



Conference report: 6th Critical Agrarian Studies Colloquium on “Global governance/politics, climate justice & agrarian/ social justice: linkages and challenges”

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The convergence of multiple crises of food, energy, the environment and finance have led to a global rush to control and commodify natural resources such as land, water and forests in order to produce food, fuel and energy, including climate change mitigation and adaptation purposes. In order to make sense of these profound agrarian and environmental dynamics worldwide, 380 colloquium participants from over 46 countries participated in the 6th Critical Agrarian Studies Colloquium on “Global governance/ politics, climate justice & agrarian/ social justice: linkages and challenges” which took place from 4th to 5th of February 2016 at the Institute of Social Sciences (ISS) in The Hague, Netherlands. As a unique encounter of academics, activists and policy makers, the colloquium addressed an extensive range of topics from the rise of new political economic players (such as the MICs and BRICS) and new production forms (such as flex crops) to politics of transnational corporations and new forms of global governance.

Keynote speakers included Olivier de Schutter (UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights), Raj Patel (University of Texas, Austin), Maria Fernanda Espinosa (Ecuador’s Ambassador to the UN) and Godwin Ojo (Environmental Rights Action, Nigeria).

A collection of 70 conference papers including those of renowned scholars such as Jun Borras, Philip McMichael, Harriet Friedmann, Henry Bernstein or Nora McKeon on a rich diversity of issues are freely accessible at the conference website:

http://www.iss.nl/research/research_programmes/political_economy_of_resources_environment_and_population_per/networks/critical_agrarian_studies_icas/icas_colloquium/global_governancepolitics_climate_justice_agrariansocial_justice/
 Short link: <http://tiny.cc/icas6>

At the same website, video recordings of the keynote speakers and plenary panels on topics such as the politics of global governance institutions, corporate alliances and trade, climate change, BRICS and MICs as well as of social/climate/agrarian/environmental justice movements and their alternatives will be available soon.

Furthermore, students interested in Critical Agrarian Studies are encouraged to refer to the following sources: The Journal of Peasant Studies, The Journal for Agrarian Change and a highly recommended series of small books on big issues of the “Agrarian Change & Peasant Studies” series by Practical Action Publishing.

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