

Hosted by LANDac and IOS Fair Transitions
INTER-FACULTY SUMMER SCHOOL
“Fair Transitions and the Politics of Land:
Institutions and Imaginaries for Inclusive Futures”

3-14 July 2023



Apply for course

Course Director: dr Wytse Chamberlain – van der Werf (on behalf of LANDac)

Course Coordinator: Marit Meijer (on behalf of IOS Fair Transitions)

Location:

Monday 04.07.2023 – Friday 14.07.2023

[Janskerkhof 2-3 Room 0.18](#)

Prior to the Summer School, the LANDac Annual International Conference takes place from 28 June – 30 June 2023. For more information about the Conference, please visit the [IOS Fair Transitions webpage](#) or the [LANDac website](#).

About Utrecht Summer School

During summer the University of Utrecht, in cooperation with UMC Utrecht, Hogeschool Utrecht and Hogeschool voor de Kunsten Utrecht, offers a variety of courses for students and professionals all over the world through the Summer School. In the last 30 years, the Utrecht Summer School offered a wide selection of around 150 courses in nearly all scholarly disciplines combined with social activities and excursions. This year the IOS Fair Transitions Platform and the LANDac join hands in hosting a range of lectures at the crossroads of the fair transitions and land governance debates in the context of climate change. The summer school is structured around the joint challenge of finding ways to make transitions fair and inclusive for human and non-human life. We look forward to an exciting transdisciplinary collaboration that we hope will draw many of you to Utrecht, the Netherlands

Aim and theme of this year's course

Like our IOS Fair Transitions / LANDac Conference 2023, this year's Summer School links debates about fair transitions with questions about how land is governed and controlled in the context of multiple crises. The energy transition, net-zero ambitions, nature protection, and food system transformation all involve claims on land, water, and forests. How these claims are framed, analysed, and governed, how access to land is organised, and who gets a seat at the table to discuss key decisions are questions of urgent concern from both a fair transitions perspective and a land governance perspective.

More than ever, land is scarce and the transitions on the agenda take place in a context of high inequality at multiple scales and levels. Exclusionary pathways of transition lead to highly unfair distributions of 'costs and benefits' of the effects of climate change and mitigation measures. Under the current conditions of capitalism and authoritarianism, climate, food security, and biodiversity imperatives may lead to the loss of access to land and resources, and propel a deepening of existing social, economic, and political inequalities. Feminist, post-colonial and intersectional critiques from across the globe suggest ways to rethink these issues and expose false solutions. The growing awareness that fair transitions in our times have to take into account non-human life in all of its articulations, asks for a serious change of perspective. Rethinking justice and inclusion from this perspective is hugely challenging, in land governance and beyond.

The current situation raises urgent questions as to how these transitions will and should be governed, and how dynamics of deepening exclusion and inequality should be addressed and prevented. The challenges ahead call for theoretical, historical, legal, and empirical analysis, feeding smart and sustained action. During the two-week course these different angles will be highlighted. Working in groups of people from different backgrounds and will shape an integrated view that will be formulated in the form of a manifesto underlining the important roles of land governance in realizing fair transitions.

Assignment

The assignment of this year's summer school will revolve around translating attempts to address the above concerns into a vision for fair transitions through land governance. By the end of the Summer School participants will have jointly developed a manifesto for land governance to be published and disseminated via our networks.

During the course participants will start working in groups each focusing on a different theme during allocated timeslots while also attending different discussions, lectures and an excursion hosted by professionals from different disciplines. Such as academia from Humanities, Geosciences, International Development, Law, Sustainable Development, but also practitioners and activists involved in debates around fair transitions and land governance.

Towards the end of the second week, participants will exchange their learnings in a World Café setting and work towards the presentation of a joint manifesto that brings together all the different insights and perspectives. The manifesto will contain lessons for different stakeholders ranging from policy makers, to donors, people within climate transitions, practitioners, grassroots organizations and more.

Provisional programme

Please note that the programme might be subject to change. For the latest version of the programme, please refer to the [website of the Summer School](#). Times are displayed in CEST (Central European Summer Time).

