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Radical Peasants, Land Reforms and Squats: A Global History

Between 1890 and 1980, movements for freezing rents and redistributing large-scale farms transformed property law in almost every nation in the world. In the form of the Via Campesina, Ekta Parishad, global land movements constitute the most numerous political movement around the globe today. Their contentions over the relationship between justice, land ownership, housing, and water constitute one of the most coherent grounds for global governance of the environment today.

In learning about these movements, students will read of key documents from western and non-western rent strikes, advocates of land invasion, global governance, and liberation theology, gaining acquaintance with key events and authors. Exercises will involve using digital tools to analyze World Bank reports, delving into primary-source documents from the global history of urban squatting, and independent research on a related topic of the student's own choosing.

Assessment and Why it Happens

In addition to a final research paper, this course requires students to participate in another major exercise in digital history that involves analyzing a large trove of electronic documents from one of the institutions involved in global land reform with the help of a computer-driven algorithm called "Paper Machines."

It is hoped that by participating in the creation of knowledge, students may gain a wider and more critical view into the making of expertise, the labor it requires, its uses, strengths, and limits.

A small number of supplementary assignments are designed to adequately prepare students for the task of writing a major history research paper.

Finally, active involvement in class discussions is expected, and time will be set aside in the course of every meeting for dialogic engagement with the themes of the course.

Students' final grades will be determined as follows:

Final Paper (40%)
Collaborative Digital assignment (25%)

Other short assignments (18%; 3% each)
Participation (17%)

Required Readings and Where to Get Them

Wherever possible, excerpts of chapters have been made available on the course Dropbox,

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3z97k6fdb1j1jeu/AAC5R49_u2DWyvHGIIeAG8LUa?dl=0

The readings are also available on the course Zotero folder,

<https://www.zotero.org/groups/hist1970ulandreform> (ask to join and your request will be granted when I am next back at my desk!). Finally, as much as possible has been placed on OCRA, Brown's Online Course Reserves system. The password is "LAND."

Options: Thrift, collection, memory...

Copies of most of the following are available at the Brown bookstore. Some people like collecting paper copies, and paper copies of the full text of most of the volumes have been ordered for those who wish to invest. Others save money and check out classics from a local library. In the modern age, electronic copies of many ancient texts are available online, and using these may prevent later backstrain as a result of moving many boxes of books. Will they stay with you, twenty years from now? My colleagues worry.

To be acquired at bookstore or library:

John Womack, *Zapata and the Mexican Revolution*
David Anderson, *Histories of the Hanged*
Charles Abrams, *Squatter Settlements: The Problem and the Opportunity* (Also available in digital form in the dropbox thanks to the Hathi Trust)

To be acquired from an online vendor (old books are so cheap that the bookstore won't order them for us!):

Hugo Blanco, *Land or Death* (pirated copies may be available for download)
Peter Dorner, *Latin American Land Reforms, a Retrospective Analysis* (it's available for less than a dollar online, so the book store won't stock it)
Daniel & Alice Thorner, *Land and Labour in India* (also cheap and out of print)

Optional texts. Scanned excerpts are available in Dropbox or Zotero, but you can also order books on your own if you like the book form:

Charles Abrams, *Squatter Settlements: The Problem and the Opportunity*

William Hinton, *Fanshen*, online at
<http://revproxy.brown.edu/login?url=http://hdl.handle.net/2027/heb.02390>

Required Software

Students will install the following *free* pieces of software, required for accessing various readings and participating in various computer-based assignments:

- **Dropbox** (<http://db.tt/2YFsXDW>)
- **Zotero** standalone application (<http://www.zotero.org/download/>)
 - o Make sure to add the Zotero extension for your web browser (Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc) (<http://www.zotero.org/download/>)
 - o After installing Zotero, students should join the class Zotero library, in order to participate in class Zotero work:
 - HIST 1311
 - You are also welcome to join another related Zotero library, where you may find valuable resources for the primary source, secondary source, and paper machines assignments:
 - “Land Reform” <https://www.zotero.org/groups/50280> (a very large library, and not required until certain assignments are underway)
- **PaperMachines** extension for Zotero (www.papermachines.org)
- **LibX** extension for their browser, tuned to make Google Scholar work with the Brown University libraries (<http://library.brown.edu/libweb/libx.php>)

