

# LARRI NEWSLETTER

## The Land Rights Research Initiative

### Save the Dates!

Let us start by thanking everyone who attended our previous LARRI seminar with Jeannette Baysienge and contributed to a great discussion on land rights and gender relations in Rwanda. More information from this event will be included in our upcoming newsletter.

With the newsletter we want to draw your attention to two upcoming LARRI events in April. We hope you all can join us for two very interesting seminars where we will learn more about land grabbing in Mozambique and land conflicts in Uganda.



### Do ordinary people profit from agrobusiness?

On **April 15** LARRI will co-host an open seminar with the Swedish NGO Afrikagrupperna on land investments and its effect on small-scale farmers in Mozambique.

**Lasse Krantz**, project leader of LARRI, will start the seminar by giving an introduction to the land law in Mozambique. Our invited guest **Sheila Rafi** from the organization Livanigo in Mozambique will then speak about her experiences from working against landgrabbing.

Sheila will focus on the case where a thousand small-scale farmers were ejected from their land in the city of Nampula in northern Mozambique, after the Brazilian company AGROMOZ invested in the land for establishing soy production. The farmers did not receive adequate compensation and no new land to farm and needs to find a new way to make a living.

**When:** April 15, at 18.00-19.30.

**Where:** Room F-44 at the School of Business, Economics and Law (Handelshögskolan) in Gothenburg

**No registration needed.**

For questions please contact [Margareta Espling](#).

### Land conflicts and state formation in Africa. Examples from Uganda.

On **April 29** we have invited **Anders Sjögren**, PhD, a senior researcher and leader of the research cluster on Conflict, Security and Democratic Transformation at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala. Anders will hold a seminar on land conflicts with a focus on examples from Uganda.



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This lecture addresses various aspects and expressions of land conflicts and relates them to different dimensions of state formation, including territorial demarcation, political authority and collective identity. It argues that in contexts where, as is the case in much of Africa, these dimensions are subject to reform or otherwise contested, land, being a key economic, political and cultural resource, more often than not becomes both source and object of conflicts. The lecture illustrates these theoretical issues with an examination of different forms of land related conflicts in contemporary Uganda.

**When:** April 29, at 13.15-15.00

**Where:** Room F-44 at the School of Business, Economics and Law (Handelshögskolan) in Gothenburg.

**Moderator:** Per Knutsson, senior lecturer in human ecology at the School of Global Studies, Gothenburg.

*[Find more information about the event here...](#)*

## Engage in LARRI

If you have any news, such as publications and upcoming events that you would like to share through the LARRI newsletter, please send your suggestion to the LARRI coordinator. In addition, we welcome suggestions of collaborations, seminars etc.

Finally, if you are planning or currently conducting a study or research about related issues, feel free to share this information with LARRI. Perhaps you want others to know about your work, or need assistance during the process or to share your findings. LARRI aims to be a platform where collaborations between different individuals, sectors and disciplines can emerge.

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