International conference

Rural transformations and food systems: The BRICS and agrarian change in the global South
20 – 21 April 2015
School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town

And International Symposium
Agrarian Change in the 21st Century: Processes and Politics
22 April 2015
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DAY ONE: Monday 20th April

9.15am Welcome and opening

9.30am Key note addresses

1. *Global agro-food system change and the role of the BRICS* – Saturnino ‘Jun’ M. Borras Jr. (International Institute for Social Studies, Netherlands) and Ben Cousins (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

2. *South African farmers, agro-processing companies, food chains and retailers moving into Africa* – Ruth Hall and Ben Cousins (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

3. *Brazil and Latin American agrarian transformations: a preliminary survey* – Sergio Sauer (University of Brasilia, Brazil)

11am Tea/Coffee

11.30am Agrarian change in BRICS countries and its wider implications (parallel panels)

Panel 1.1

1. *The government of late-capitalist agrarian landscapes: Agrarian change and post-Apartheid biopolitics* – Andries du Toit (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

2. *Socio-economic and environmental changes in agro-extractive value chains in Amazon and cerrado biomes: an exploratory and comparative study* – Janaina de Abreu Sa Diniz, Daniquele Andrade & Denise Barbosa-Silva (University of Brasilia, Brazil)
3. *Bifurcation in agrarian structure in China* – Ye Jingzhong (China Agricultural University, China)

4. *Researching social differentiation among small farmers in South Africa: some observations and questions about methodology* – Donna Hornby and Farai Mtero (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

Panel 1.2

1. *Same strategies, many variations: reproduction and accumulation strategies of large-scale capitalist farmers in three provinces of South Africa* – Amelia Genis (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

2. ‘*Inclusive business models’ and land reform in the South African citrus industry* – Nerhene Davis (University of Pretoria, South Africa)


4. *Financialization in agribusiness: some notes from the Brazilian case* – Moises Balestro (University of Brasilia, Brazil) and Sergio Schneider (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)

1.00pm Lunch

**2.00pm Dynamics in regional agro-food systems and value chains in Africa, Latin America and South-east Asia (parallel panels)**

Panel 2.1

1. *The logic of accumulation in Southern African sugar production* – Alex Dubb (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

2. *Debt, dependency and dispossession: delinking Bolivia’s value chain agriculture* – Ben Mackay (International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands)

3. *Regional fish trade in Africa: potential for food security and inland fisheries management benefits* – Mafaniso Hara (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

4. *People-driven patterns of food provisioning: learning from what works in Tanzania* – Marc Wegerif (Oxfam Ireland, Tanzania)

Panel 2.2

1. *The supermarket revolution: gauging the transformation of food retail in the Southern African region* – Melodie Williams (City of Cape Town / PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

2. “*Don’t stop the mill*: South African sugar business, agrarian change and outgrowers’ schemes in the Kilombero Valley, Tanzania” – Giuliano Martinello (Makerere University, Uganda)
3. *The political economy of boom crops inside China: causes and conditions, consequences and constraints* – Liu Juan (College of Humanities and Social Development, Northwest A&F University, China), Wang Chunyu, Hu Zhen, Ye Jingzhong (China Agricultural University), Saturnino M. Borras Jr. (International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands) and Jennifer C. Franco, Transnational Institute (Transnational Institute, Netherlands)

4. *Large scale agricultural investment and rural youth in Africa* – Cyriaque Hakizimana (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

**DAY TWO: Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} April**

**9am: Key note addresses (plenary)**

1. *Food regime analysis: expansions - and contractions?* – Henry Bernstein (School of Oriental and African Studies, UK)


3. *Brazil and China in African agriculture* – Ian Scoones (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK)

10.30am Tea/Coffee

**11am BRICS countries and regional agro-food systems (parallel panels)**

Panel 3.1

1. *Patterns of development at a crossroad: the political economy of the agricultural partnership between Brazil and Mozambique* – Daniela Andrade (International Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands)

2. *Resistance to ProSavanna in Mozambique* – Clemente Ntauazi (Accao Academica para o Desenvolvimento das Comunidades Rurais / Academic Action for the Development of Rural Communities (ADECRIU), Mozambique) and Mateus Santos (La Via Campesina, Mozambique)

3. *Questioning the global rise of Brazilian agroindustry: new evidence from Latin America* – Lee Mackey (University of California, Los Angeles)