Recommended Software

- I recommend acquiring specialized applications for reading and marking up pdf's, for instance **Skim** on a laptop and **iAnnotate** for iPad or other tablet
- Need a place to save all those webpages you opened? Try <http://pinboard.in/>

Assignments

- A series of short assignments 1-2 pages due Tuesday night
 - o Timeline exercise – Tu Sep 15
 - o Ideological Narrative exercise – Tu Sep 23
 - o Institutional Profile exercise – Tu Sep 30
 - o Personal Profile exercise – Tu Oct 7
 - o Countermapping Exercise – Tu Oct 14
 - o Personal View in a Primary Source – Tu Oct 20
- Collaborative digital assignment (10%) Groups of 4 analyze at least 100 electronic documents and prepare a 5-10 page report --- Tu Oct 4
- Final Paper, 10-15 pages. Due midnight by Friday December 12.

All assignments are to be turned in on the course Canvas site:
<https://canvas.brown.edu/courses/928050>

Schedule of Discussions

Week 1: What Makes Land Modern. Enclosure of the Commons; the Rent Question; Legal Reform and the birth of Land Reform – Th Sep 4

- 1850 - Tenant Right League founded (Ireland)
- 1867 - Canada attempts to deal with issue of tenant rights by buying land for sharecroppers and preserving landlord rights (Canada)
- 1867 - Janmi Kudiyan Proclamation in Kerala provides for tenant fixity of tenure (India)
- 1898 - Hut Tax War, Sierra Leone, when Temne and Mende refuse to pay hut tax to British (Africa)
- 1898 - Jiazhou Bay embraces the land tax advocated by American radical Henry George (China)
- 1903-9 Massive turnover of Irish land from nonresidents to natives under the Land Commission

No reading. Welcome to the seminar!

In-class viewing:

Wall Street's Land Grab: Firms Amass Rental Empire, Ousting Tenants & Threatening New Housing Crisis (New York: Democracy Now, 2014),
http://www.democracynow.org/2014/4/10/wall_streets_land_grab_firms_amass
Historic Land Rights March in India, 2012,
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lbRzi4TrjPg&feature=youtube_gdata_player.
Evicted Crofter: "It's Clearances" (BBC, 2013), <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-22106398>.
Burma a "Golden Land" for Investors?, 2013, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-22780265>

Week 2 – Nehru and Indian Land Reform – Th Sep 11

1949 - The Rajasthan Protection of Tenants Ordinance
1950 - State and local governments in India begin to adopt the Panchayat raj system of village-based democratic self-government
1951-1967 - Land reform in India by congress then overturned by Supreme Court
1955- Land Reforms Act gives sharecroppers tenant rights (India)

Required Reading:

D. A Low, *The Egalitarian Moment: Asia and Africa, 1950-1980*, The Wiles Lectures given at the Queen's University of Belfast 1994 (Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996). Chapter 1 (OCRA)
Daniel Thorner and Alice Thorner, *Land and Labour in India* (1962).
Raj Patel, "The Long Green Revolution," *Journal of Peasant Studies* 40, no. 1 (2013): 1–63, doi:10.1080/03066150.2012.719224. (Zotero)
Nick Cullather, "Research Note: Development? It's History," *Diplomatic History* 24, no. 4 (October 1, 2000): 641–53, doi:10.1111/0145-2096.00242.

Short Reading

"Indian Media: Land Reforms," *BBC News*, August 30, 2013,
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-23894546>

Week 3: The Mexican Revolutions – Th Sep 18

1909 - Molina Enriquez calls for land reform in Mexico
1910 - Zapata helps Madero overthrow landlord president Diaz in the Mexican Revolution
1911 - Zapata drafts Plan of Ayala
1915 - Agrarian Decree in Mexico promises land for those in need
1917 - New constitution of Mexico recognizes idea of the Ejido
1934 - Mexico redistributes 4 mil acres of American property
1940 – Ejidos Privatized in Mexico
1970 - "land reform is dead" in Mexico
1991 - NAFTA makes life hard for the remaining ejidos in Mexico by forcing President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to eliminate the constitutional right to ejidos.
1994 - Zapatistas begin publicly advocating land reform mandated by 1917 Constitution

Required Reading:

