdanyola del Vallès, Barcelona, Spain
	Laura Calvet-Mir	
	Ndeye Fatou Faye	
	Benjamin Klappoth	
	Victoria Reyes-García	
	Vanesse Labeyrie	
Dried up Bt cotton narratives: climate, debt and distressed livelihoods in semi-arid smallholder India	Ambarish Karamchedu	Geography and International Development at King's College London
Agrarian transformation and climate crisis in Jordan: a political ecology perspective	Livia Perosino	Les Afriques dans le Monde Sciences Po Bordeaux/ Institut Français du Proche-Orient, France
Addressing Crop Residual Burning and Agrarian Distress in North India - A Trial by Fire	Ishan Anand	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, India
	Anjana Thampi	Jindal Global Law School, O P Jindal Global University, India
SESSION 7: Adapting to a changed rural world <i>Chair: Amod Shah (CASAS, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands/India)</i>		
Adapting to climate change among transitioning Maasai pastoralists in southern Kenya: an intersectional analysis of differentiated abilities to benefit from diversification processes	Edwige Marty	International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
	Renee Bullock	International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya
	Matthew Cashmore	Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

	Todd Crane	International Livestock Research Institute, Kenya
	Siri Eriksen	Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway
Implications of Community-based Conservation on Pastoralists' Climate Change Adaptation in Northern Kenya	Jackson Wachira	Department of Earth and Climate Sciences, University of Nairobi, Kenya
	Joanes Atela	Climate Resilient Economies, African Centre for Technology, Kenya
	Paul Stacey	Department of Social Sciences and Business, University of Roskilde, Denmark
	George Outa	Department of Earth and Climate Sciences, University of Nairobi, Kenya
	Gilbert Ouma	Department of Earth and Climate Sciences, University of Nairobi, Kenya
Climate Change and Class Differentiation in Rural Areas: The Case of Ankara	Antoine Dolcerocca Ayşe Özge Savaş	Middle East Technical University, Turkey
Farmers Strategies in the Face of Climate Change in Central Valleys of Chile	Tomás Palmisano	CONICET – Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
	Julieta Godfrid	Universidad Autónoma de Chile, Chile
SESSION 8: Corporate and state narratives <i>Chair: Diana Aguiar (CASAS, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil)</i>		
Whose security? A review on framing of climate security policies and practices, beyond its discourse	Corinne Lamain	Erasmus University Rotterdam, International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands
Corporate climate discourses and agrarian struggles in Brazil	Caio Pompeia	University of São Paulo, Brazil
How the securitization of climate change effects agrarian struggles: the case of green military political participation in Bolsonaro's Brazil	Ricardo Barbosa Jr.	University of Brasilia, Brazil
Forest as "nature" or forest as "territory"? Knowledge, power, and climate mitigation	Maritza Paredes	Sociology- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
	Anke Kaulard	CISEPA- Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

conservation in the Peruvian Amazon		
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Day 3: Wednesday 28 September

Agrarian Struggles and Resistance

13h -14h10: **Plenary Conversation:**

- Beyza Üstün, *HDP Ecology Commission, Turkey*
- Diana Aguiar, *Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil*
- Boa Monjane, *PLAAS, South Africa/Mozambique*
- Chair: Tania Martinez Cruz, *CASAS & Université Libre de Bruxelles*

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SESSION 9: Frontiers of corporate capitalism <i>Chair: Jackson Wachira (CASAS, University of Nairobi, Kenya)</i>		
Frictions in the corporate-environmental regime: rearranging land and climate politics in Brazil and the United States since 2016	Daniela Calmon	International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands
'Revenge of the miners': Interrogating mining company strategies in the green transition	Mads Barbesgaard	TNI and Lund University, Sweden
	Andy Whitmore	London Mining Network, UK
The battle of the trees: the convergences and singularities of the contentious politics in the Brazilian forests	José Sobreiro	University of Brasilia, Brazil
Alternatives to current WTO rules and the EU Common Agricultural Policy to reach a more just food supply in and beyond the EU	Guus Geurts	Coordinator Agricultural Coalition for Just Trade, The Netherlands
SESSION 10: The past and future of extractivism <i>Chair: Duygu Avci (CASAS, Sabanci University, Turkey)</i>		
Unpacking uncertainties and realities of climate justice and	May Aye Thiri	Institut de Ciència i Tecnologia Ambientals, Spain

coal: A global comparative analysis of anti-coal movements	Octasiano M. Valerio Mendoza	Universitat Ramon Lull
Climate Crisis and the 'End of Coal': Unpacking the Dynamics of Land and Labour in Anti-coal Struggles	Amod Shah	International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands
Oro blanco: assembling extractivism in the lithium triangle	Daniela Soto Hernandez	University of Sussex, UK
	Peter Newell	
Rescaling the land rush: global political ecologies of land cover change in scenario archetypes for achieving the 1.5°C Paris Agreement climate target	Connor Joseph Cavanagh	Department of Geography, University of Bergen, Norway
	Jevgeniy Bluwstein	University of Freiburg, Switzerland

SESSION 11:**The contentious politics of labour displacement and migration***Chair: Hibist Kassa (CASAS, Institute for African Alternatives, South Africa/Kenya)*

Climate Refugees or Labour Migrants? Climate Reductive Translations of Women's Migration from Coastal Bangladesh	Camelia Dewan	University of Oslo, Norway
Caste of Marginality: Migrations as Coping Mechanisms of the Agrarian Poor in Bihar, India	Diksha Shriyan	Independent researcher, India
The Sinking Rice Bowl and Climate Justice in South India: The Case of Dalit farmers in Kuttanad	Ajmal Khan	SOAS, University of London, UK
Climate change, soft capital, and agrarian struggles in northern Ghana	Surulola Eke	Queen's University, Canada

