



Global Land Grabbing

International Conference
19-21 March 2024, Bogota, Colombia

[Call for Papers](#)

What is LDPI?

More than a decade ago, the Land Deal Politics Initiative ([LDPI](#)) was launched as a loose network of scholars and activists concerned about the rise of land, water and green grabs across the world and the consequences for rural livelihoods and agrarian relations. A massive wave of investment in land, resulting in expropriation and displacement had emerged following the financial, food and energy crises of 2008-09. We wanted to understand what was going on and how best to respond. Between 2009–2019, LDPI organised a series of events to analyse the social, economic, political and environmental dynamics of large-scale land deals and their implications for policy and social movements. LDPI funded significant research and contributed to a considerable body of published scholarly research on land deals, all of which shaped policy discussions and informed numerous initiatives such as the FAO's Tenure Guidelines.

The current LDPI agenda

The global debate around land deals has diminished in the last several years, but important research and political questions remain. What happened to the thousands of land grabs documented by researchers, non-governmental organisations, activist groups, news media, and aid agencies? What new configurations of land, labour and capital have emerged since? How has the rise of authoritarian, state-led populism and politics re-shaped the tensions between 'foreignisation' and extraction? We made a Call for Applications for Small Grants (\$3,000 each), and we received close to 700 applications! We have been able to fund [27 recipients](#).

This LDPI conference

Meanwhile, the organisers of the LDPI are collaborating with several leading research hubs in organizing an International Conference on Global Land Grabbing on **19-21 March 2024 in Bogota, Colombia** which will include academic researchers, activists and policymakers from across the world

Funding

The very limited funds we have will be allocated to some basic conference expenses (free lunches for conference participants), simultaneous English/Spanish translation, travel/accommodation subsidy to a handful invited speakers (especially those from the Global South and social movements). If you are keen on participating, at least you still have several months to look for your own funding. We will later provide a list of low-priced hostel/hotel accommodation in Bogota, plus possibilities for 'solidarity accommodation'. But there will be **no conference fee**.

Call for Papers

We are inviting academic researchers, policy experts, activists in the Global North and South to submit abstracts for the conference. The proposed themes include:

- What happened to failed large-scale land grabs?
- Multiple, invisible domestic land grabs
- The implications for labour
- The role of science
- Processes of financialisation
- Green energy and climate change
- Green grabbing, neoliberal conservation and market-based instruments
- Growth as extra-territorial development
- Land grabs and environmental change
- The national political context of land grabbing
- Violence, from the everyday to the spectacular
- Resistance and mobilisation
- Policy and political change
- Methodology
- Towards theorisation
- Global South and Global North

Conference outputs

The aim is to publish the papers online beginning mid-February 2024 in the LDPI Working Paper series as a way to share them widely in the build-up to and during the March 2024 international conference in Bogota. Having widely circulating papers will facilitate vibrant, open conversations. Five leading journals are co-organizing the initiative: [Journal of Peasant Studies](#), [World Development](#), [Antipode](#), [Globalizations](#), and [Análisis Político](#). Some special issues or special forums in these journals may be organized for selected appropriate papers from this initiative.

Online submission

Submit an online application here <https://forms.gle/HapahGfuFKde23C27>

Your application should include an abstract of 350 words, with author's bio of 100 words, plus title, keywords and authors' institutional affiliation.

Deadline for applications: **31 October 2023**

For selected abstracts, deadline for full conference papers: 15 February 2024.

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