Jack Womack, *Zapata and the Mexican Revolution* (1970)

Tu Sep 16: Assignment due: Timeline

Week 4: The Cultural Revolution in China. Are collectives or private landowning more productive? Which is more secure? Which are better? – Th Sep 25

1946-1953 - Chinese Land Reform on the basis of Family Farming
1953-6 – Maoist land redistribution begins in North Vietnam. Between 50,000 and 172,000 “class enemies” are executed.
1955 - Chinese Land Reform becomes collective farming, more productive than family farming
1958 – China makes it illegal for individuals to withdraw from a collective
1959-61 – 30 million Chinese die as a result of an agricultural crisis
1968 - In Operation TAKEOFF, the United States plans on using demonstrations of rice strain IR-8 to convert peasants in Vietnam to Capitalism
1970 - China independently inaugurates its own green revolution - more productive rice
1970-5 – a scholarly debate erupts between Edwin Moise, Gareth Porter, and Robert F. Turner arguing over the number of people killed in relation to land reform; some relying on communist sources, others criticizing those sources as a source of bias.

Required Reading:

William Hinton, *Fanshen: A Documentary of Revolution in a Chinese Village* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997), 1-106
Edwin E. Moise, “Comment: Radical, Moderate, and Optimal Patterns of Land Reform,” *Modern China* 4, no. 1 (January 1, 1978): 79–90, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/188967>
Loren Brandt et al., “Land Rights in Rural China: Facts, Fictions and Issues,” *The China Journal*, no. 47 (January 1, 2002): 67–97, doi:10.2307/3182074 (Zotero)
Justin Yifu Lin, “Collectivization and China’s Agricultural Crisis in 1959-1961,” *Journal of Political Economy*, 1990, 1228–52, <http://www.jstor.org.revproxy.brown.edu/stable/2937756>. (zotero)

Short Reading:

“China: On Privatization of Rural Land · Global Voices,” accessed July 29, 2014, <http://globalvoicesonline.org/2009/02/14/virtual-land-the-opinions-of-chinese-bloggers-on-privatization-of-rural-land/>.
David Smith, “The Food Rush: Rising Demand in China and West Sparks African Land Grab,” *The Guardian*, July 3, 2009, sec. Environment, <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2009/jul/03/africa-land-grab>

Guest discussant: Julia Chuang, Watson Institute China Postdoctoral Fellow

Assignment due: ideological narrative assessment – Tu Sep 23

Week 5: The Rise and Emasculation of the United Nations – Th Oct 2

- 1941 – American President F. D. Roosevelt declares “Freedom from Hunger” as one of the “Four Freedoms” that should drive international policy in an American-led world
- 1943 – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations is founded with John Boyd Orr of Britain as its director
- 1948 - Parsons recommends land reform by courts, market, willing buyer and willing seller, on basis of "stability" (United States)
- 1951 – The University of Wisconsin organizes an international conference of experts on land reform
- 1958 - Cooperatives, land ceilings, distribution in Egypt w revolution
- 1958 - Land Reform begins in Cuba
- 1961 – American President John F Kennedy announces land reform as a basic agenda for US intervention in Latin America at the Alliance for Progress meeting in Punta del Este, Uruguay
- 1966 - World Land Reform Conference (United Nations)
- 1971 - CGIAR founded to promote green revolution across NGOs, starts agricultural gene bank (United States)
- 1972 – FAO influence begins to wane with the rise of the World Bank
- 1976 - The United Nations Conference on Human Settlements releases the Vancouver Action Plan, whose, 64 recommendations for National Action, whose fourth chapter (of six) is on land ownership and whose fifth is on "public participation"
- 1978 – the impotent FAO organizes the WCARRD conference, predecessor to declaring the international rights of peasants to maintain control over their own land
- 1989 - FAO declares seeds a "common heritage" but fails to establish rights for farmers to protect their seeds from enclosure (United Nations)
- 1997 - United Nations begins a program called Grassroots Movements and Initiatives for Land Reform to document best cases

Required Reading:

