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Political Territories, Land and Agrarian Dynamics and Territorialization Processes

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Contemporaneous researches on land tenure put emphasis on the dynamics of land and natural resources rights, on processes of individualization, commoditisation or repatrimonialisation of these rights and on the impacts of policies that target land rights formalization. They also highlight processes of land property concentration and exclusion. Mainly focused on the parcel and farm levels, these researches do not offer spatialised analyses, do not replace the land tenure dynamics within the territories, nor analyse the way these dynamics contribute to recompose the territories.

Conversely, researches addressing territories tend to ignore land tenure, especially in Southern countries: they analyse economic dynamics at territorial level, highlight original modes of coordination for local development that are taking place at this specific scale, as well as how rural and agricultural public policies are translated locally. But they seldom discuss how land rights (and the governance that define and secure them) mediate the access to land and natural resources for stakeholders and therefore, the social impacts of these dynamics and policies.

This session aims at breaking with this mutual ignorance and at opening a new debate on the interlinkages between land tenure dynamics and territorial dynamics, by cross-cutting various facets of these linkages, such as:

- The way the access to land in southern territories is connected to neo-customary logics of land tenure regulation, and then, takes place within political territories that are structured around the history of settlement, and whose impacts of public policies and projects are mediated by the types of rights that the different social groups have negotiated;
- The way agrarian dynamics –in particular those based on technical innovations like irrigation by forage-, re make up land tenure and land distribution as well as territories and land governance.
- The way the entrepreneurial dynamics impacting local tenure, like agribusiness or mining industries, re-configure territories as well as they generate new dynamics of claim on land rights and of territorialisation, leading to new modes of territorial governance.

This mini-symposium will take place during two sessions (2x1 h 30). Gathering five contributions that are voluntary contrasted, it will be an opportunity to create a debate on these links, and will enrich both land tenure and territories specialists' matters. One contribution will be a short video in order to make more visible the processes we analyse. Communications (15mn + 15 mn discussion) will be discussed by a senior geographer, specialist in territorialisation processes. A general debate will take place at the end of the symposium, in order to capitalise on the different communications and on the interlinked dynamics of land tenure and territorialisation processes. A Scientific Journal special issue will be prepared.

Discussant

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Participants

Philippe Lavigne Delville (IRD/UMR GRED; philippe.lavignedelville@ird.fr): **Territorial frames, spatial inequalities and land rights formalization (Benin, West Africa).**

Pierre-Yves Le Meur (IRD / UMR GRED; pierre-yves.lemeur@ird.fr) : « **What is a mining enclave? Between politics, territorialisation and value of place** » (New Caledonia and New Guinea, Pacific).

Perrine Burnod (Cirad-Umr Tetis & Observatoire du foncier ; perrine.burnod@cirad.fr), Tsilavo Ralandison (research assistant, University de Kyoto, Japan, ralandisonsilavo@yahoo.fr), Aurélien Reys (post doc, CIRAD ; aurelienreys@gmail.com) : “**Large scale agribusiness : From rush to crush**” (Madagascar, Indian Ocean). **15 minutes documentary + 5 minutes presentation.**

Amandine Adamczewski Hertzog (Cirad, UMR G-Eau ; amandine.adamczewski@cirad.fr) et Labaly Touré (Université Gaston Berger, Sénégal ; labaly.toure@ugb.edu.sn): **Social and territorial networks in coping with the extension of agribusiness projects in the Senegal River Delta.**

Mélanie Requier (IAMM /UMR MOISA ; requier@iamm.fr) et Souhila Fodil (ITMAS, Algérie): **Rural dynamics development and pastoral resources appropriation in two communes, Wilaya of Djelfa (Algeria).**