4. *Modern occupation and developments in the Cerrado: a case study in community of Buraquinos, Minas Gerais, Brazil* – Thais Oliviera & Regina Coelly (University of Brasilia, Brazil)
Panel 3.2

1. **South African capital in regional agrarian economies: the case of Zambia** – Toby Moorsom (Carleton University, Canada)

2. **Zambia’s investment environment and land grabbing: the case of Mpongwe** – Jesinta Kunda and Dimuna Phiri (Zambia Land Alliance, Zambia)

3. **Exploring responsible innovation in the context of social inequality and planetary boundaries: lessons from agro-ecology in China, South Africa and Brazil** – Laura Pereira (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

4. **Native seeds: identity and territoriality at Rio Bonito rural settlement, Cavalcante, Goias, Brazil** – Regina Coelly (University of Brasilia, Brazil)

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm **BRICS in relation to old and new hubs of global capital (parallel panels)**

Panel 4.1

1. **Chinese and other foreign investments in Brazilian soybean agribusiness** – Gustavo Oliveira (Institute for Social Studies, Netherlands)

2. **Which territorial embeddedness? Territorial relationships of recently internationalized firms of the MICs agricultural sector** – Clara Craviotti (National Council of Scientific and Technical Research, Argentina)

3. **Changing dynamics of Chinese investment: New and old actors in the context of an increasingly financialized global food supply chain** – Zoe Brent (Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands / FoodFirst, USA)

Panel 4.2

1. **The Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa and the occupation of the Guinea Savannah** – Stephen Greenberg (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape / African Centre for Biosafety, South Africa)

2. **Bilateral relations and compared development trajectories of Brazil and China** – Fabiano Escher, Sergio Schneider (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) & Ye Jingzhong (China Agricultural University, China)

3. **Targeting southeast Asian land: The drivers and impacts of Chinese-led agricultural investment** – Elyse Mills (Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands)

4. **Sugarcane outgrowers and foreign capital in contemporary Tanzania** – Emmanuel Sulle (PLAAS, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

3.30pm Tea/coffee
4.00pm Plenary

Roundtable: Civil society perspectives on mobilisation and advocacy in the context of agrarian change in the global South (panellists to be confirmed)

5.00pm Closing

DAY THREE: Wednesday 22 April 2015

Follow-up meetings
Venue: PLAAS Boardroom, Main Hall Building, University of the Western Cape

9.00 – 11.00 Meeting of African civil society and research collaborators to discuss a joint programme of research and activism on agro-food transformation

11.30 – 13.00 Meeting of BICAS core organising group
International symposium, to celebrate 20 years of the Institute of Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)

Agrarian Change in the 21st Century: Processes and Politics

School of Public Health
Wednesday 22nd April 2015
2pm – 6pm

2pm: Welcome: Andries du Toit (PLAAS, University of Western Cape)

2.05pm – 3.30pm: Keynote speakers

Chair: Mafa Hara (PLAAS, University of Western Cape) Speakers for 20 mins each followed by open discussion

Africa: Patricia Kameri-Mbote (University of Nairobi, Kenya)
South East Asia: Jun Borras (Institute for Social Studies, Netherlands)
Latin America: Sergio Schneider (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)

3.30 – 3.50pm: Tea/coffee

3.50pm – 4.50pm: Roundtable 1: “Processes of agrarian change and their wider implications” Speakers begin by saying something for 8-10 mins each followed by roundtable discussion and audience participation

Chair: Ben Cousins (PLAAS, University of Western Cape)

Pauline Peters (Harvard University, USA),
Ye Jingzhong (Chinese Agricultural University, China)
Ian Scoones (Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK)

4.50pm – 5.50pm: Roundtable 2: “The politics of agrarian change in the 21st century”

Chair: Moenieba Isaacs (PLAAS, University of Western Cape) Speakers begin by saying something for 8-10 mins each followed by roundtable discussion and audience participation
Sergio Sauer (University of Brasilia, Brazil),
Bridget O’Laughlin (Institute for Social Studies, Netherlands)
Henry Bernstein (University of London, UK)

5.50pm – 6.00pm: Summing up remarks: Ruth Hall (PLAAS, University of Western Cape)

6.00pm – 8.00pm  PLAAS 20th anniversary celebration (see separate programme)
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