- Gunnar Myrdal, “The Worldwide Emancipation of Underdeveloped Nations,” *The Phi Delta Kappan* 45, no. 8 (May 1, 1964): 413–17, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20343177>. (Zotero)
- A. Eugene Havens, *The Land Tenure Center: Its Establishment and Activities* (Madison: Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin, 1963). (Zotero)
- Saturnino M. Borras Jr., Cristóbal Kay and A. Haroon Akram-Lodh, “Agrarian Reform and Rural Development: Historical overview and current issues,” in *Land, Poverty and Livelihoods in an Era of Globalization: Perspectives from Developing and Transition Countries*, ed. A. Haroon Akram-Lodhi, Saturnino M Borras, and Cristóbal Kay, Routledge ISS studies in rural livelihoods 1 (London: Routledge, 2007). (Zotero)
- Michael Lipton, “Land reform as commenced business: The evidence against stopping,” *World Development* 21, no. 4 (April 1993): 641-657. (Zotero)

Short reading:

David Asman, *The Wisconsin Land Tenure Center*, Institutional Analysis, Spotlighting Federal Grants #4 (Washington, DC: The Heritage Foundation, January 13, 1983). (Zotero)

Lawrence Haddad and Calestous Juma, "Graziano's Five Major Challenges," *The Guardian*, sec. Global development, accessed August 25, 2014, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters/2011/jul/04/five-challenges-facing-fao-head-graziano>

Karen Newman, "Want to Do Business with the United Nations?," *The Guardian*, July 1, 2014, sec. Guardian Sustainable Business, <http://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/do-business-with-united-nations>

Francesco Rampa, "Family Farms Are Model Farms, Says FAO Chief," *The Guardian*, February 19, 2014, sec. Global Development Professionals Network <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/feb/19/family-farming-sustainable-food-un-fao>

Jacqui Ashby, "How to ... Get Female Voices into Farming Research," *The Guardian*, August 25, 2014, sec. Global Development Professionals Network, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/aug/25/how-to-get-female-voices-into-farming-research>

Assignment due: Institutional profile – Tu Sep 30

Week 6: Right-Wing Regimes Planned Counterrevolutions in Chile, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Iran – Th Oct 9

1936 - In Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Colombia, the rural poor gain the franchise and land reform follows

1948 - In Ecuador, Guatemala, and Venezuela, land reforms accompanied the removal of voting proscriptions

1951 - Guzman wins election in Guatemala based on land reform platform designed to limit power of United Fruit

1952 - Guatemala seizes American property under Guzman (South America)

1954 - American coup deposes Guzman, ends land reform in Guatemala (South America)

1960 - In Costa Rica and Venezuela land reform followed the implementation of mandatory voting.

1961 – Alliance for Progress conference in Punta del Este

1973 - Pinochet coup in Chile with US backing

Required Reading:

D. A. Low, *The Egalitarian Moment: Asia and Africa, 1950-1980*, The Wiles Lectures given at the Queen's University of Belfast 1994 (Cambridge ; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996), Chapter 3 (OCRA)

D. Lehmann, "The Death of Land Reform: A Polemic," *World Development* 6, no. 3 (March 1978): 339–45, doi:10.1016/0305-750X(78)90112-2. (Zotero)

S. Barraclough, "The Legacy of Latin American Land Reform," *NACLA Report on the Americas* 28, no. 3 (1994): 16–21.

David Ekbladh, "Meeting the Challenge from Totalitarianism: The Tennessee Valley Authority as a Global Model for Liberal Development, 1933–1945," *The International History Review* 32, no. 1 (2010): 47–67, doi:10.1080/07075330903516637.

Tu Oct 7: Assignment due: Personal Profile.

Guest seminar leader: Kate Diedrick. Special topic: Countermapping

Week 7: Food Crisis or Housing Crisis? – Th Oct 16

1974 - UN World Food Conference in Rome recommends the adoption of an International Undertaking on World Food Security (United Nations)

1980-90 - low prices for food leads to the slashing of tariffs in the global south, encouraged by the IMF

1987 - "Sustainable Development" is defined as an agenda by the UN in The World Commission on Environment and Development's report, *Our Common Future*, commonly called the Brundtland Report, named for Norwegian prime minister Gro Brudntland, leader of the commission.

