



Land Ownership and Conflict in a Global Context: Transfer, Adaptation and Translation of Normative Systems

(Organisers: Mariana Armond Dias Paes, Pamela Cacciavillani, Helen McKee)

Monday 20th February

9.30 Registration

10.00 Welcome and Opening Remarks – Professor Stefan Vogenauer

10.15 Panel One (Chair: Jean-Philippe Dequen, MPIeR)

Guma Komey, University of Bahri, Sudan, “State Land Laws, Policies, and Rights: An Analysis of their Impact on the Livelihoods of Rural Communities in Sudan”

Jean-Claude Misenga, Human Rights Officer, United Nations, “Reconciling the irreconcilable? Land “ownership”, large-scale land investments and conflict in the DR Congo”

Mariana Candido, University of Notre Dame, United States, “Land rights in Angola: How did African women exercise ownership rights?”

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Discussion

13.45 Panel Two (Chair: Stephen K. Aranha, MPIeR)

Elisabetta Fiocchi, University of Zurich, Switzerland, “Grundbuch, Transcription or Torrens System? Land Registration as a Technique of Empire for the Italian Colonies”

Christina Gabbert, University of Göttingen, Germany, “Managing common land: Customary land use in Southern Ethiopia in a globalizing world”

15.15 Coffee Break

15.30 Panel Three (Chair: Emily Whewell, MPIeR)

Non Arkaraprasertkul, University of Sydney, Australia, “Gentrifying Uncertainty: An Anthropological Reflection on Opaque Land and Housing Rights in Urban Shanghai”



Jobien Monster, Tilburg University, the Netherlands, “The role of modern land law and local norms in the construction and resolution of land conflicts in Cambodia and Rwanda: two case studies”

18.00 Workshop Dinner

19.30 Lecture by Conference Organisers (Mariana Armond Dias Paes, Pamela Cacciavillani, Helen McKee)

Tuesday 21st February

10.00 Panel One (Chair: Manuel Bastias, Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung, Germany)

Sarah Keenan, Birkbeck, University of London, the United Kingdom, “Smoke, Curtains and Mirrors: The Production of Race Through Time and Title Registration”

Rosa Congost, University of Girona, Spain, “Eppur si muove. For a realist (and relational) approach to property rights in land”

Anita Jowitt, University of the South Pacific, Vanuatu, “Explaining customary land ownership and the resolution of customary land disputes in Vanuatu”

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Discussion

13.30 Institute and Library Tour

14.30 Coffee

15.00 Optional MPI Workshop (Spanish and Portuguese language)
Optional Frankfurt City tour

Wednesday 22nd February

10.00 Panel One (Chair: Justine Collins, MPIeR)

Carmen Alveal, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, “Land property rights: an overview and challenges of the sesmaria system in Colonial Brazil (1550-1750)”

Jonathan deVore, Yale University, United States, “Property and the Forensics of Personhood in a Post-Slave Society”



Monique Falcão, Rio de Janeiro State University, Brazil, “Ethnic Identity as Constitutional Foundation of Title of Property to Remaining Communities of Quilombos, Brazil, XXI Century”

12.00 Lunch

13.00 Discussion

13.30 Roundtable discussions with the Institute`s Focus Areas

- Translation
- Conflict Regulation

15.00 Coffee

15.30 Closed Meeting to discuss publications and future meetings

17.00 Optional Drinks

19.00 End of Workshop