Week 1

Monday 03/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-11.00	Plenary	Walk-in, introductions, coffee and providing course materials <i>Marit Meijer, dr Wytse Chamberlain</i>
11.00-12.30	Tour	Exploring the roots: City walk Utrecht dr Guus van Westen
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Lunch provided by UU Summer School</i>
13.30-14.30	Official Opening Summer School	Official opening, information on the IOS Fair Transitions platform and LANDac Course outline and practical matters
14.30-16.00	Introductory lecture	Setting the stage: Land governance for inclusive and sustainable transitions? Rethinking the agenda <i>Prof Dr Annelies Zoomers</i>

Tuesday 04/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.00	Groupwork	World Café: Getting to know each other. Explaining the assignment. Organizing groups
12.00-13.00	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.00-14.00	Lecture and discussion	REDD+: The win-win solution for climate and rural development? <i>Dominique Schmid (Utrecht University)</i>
14.00-16.00	Workshop	Land Rights Now Campaign Workshop <i>Clémence Abbès (Land Rights Now)</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment
16.30-18.30	Opening	Optional: Official Opening of the Summer School - Meet participants of other courses Central Museum Utrecht

Wednesday 05/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Lecture and discussion	Land, conflict and governance <i>Dr Gemma van der Haar (WUR, Sociology of Development and Change)</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.30-16.00	Lecture and discussion	Engineering delta Transition? Negotiating land, technology, race and masculinity in sustainable and fair development <i>Dr ir Janwillem Liebrand</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment

Thursday 06/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Lecture and discussion	Urban Land Governance <i>Dr Femke van Noorloos (Utrecht University), Dr Murtah Shannon (BOTH-ENDS), Ari Susanti (Universitas Gadjah Mada)</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.30-16.00	Lecture and discussion	Fair transitions and more-than-humans <i>Dr Rick Dolphijn (Utrecht University)</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment

Friday 07/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.00	Lecture and discussion	Policy and donor perspective <i>Lisette Meij (RVO Netherlands)</i>
12.00-13.00	Excursion	Going to excursion location
13.00-14.00	Lunch	<i>Lunch at de Veldkeuken -TBD</i>
14.00-17.00	Lecture and discussion	Amelisweerd: Fair transitions for whom? Learning from a contested Dutch project <i>(Kerngroep Ring Utrecht and Vrienden van Amelisweerd)</i>

Week 2

Monday 10/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Reflection	Group roundtable: Reflecting on Amelisweerd. Working towards the manifesto. <i>(Dr Wytske Chamberlain-van der Werf, Marit Meijer)</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.30-16.00	Lecture and discussion	Fair food transitions <i>Dr Julie Fraser and Dr Julia Tschersich (Utrecht University)</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment

Tuesday 11/07/2023		
Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Lecture and discussion	Inclusive businesses in agriculture <i>Dr Wytske Chamberlain (LAND-at-scale) & Dr Guus van Westen (Utrecht University)</i>
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.30 -16.00	Lecture and discussion	Introduction to gender issues <i>Dr Griet Steel & Lotte-Marie Brouwer (Bop Inc.)</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment

Wednesday 12/07/2023

Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Lecture and discussion	Participation and inclusion: A private sector perspective Willow Sommer (Metabolic)
12.30-13.30	Lunch	<i>Bring your own lunch</i>
13.30-16.00	Lecture and discussion	Contributions to sustainable development or green grabs? Private sector involvement in biodiversity conservation. <i>Marja Spierenburg (Leiden University)</i>
16.00-17.00	Groupwork	World Café: Exchange on assignment

Thursday 13/07/2023

Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on group assignment
12.30-13.30	Lunch	Bring your own lunch
13.30-17.00	Groupwork	Assignment presentations

Friday 14/07/2023

Time	Activity	Description
10.00-12.30	Groupwork	Allocated time to work on final output (manifesto)
12.30-14:30	Lunch	Farewell mezze and picnic at Paardeveld <i>Catering by Ms. Tajine, Voorstraat (Christa)</i>

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