2002 - Venezuela grants property titles to squatters

2004 - Anuradha Mittal founds the Oakland Institute to document world food security and land rights issues

2005-10 - unprecedented food prices lead to a new era of famine

2008 – GRAIN, an NGO in Barcelona, documents an international land grab staged by financial institutions with the ostensible goal of providing food security

2010 – NYU law report calls for the protection of human rights in the midst of an international land grab

Required Reading:

Charles Abrams, *Squatter Settlements: The Problem and the Opportunity* (1966) (skim)

Richard E. Stryker, "The World Bank and Agricultural Development: Food Production and Rural Poverty," *World Development* 7, no. 3 (March 1979): 325–36, doi:10.1016/0305-750X(79)90060-3. (Zotero)

Harriet Friedmann, "The Political Economy of Food: The Rise and Fall of the Postwar International Food Order," *American Journal of Sociology* 88 (January 1, 1982): S248–S286, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/3083245>. (Zotero)

Susan Eckstein, "Urbanization Revisited: Inner-City Slum of Hope and Squatter Settlement of Despair," *World Development* 18, no. 2 (February 1990): 165–81, doi:10.1016/0305-750X(90)90046-Z. (Zotero)

Short Readings

"Population & Food Output," *The Times of India (1861-Current)*, June 6, 1953. (Zotero)

"Misery Village," *Economist*, April 22, 1961. (Zotero)

"Apartheid = Squatters = Bulldozers = Despair," *Economist*, August 20, 1977. (Zotero)

Matt McGrath, "'Land Grab' Database Reveals Hype," *BBC News*, accessed August 23, 2014, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-22839149>

Eric Holt-Giménez, "From Food Crisis to Food Sovereignty: The Challenge of Social Movements," *Monthly Review*, July 13, 2011. (Zotero)

Rich McEachran, "Food of the Future: What Will Feed 7 Billion People?," *The Guardian*, August 12, 2014, sec. Global Development Professionals Network, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/aug/12/insects-algae-lab-meat-food>.

Camila Nobrega, "Can 'Agroecology' Bring Food Security to Latin America?," *The Guardian*, July 28, 2014, sec. Global Development Professionals Network, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2014/jul/28/agroecology-latin-america-smallholder-farmers>.

Olivier De Schutter, "The FAO Must Do More to Promote Food as a Basic Human Right," *The Guardian*, sec. Global development, accessed August 25, 2014, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/poverty-matters/2013/mar/04/fao-food-basic-human-right>

Najma Sadeque, "Gambling with Land," *Tribune Express*, July 21, 2011, <http://tribune.com.pk/story/214414/gambling-with-land/>

Optional viewing material:

Oakland Institute's *Ethiopia Land Grab Report*, Executive Director Anuradha Mittal on CNN, 2011,

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7YD1X7wDpg&feature=youtube_gdata_player

Mali Land Grabs: "You Can Take Everything from a Farmer but Not His Land" – Video, 2014, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/video/2014/jul/07/mali-land-grabs-farmer-video>

Adam Raney and Chad Heeter, *Cutting the Wire* (Frontline/PBS, 2005), http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/rough/2005/12/brazil_cutting.html

Tu Oct 14 - Assignment due: Countermapping assignment.

Week 8: Radical Land Reform in India: Operation Barga to Ekta Parishad - Th Oct 23

- 1951 - Bhoodan or Land Gift Movement inaugurated by Vinoba Bhave at Pochampally village
- 1957 - Kerala Land Reforms Act forms new State Land Board (India)
- 1958 - Land ceilings in Kerala
- 1969 - Sarva Seva (India) helps landless Bhoodan recipients become more productive
- 1970 - Raj and Sen define the Kerala model of participatory politics, land reform, etc.
- 1978 - Operation Barga begins to register sharecroppers in Bengal
- 1990 - a UN study finds that Kerala is awesome, land reform worked
- 1991 - Ekta Parishad founded to lobby for land and forest rights (India)
- 1992 - A national seminar on land reform in India reviews fifty years of progress and concludes that land ceilings and tenant rights increase democratic participation, agricultural development, and non-subsidized land and water management
- 2004 - Janadesh 2007 campaign organizes 25,000 landless peasants marching across India
- 2009 - Sindh Peasants March demands tenants rights (Pakistan/India)
- 2011 - Ekta Parishad plans an enormous march of the landless demanding reforms
- 2012 - Jansatyagraha 2012 march of the landless (India)

Required Reading:

