



Land - a source and object of conflicts in Africa?

Examples from land conflicts and state formation in Uganda.

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Open LARRI seminar with Anders Sjögren, senior researcher and leader of the research cluster on Conflict, Security and Democratic Transformation at the Nordic Africa Institute.

When: Wednesday, April 29, 13.15-15.00

Where: Room F-44, Vasagatan 1, School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg

This seminar will address various aspects and expressions of land conflicts and relate 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, first by an overview of how the multiplicity of land tenure regimes shape land conflicts in specific ways in different parts of the country, and then by how this is related, at the national level, to struggles over whether and how to reform land policy, and to the politics of central-local relations at large.

Program:

13.15 -14.00: Presentation by **Anders Sjögren**, senior researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala.

14.00 -15.00: Discussion moderated by **Per Knutsson**, senior lecturer in Human Ecology at the School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg

No registration needed, welcome!

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