Rush to soil and subsoil: sharing analysis
2nd workshop of the Belgian Land Research Network (BLRN)
Université catholique de Louvain

Schedule
June 5, 2014 : UCL, Louvain-la-Neuve (8.45-18.00)
Salle du Conseil (LECL 93), Collège Jacques Leclercq, Place Montesquieu, 1

8.45 : Registration : LECL 93 (sale du Conseil), Collège Jacques Leclercq, place Montesquieu, 1, B-1348, Louvain-la-Neuve

9.00 : Welcome and Opening Session

09.00 : Opening : An Ansoms (UCL, Dvlp)
09.10 : Presentation : “Research and public debate about the rush to soil and subsoil”
Emmanuelle Piccoli (FNRS/UCL-Laap/Dvlp)

09.20 : Featured Speaker
*Le Canada comme paradis réglementaire et judiciaire de l’industrie minière mondiale*
Alain Deneault (Université de Montréal)

10.05 : Discussion

10.35 : Coffee
11.00 : First research panel ; Chair : Deborah Delgado (UCL, Dvlp)

11.05 : Min(d)ing the land ; interrogating the relationship between asm and land tenure in hybrid regulatory environments
Boris Verbrugge, Jeroen Cuvelier and Steven van Bockstael, Conflict Research Group, Ghent University

11.20 : Investing in land. The role of metrics of good governance
Laura Silva-Castañeda, IFRIS Postdoctoral researcher / Inra-SenS / Collaboratrice scientifique UCL (Dvlp)

11.35 : The Political Economy of Agrarian Transformation in Northern Uganda
David Ross Olanya, Gulu University, Uganda/University of Antwerp, Belgium

11.50 : From land to resources after the "Paix des Braves". The impacts of natural resources industries on Cree land tenure (James bay, Quebec)
Chaplier Mélanie, UCL (Laap)

12.05 : Discussion


13.00 : NGO ROUNDTABLE : « Strategies of civil society in conflicts around soil and subsoil » ; Chair : Emmanuelle Piccoli

13.35 : Justice et Paix (Santiago et Axelle Fischer)
13.50 : Africa-Europe Faith and Justice Network (Gino Brunswijk)
14.05 : Catapa « States fastest way to increase government budget: The Greek mining case: Halkidiki and Skouries » (Charlotte Christiaens and Panagiota Kourfali)
14.20 : Discussion

14.40. Second research panel ; Chair : Etienne Verhaegen (UCL, Dvlp)

14.45 : Richesses aurifères et acteurs locaux. Eléments pour une problématique politique
Michèle Leclerc-Olive, IRIS-CNRS-EHESS
15.00 : « Faire la force », Stratégies de négociation et de déploiement des acteurs de l’or dans la région Sud-Ouest du Burkina Faso 
Quentin Mégret, Université Lumière Lyon 2 / CREA

15.15 : Enjeux miniers et protestation au Burkina Faso
Sylvie Capitant, Maître de conférences- Sociologue / Université Paris I IEDES-UMR 
Développement et sociétés

15.30 : « Dispositif », du jeu au sens. Programme de sécurisation foncière ou instrument de pouvoir-savoir au Burundi ?
Aymar Nyenyezi Bisoka, UCL (Dvlp)

15.45 : Discussion

16.05 : Coffee and presentation of the board game « Land rush » (An Ansoms)

16.30 : Third research panel ; Chair : Laura Silva Castañeda

16.35 : Indigenous peoples’ organisations in the global environmental change governance regimes
Deborah Delgado, UCL (Dvlp)

José Francisco Márquez Guerra, ULG

17.05 : Du développement comme d’une esthétique du territoire compatible avec une esthétique de vie bonne : réflexion rétro-prospective sur l’économie politique des territoires africains
Thierry Amougou, UCL (Dvlp)

17.20 : Discussion

17.40 : Future Directions for the BLRN
Emmanuelle Piccoli, Jeroen Adam (UGhent).
Throughout Belgium, a considerable number of individual researchers and research institutes work on issues of land access and control in Asia, Africa and, Europe, Oceania and America. Too often, however, exchange of ideas and debates between these different researchers in Belgium has been limited. For this reason, a group of researchers from UCL and Ghent established the **Belgian Land Research Network (BLRN)** in 2013. The BLRN aims to act as a platform for social science research on land related issues conducted at Belgian universities. It intends to become a focal point of discussion and debate for research on land related themes, including control and conflict over natural resources including mining and gas, legal pluralism and land access, agrarian reforms, food security, dispossession and agricultural change, land grabbing, and other related issues. Secondly, the BLRN intends to act as a platform between the academic world and the non-academic world of development practitioners, policy-makers, NGO workers and other interested parties. The BLRN therefore aims to build bridges between the two worlds of academic researchers and development practitioners through the organization of workshops, briefings and other events on various land-related issues.

The **second workshop**, aims to consider the process, impact and consequences of the extractive boom and land rush now observed around the world. At present, actors in the extractive sector are acquiring and exploiting a growing stock of increasingly hard to get at resources beneath the land: minerals, petroleum, natural gas, and water. As a result, overlapping uses generate numerous conflicts, putting to the fore conflicting visions of land use and development.

The workshop will develop an **overview of debate and recent research** at Belgian Universities on land access, agricultural change, extractive policies, human rights and conflict. We would like to focus on the overlapping and competing land use interests of actors involved in investing and transforming rural landscapes. We welcome presentations highlighting the heterogeneity of actors and stakes at play. We will also try to incorporate approaches and research tools implemented in studies of land use and extractive industries. The workshop will provide space for NGO and development workers to participate to the debate.

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