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Workshop Programme

The Land Question in North Africa in an Era of Global Resource Grabs and Ecological Crisis

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Day I – Tuesday, 25 September 2018

9.00 – 9.30 **Welcome & Registration**

10.00 – 10.30 **Introduction**

Welcome & Introducing speech by Dr Katharina Lange (ZMO), Head of the group "Politics of Resources"

Presentation of the workshop's questions and problematiques by the organizers

Session 1: The Land Question in North Africa – Historical Perspectives

10.30 – 12.30 **Panel 1**

Discussants: Nora Lafi (ZMO) & Ali Daoudi (ENSA Algiers)
Chair: [Joseph-Désiré Som I \(ZMO\)](#)
Rapporteur: [Mohammed Benidir \(École Nationale d'Architecture de Tétouan\)](#)

1. Beya Abidi (ISHTC)
Henchir Sidi Thabet: Appropriation of the 'beylik's henchirs and remodeling of rural structures in Tunisia in the XIX^e-XX^e centuries - [FR]

2. Vittoria Capresi (TU Berlin)
Land Grabbing and the Issue of Ownership in Libya from the Colonial Time until Today - [ENG]

3. Omar Bessaoud (CIHEAM-IAMM)
Rural Land in Algeria: from Self-Management to Agricultural Concessions (1963-2018) - [FR]

12.30 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

Session 2: Contemporary Dynamics of Land Grabbing and Trajectories of Agrarian and Environmental Change

14.00 – 16.00 **Panel 2**

Discussants: Omar Bessaoud (CIHEAM IAMM) & Katharina Lange (ZMO)
Chair: [Mathilde Fautras \(Univ. Paris Nanterre\)](#)
Rapporteur: [Giulio Iocco \(Univ. of Calabria\)](#)

1. Bouchraa Karroud (Univ. Mohammed 5 Rabat, Univ. Paul Valéry Montpellier III)
The Introduction of new Crops and Trajectories of Change in Relations to the Resources in the Massif of Oulmès, Moroccan Central Plateau - [FR]

2. Khadidja Baroud (CRSTRA, ENSA d'El Harrach)
Land Improvement as the Main Engine of Land Appropriation in the Steppes and in Saharian Regions: the Case of Algeria - [FR]

3. Saida Loqmane (LITOPAD, FLSH Rabat, Univ. Mohammed 5 Rabat)
Rabat's Inland Region: Rural Ressources and Territories between Peasant Rationalities, Public Action and Actors' Strategies - [FR]

16.00 – 16.30 **Coffee Break**

16.30 – 19.00 **Panel 3**

Discussants: Mohamed Mahdi (ENA Meknes) & Olivier Leservoisier (Paris Descartes)
Chair: [Mohammed Benidir \(École Nationale d'Architecture de Tétouan\)](#)

Rapporteur: [Joseph-Désiré Som I \(ZMO\)](#)

1. Cheikh Saad Bouh Camara (Univ. de Nouakchott)
Rural Land in Mauritania: Social Cohesion and the Challenge of Development - [FR]

2. Irène Carpentier (Univ. Paris 1, IRMC)
Land Grabbing at the Moment of Oasis' Protection: Socio-spatial Fragmentation of the Territory in Tozeur, between Structural Crises and Local Responses – Tunisia - [FR]

3. Max Ajl (Cornell University)
The Environmentalism of the Poor In Kerkennah and Gabès? – Tunisia - [ENG]

4. Majda Mourou (Univ. Mohammed 5 Rabat, Univ. Paul Valéry Montpellier III)
Trajectories of Change and Representations of Land Property in a Mountain Peasant Society: the Case of the Eastern high Atlas and the Land of the Ait Baamrane - [FR]

4. Juliane Schumacher (ZMO)
Making Natural Resources Global - Financialisation and Changing Beneficiaries of Natural Resources and 'Services' in Moroccan forests – Morocco - [ENG]

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch Break

Session 3: Contemporary Forms of Rural Resistance in North Africa

14.00 – 16.30

Panel 5

Discussants: Samuli Schielke (ZMO) & Christophe Gironde
Chair: [Joseph-Désiré Som I \(ZMO\)](#)
Rapporteur: [Mathilde Fautras and/or Giulio Iocco](#)

1. Alia Gana (IRMC-TARICA)
The Land Question and Peasants' Mobilizations in Post-Revolution Tunisia: Towards Alternative Development Models? - [ENG]

2. Francesco de Lellis (Univ. of Naples 'L'Orientale')
Egypt's peasant Movements in the Revolution: Protest, Organization, Allies and the State, 2011-2015 - [ENG]

3. Heba Khalil (Univ. of Illinois)
Revolution in Parallel Times: Rural Politics in Critical Times – Egypt - [ENG]

4. Mohammed Benidir (École Nationale d'Architecture de Tétouan)
Domaniality vs Protestation Around a Silver Mine in the South of Morocco - [FR]

Day II – Wednesday, 26 September 2018

9.30 – 10.00

Welcome & Coffee

10.00 – 12.30

Panel 4

Alia Gana (CNRS/Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne/IRMC) & Christophe Gironde (IHEID, Geneva)
Chair: [Giulio Iocco \(Univ. of Calabria\)](#)
Rapporteur: [Mathilde Fautras \(Univ. Paris Nanterre\)](#)

1. Christian Henderson (Univ. of Leiden)
Renewable Energy, Land Grabs and the Political Economy of Authoritarianism - Egypt/Morocco - [ENG]

2. Yasmine Moataz Ahmed (American University Cairo)
"Grapes kill" – Translating Land Grabbing in a Village of Fayyoun – Egypt - [ENG]

3. Saker El Nour (Univ. Paris 1, IRD)
Desert Land Reclamation and Land Tenure Dynamics in Wadi Al-Nukra Project in Upper-Egypt - [ENG]

16.30 – 17.00

Coffee Break

Session 4: Conclusions

17.00 – 18.30 Fishbowl Discussion/ Brainstorming

Facilitated by: [Organisers](#)

The session starts with a brief report from the chairs/ rapporteurs of the panels to kickstart a debate that starts from the discussants of the different panels (on invitation) and then opens up to all the other participants.

The guidelines of the discussion – facilitated by the organisers - will be: What did you learn of new from this workshop? What did (not) surprise you? What do you think the most urgent issues/stakes are? What is new, and what is not of what we heard about? What is cyclical, conjunctural, structural?

What needs additional research/attention to deepen our understanding of current dynamics of land and resource politics? What was missing in our discussions? What can be our role and the role of engaged/critical scholars in these dynamics? How can we promote the outcomes of our discussions? How can we make sure they feed into public action (policies and activism)?