- Thomas R. Metcalf, "Landlords Without Land: The U. P. Zamindars Today," *Pacific Affairs* 40, no. 1/2 (April 1, 1967): 5–18, doi:10.2307/2754619. (Zotero)
- Ronald Herring, "Abolition of Landlordism in Kerala: A Redistribution of Privilege" *Economic & Political Weekly* (1980) (Zotero)
- Pulapre Balakrishnan, "Land Reforms and the Question of Food in Kerala," *Economic and Political Weekly* 34, no. 21 (May 22, 1999): 1272–80, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/4407988>. (Zotero)

Short Reading:

- "Exposing the Lie: Global Poverty"
- <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2014/08/exposing-great-poverty-reduction-201481211590729809.html>
- "Where's Bhoodan Land?," *Down To Earth*, accessed January 2, 2013, <http://www.downtoearth.org.in/content/where-s-bhoodan-land>
- "Vinoba Bhave, Disciple of Gandhi," *The Washington Post* (1974-Current File), November 16, 1982 (Zotero)
- "Indian Landless Call off March," *BBC News*, accessed July 21, 2014, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-india-19906375>.

Viewing:

“India’s Landless March to Delhi Demanding Land Reform”,
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-19900091> BBC (October 2012).

Week 9: Radical Land Rebellion from Below in Latin American: Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela, Peru and Colombia – Th Oct 30

1928 - Mariategui identifies the "Indian Problem" in Peru as a subset of the "Land Problem"

1945-6 Organization of unions into the Fderacion Campesino (FCV) under Ramon Quijada in Venezuela (South America)

1948 - In Ecuador, Guatemala, and Venezuela, land reforms accompanied the removal of voting proscriptions

1952 - Bolivian Revolution brings land redistribution (South America)

1952 - Experiments with Quechua Indians and breaking up a hacienda in Peru (South America)

1958 - with the collapse of Jimenez's dictatorship, lands in Venezuela formerly opened up under the Accion Democratica government are again spontaneously invaded by local campesino leaders

1959 - Battle of Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles

1960 - Agrarian Reform Law in Venezuela leads to rapid land reform measures supervised by the National Agrarian Institute (Instituto Agrario Nacional)

1960-4 - In Brazil, the Peasant Leagues lead a land reform movement whose goals are eventually embraced by president Joao Goulart and then the dictatorship.

1960-70 The Brazilian military attempted an auspicious reform in the 1960s, but did not significantly redistribute land.

1961 - Allying w/ Kennedy's Alliance for Progress, Latin American countries vow, in the Declaration of Punta del Este, to encourage "programs of comprehensive agrarian reform"

1964- The Ecuadorian military eliminated virtual serfdom in 1964 and eventually expropriated over 15 percent of Ecuador's farmland.

1964 - Brazilian president Goulart proposes land ceilings and is deposed because of them

1964 - Freire exiled from Brazil by new rightwing military regime, moves to Peru

1969 - The Peruvian military embarked on a massive land reform program in 1969 that expropriated over 40 percent of the country's agricultural land and distributed land to more than one-third of rural families.

1972-3 United Front for Land Reform formed in Ecuador, organizes mass marches (South America)

1984 - MST organized for land reform in Brazil

1985 - Brazil's first National Plan of Land Reform in 1985 splits peasant and bougeois land planning, giving weight to the MST

1995 - International Land Coalition formed as the result of the IFAD Conference on Hunger and Poverty to lobby for secure access to land by the poor
 1997 – 50,000 show up for MST Protest in Brasilia
 2000 - Explosion of MST: 30,000 rural workers occupy 250 latifundios
 2001 - first World Social Forum gathers counter-hegemonic organizations in Brazil
 2001 - Plan Zamora brings land reform to Venezuela

Required Reading:

Hugo Blanco, *Land or Death*, Chapters 1-7 (90 pages)
 Peter Dorner, *Latin American Land Reforms In Theory and Practice, A Retrospective Analysis* (1992) (90 pages)
 Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet, “A Study in Resistance to Institutional Change: The Lost Game of Latin American Land Reform,” *World Development* 17, no. 9 (September 1989): 1397–1407, doi:10.1016/0305-750X(89)90081-8.