SESSION 12:**Resisting Green Extractivism***Chair: Sergio Coronado (CASAS, Centro de Investigación y Educación Popular, Colombia)*

Three battles against the mining capitalist model in the Global	Ísis Táboas	Independent Technical Advisory group
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South: political strategies in the case of Brumadinho, Brazil	Tamara Rusansky	
Mitigation from above, adaptation from below: the struggle against green extractivism in central Mozambique	Natacha Bruna	Rural Areas Observatory, Mozambique
	Boa Monjane	
Power for the Plantationocene: Solar parks as the postcolonial form of an energy plantation	Ryan Stock	Department of Earth, Environmental and Geographical Sciences at Northern Michigan University, US

Day 4: Thursday 29 September

Towards Agrarian Climate Justice: Strengthening Alliances for an Anti-Capitalist Approach to Climate Change

13h00 - 14h10: **Plenary Conversation:**

- Diana Ojeda, *Universidad de los Andes, Colombia*
- Mamadou Goïta, *Institute for Research on Development Alternatives, Mali*
- Kasia Paprocki, *London School of Economics, UK*
- Katie Sandwell, *Transnational Institute, The Netherlands*
- Chair: Ricardo Jacobs, *Journal of Peasant Studies and University of California, Santa Barbara*

14h10 - 14h20: **Break**

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SESSION 13:

Agroecology, Agroforestry and Anti-Capitalist Ecologies

Chair: Carol Hernandez (CASAS, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico)

Towards Inclusive Climate Resilient Agroecological Farming in Punjab	Shantanu De Roy	Department of Policy Studies, TERI School of Advanced Studies, Delhi, India
	C. Saratchand	Department of Economics, Satyawati College, University of Delhi, India
Counter-plantations, Prefigurative Political Ecologies of Labour and Agroforestry and Agrarian Class Struggles in the Climate Crisis	Cristián Alarcón	University of Agricultural Sciences in Uppsala, Sweden
Reparations towards Nature: Reflections on Food Sovereignty, Ecological Thought and Land-based Learning	Nosheen Ali	The Gallatin School, New York University, US
For an agroecological Brazil: analysing the political discourse construction.	Thais Ponciano Bittencourt	Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro/ Graduate Program in Social Sciences in Development, Agriculture, and Society, Brazil

SESSION 14:**Agrarian struggles, resistance and alternatives***Chair: Soytavanh Mienmany (CASAS, Australian National University, Australia/Laos)*

Agrarian Struggles, Climate Governance and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor: A Case Study of Gilgit Baltistan	Danish Khan	Economics Department of Franklin & Marshall College, US
	Han Cheng	Economics Department of Franklin & Marshall College, US
Prefiguring Buen Sobrevivir: Lenca Women's (E)utopianism amid Climate Change.	Benjamin Fash	Clark University Graduate School of Geography, US
	Betty Vásquez	Cine Bolomchon, Mexico
	María Sojob	Movimiento Ambientalista Santabarbarensense, Honduras
Temporality, desires of change and resistance in Diola Kasa peasant territories	Alessandra Manzini	IUAV University of Venice, Italy
Rural Indonesia in the Shadow of Climate Change: Envisioning Rural Climate Politics from Below	John F McCarthy	Australian National University, Australia
	Michaela Haug	Universität zu Köln, Germany
	Gerben Nooteboom	University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
	Rini Astuti	Australian National University, Australia
	Pujo Semedi	Gajah Mada University, Indonesia
	Darmanto	Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic
	Mia Siskawati	University of Indonesia, Indonesia
	Pande Made Kutaneegara	Gajah Mada University, Indonesia

SESSION 15:**Visions of agrarian climate justice***Chair: Cynthia Embida Bejeno (CASAS, ISS, Netherlands/Philippines)*

Critical Agrarian Questions in Te Moanaui a Kiwa: settler	Sita Venkateswar	Massey University, New Zealand
	Ritodhi Chakaraborty	University of Canterbury, New Zealand

postcolonies, Te whenua and just, multi-species futures	Hirini Matunga	Lincoln University, New Zealand
	Nitha Palakshappa	Massey University, New Zealand
	Erin Withers	Massey University, New Zealand
	Heidi Mcleod	Lincoln University, New Zealand
Food Justice and the Farmer: Navigating Climate and Environmental Change to Inform Food Sovereignty Dialogues in Semi-Arid West Africa	Jessica Ham	Emory University, US
Can nature speak? - How to think with nature in climate change discourses. A more-than-human approach to Critical Agrarian Studies	Sophie Redecker	Department of Organic Agriculture at Kassel University, Germany
	Christian Herzig	Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences at the University of Kassel, Germany
Rural Southern African climate justice visions and vulnerabilities	Patrick Bond	University of Johannesburg, South Africa

SESSION 16:**Strengthening alliances around land struggles***Chair: Fatema Sarker (CASAS, University of Hohenheim, Germany/Bangladesh)*

Forests without Peasants: Climate Change Politics and the Land Rush in the North of the Colombian Amazon.	Itayosara Rojas Herrera	International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands
Clearcut: Political Economies of Deforestation	Markus Kröger	University of Helsinki, Finland
Assemblages of Land, Metabolic Rift and Climate Politics in Eastern and Southern India	Suravee Nayak	Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India
	Mijo Luke	
Against the Planetary: For a Critical Ethnography of the Climate Crisis	Kasia Paprocki	Department of Geography and Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
	Michael Levien	Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University, US

Notes

Languages: Simultaneous translation will be available in Spanish and French for plenary sessions.

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