Viewing Material:

Edward Ellis, *Tierras Libres*, 2011, <http://tierraslibres.blogspot.com/>
 Sarah Rainsford BBC News and Havana, “Farc Agrees Colombia Land Reform,” *BBC News*, May 27, 2013, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-22676049>
 “Elvia: The Fight for Land and Liberty” https://archive.org/details/ddtv_145_elvia

Week 10: Land Markets – Th Nov 6

1978 – The Grameen Bank is at work in India
 1982 - NABARD founded to provide credit to rural areas in India
 1983 - PRADAN (India) links banks w/ NGOs for rural poor
 1989 - the Farm Law (Taluseadus) of 1989. This law was the Estonian Soviet Socialist Republic's first nationwide step away from collectivisation towards the re-creation of family farms, and its provisions have to be understood in the context of Soviet rule which continued formally until Independence in 1991.
 1985- rise of SHGs -- self-help groups – microfinance
 1991 - privatization reform in Romania
 1992 - United States Supreme Court establishes precedent for total reimbursement after state property regulation in *Lucas v South Carolina*, upholding property rights against environmental regulation
 1992 - NABARD begins the SHG Bank Linkage Program with 500 SHGs (Microfinance, India)
 1996 - CAPRI established within CGIAR with aim of fixing individual property rights in the developing world

1996 - FAO's RuralInvest develops from spreadsheets on applicants, proposed activity, income, management, to recruit microinvestment. Later they will issue open access software.

1996 - Georgian Landowners' Association organizes for landlord rights/privatization (Eastern Europe)

1999 - USAID and the World Bank create a land market in Kyrgyzstan

2003 - Mugabe becomes a case study for CATO to argue that land reform produces violence, dictatorship, and environmental disaster (United States)

Required Reading:

Bank Policy on Land Reform, Not for Public Use (World Bank, Agriculture and Rural Development Department, May 2, 1974) (Zotero)

Escott Reid, "McNamara's World Bank," *Foreign Affairs* 51, no. 4 (July 1, 1973): 794–810, doi:10.2307/20038020

Richard E. Stryker, "The World Bank and Agricultural Development: Food Production and Rural Poverty," *World Development* 7, no. 3 (March 1979): 325–36, doi:10.1016/0305-750X(79)90060-3.

Ruth Meinzen-Dick and Esther Mwangi, "Cutting the Web of Interests: Pitfalls of formalizing property rights," *Land Use Policy* 26, no. 1 (2009): 36 - 43. (Zotero)

Steven Scalet and David Schmidtz, "Famine, Poverty, and Property Rights," in *Amartya Sen*, ed. Christopher W Morris, 1st ed (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), Chapter 7. (Zotero)

David C. Engerman, "The Romance of Economic Development and New Histories of the Cold War," *Diplomatic History* 28, no. 1 (January 1, 2004): 23–54, doi:10.1111/j.1467-7709.2004.00397.x.

Short Reading

"Moving to Maputo," *The Economist*, June 18, 2013,

<http://www.economist.com/blogs/baobab/2013/06/property-mozambique>

Tu Oct 4 - Assignment due: Institutional Archive assignment.

Week 11: Africa and the Land Market – Th Nov 13

1932 – The British Land Commission in Kenya begins taking evidence of how far indigenous people are owed compensation for seized land

1952-60 Mau Mau rebellion in Kenya

1954- Swynnerton Plan allows native Africans to hold private land in Kenya for first time
 1963- Kenya began to breakup common lands into group ranches
 1968 - Kenya organizes Masai herders into group ranches (Africa) w/ help from USAID
 2003 - Mugabe becomes a case study for CATO to argue that land reform produces violence, dictatorship, and environmental disaster (United States)
 2004 - Port Honduras Case South Africa -- Supreme Court decides in favor of the homeless/landless
 2008 - Violent eviction of 20-50,000 eMacambini (South Africa) to develop a shopping center
 2011 – Landless peasants of Diokoul march to claim their land
 2012 - Britain revealed to have destroyed records of its colonial crimes related to early twentieth-century land wars in Kenya

Required Reading:

David Anderson, *Histories of the Hanged* (2013), Chapters 1, 2, 4
 Sara Berry, “Questions of Ownership: Proprietorship and Control in a Changing Rural Terrain – a Case Study from Ghana,” *Africa* 83, no. Special Issue 01 (2013): 36–56, doi:10.1017/S0001972012000708.
 Hans P. Binswanger- Mkhize and Karl Deninger, “History of Land Concentration and Redistributive Land Reforms,” in *Agricultural Land Redistribution: Toward Greater Consensus*, ed. Hans P Binswanger-Mkhize, Camille Bourguignon, and Rogerius Johannes Eugenius van den Brink, Agriculture and Rural Development (Washington, D.C: World Bank, 2009), Chapter 2. (Zotero)

Short Readings (Pick 3)

Mark Tran, “Land Deals in Africa Have Led to a Wild West – Bring on the Sheriff, Says FAO,” *The Guardian*, October 29, 2012, sec. Global development, <http://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2012/oct/29/land-deals-africa-wild-west-fao>
 “Seeds of Change,” *The Economist*, June 20, 2013, <http://www.economist.com/blogs/baobab/2013/06/land-reform-south-africa>
 “Fighting the Power in Liberia -- New Internationalist,” accessed July 29, 2014, <http://newint.org/features/web-exclusive/2014/07/22/fighting-the-power-liberia/>;
 “Farmlandgrab.org | When Wall Street Went to Africa,” accessed July 29, 2014, <http://farmlandgrab.org/post/view/23721>; .
 Anne Perkins, “The Politics of Land Reform,” *The Guardian*, February 25, 2009, sec. Katine, <http://www.theguardian.com/katine/2009/feb/25/uganda-politics-land-reform>
 Brian Hungwe BBC News and Shurugwi, “Zimbabwe’s Surprising Bid to Preserve Its Colonial Past,” *BBC News*, May 16, 2013, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-22524537>

Tu Nov 11 - Assignment due: Primary source personal experience.

Week 12: Indigenous Peoples' Movements and the Environment – Th Nov 20

1866 - Forest Acts and Laws begin to put restrictions on forest dwellers access to forests in British India
1969 - Native Americans occupy Alcatraz Island, demanding the protection of indigenous property rights
1974 - Chipko movement - women chaining themselves to trees (India)
1978 - World Forestry Congress declares that forests are for community
1995 - Informal talks around Gibeon establish Witbooi rights to customary land as a commons w/i framework of Namibia, establishing nested alternatives to land redistribution
2000 - Waiahole case: Hawaii embraces public trust doctrine to protect all water
2010 - India's Ministry of the Environment upholds rights of indigenous Dongria Kondh tribe against a bauxite miner

Required Reading:

M. Colchester et al., "A Survey of Indigenous Land Tenure," *A Report for the land tenure service of the Food and Agriculture Organisation* (2001). (Zotero)
Rennard Strickland, "Friends and Enemies of the American Indian: An Essay Review on Native American Law and Public Policy," *American Indian Law Review* 3, no. 2 (1975): 313-332. (Zotero)
"Brazil: Land Reform or Deforestation Boost for the Amazon? · Global Voices," accessed July 29, 2014, <http://globalvoicesonline.org/2009/06/04/brazil-land-reform-or-deforestation-boost-for-the-amazon/>

Optional Viewing

Sam Edwards, "Historic Land Transfer to Indigenous Groups in Focal Point of Conflict," *The Santiago Times*, June 30, 2014, <http://santiagotimes.cl/historic-land-transfer-indigenous-groups-focal-point-conflict/>
"Fiji: Tackling the Land Tenure Issue · Global Voices," accessed July 29, 2014, <http://globalvoicesonline.org/2010/06/15/fiji-tackling-the-land-tenure-issue/>.

Week 13: Thanksgiving Break; No Class

Week 14: Land Reform in Scotland, again – Dec 4

2000 - This Land is Ours, Monbiot's group, organizes in England

- 2003 - Land Reform Act (Scotland) establishes "community right to buy"
- 2009 - This Land is Ours organizes squat in an ecovillage (England)
- 2010 - grassroots organization legislates groundwater into commons in Vermont

READING PERIOD. NO REQUIRED READING. PLEASE WORK ON YOUR PAPER.

In-class viewing material:

"How Can 432 People Own Half of Scotland?," *BBC News*, January 8, 2014,

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-25650876>;

"Survey over Estate Access Problems," *BBC News*, June 30, 2014,

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-25960962>

"Land Ownership Mapping Plan Unveiled," *BBC News*, June 25, 2014,

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-27555854>

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