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Preface

This report highlights the research and teaching accomplishments of the International Development Studies Group (Utrecht University) during the past year, from 1 January until 31 December 2020. It discusses our efforts to address pressing sustainability challenges of our time: Climate change (and since March 2020 Covid 19) makes us aware of the interconnectedness of the world – but also how environmental, health and economic crises go hand in hand with deglobalization – fragmentation and border closure – and increased levels of poverty and inequalities. It is the most vulnerable groups who have limited possibilities to resist or adapt – are displaced, or become locked into risky places. Current crises are adding a new layer on the top of existing inequalities resulting from rapid processes of urbanization, often accompanied by new flows of migration and large-scale investment in land (e.g. for food and biofuels, nature conservation, real estate development, infrastructure etc.). Current discussions about development and how to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals are very much dominated by a call for climate mitigation and adaptation; the need for safe, inclusive and resilient cities; global food security and global health – and the urgency of finding new ways to deal with the huge numbers if internally displaced, refugees and international migrants.

Embedded in the Utrecht Urban Futures programme, IDS has specialised in understanding local development in a context of rapidly changing flows of capital and of people. Looking at the world as an interconnected place, an important starting point for our approach in that rather than depending essentially on ‘local resources’, livelihood opportunities are to a large extent determined by translocal relations, development corridors and development chains; what occurs in one locality will to a large degree depend on what is occurring in other places or, more precisely, on how local agencies interact with external (e.g. global, regional) forces. Focusing on the crossroads of migration and investments flows, we analyse the consequences of new flows and circulations (of people, goods, capital and knowledge) for inclusive and sustainable development in Asia, Africa and Latin America, focusing on the implications for sustainable livelihoods and human wellbeing. It is impossible to understand ‘local’ development and livelihood opportunities without considering the dynamics of wider networks in which people participate or are being made a part of. Moreover, an actor-oriented approach is necessary for understanding how localities are positioned in the increasingly (de)-globalised political economy, and how they ‘develop’ over time. Theoretically, we argue that changing linkages, flows and circulations merit a more central place in theorization about development. More practically, our research interrogates how policymakers, businesses, NGOs, and other actors can foster conditions for equitable and sustainable development, focusing in particular on land
and urban governance, infrastructure development, climate change adaptation, food security and health, and international migration.

This report provides an overview of our research and teaching activities in 2020. We would like to thank colleagues and partner institutions for their support and collaboration in research and education. We are looking forward to continuing our cooperation in the coming year.

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Highlights of 2020

Teaching and new internship opportunities
Along with the graduation of the 2019 cohort, we received a new group of 107 new students (67 for the 1-year IDS master programme and 40 for the 2-year ID-track in Sustainable Development) who all spent some time in Africa, Asia and/or Latin America conducting field research on interrelated and urgent topics, working in close collaboration with local partner organizations. Due to COVID 19, however, everybody had to return and the period in the field was shorter than foreseen.

Re-accreditation of our master programme
Our master programme International Development Studies was awarded the European level certificate: the Certificate for Quality in Internationalization. This Certificate confirms that a programme or an institution has successfully incorporated an international and intercultural dimension into the purpose, function and delivery of its education. IDS is the first programme at UU to receive such accreditation.

New colleagues and shifts
In 2020, IDS received the good news that we could host an extra chair: Ajay Bailey has been awarded a professorship in Social Urban Transitions (inaugural speech in 2022).

We continued our collaboration with Prof.dr. Veena Srinivasan, who has been appointed to the Prince Claus Chair at Utrecht University, and welcomed Dominique Schmid and Viktoria Vero as temporary staff (working on proposals for the EU green deal and NWA/NWO respectively). Murtah Shannon joined IDS in March to play an active role in teaching and student supervision, as well as in proposal writing activities. Finally, Rianne Hadders joined as the coordinator of the H2020 Welcoming Spaces program.

Successful PhD-defences
It was a good doctoral harvest year: Six of our colleagues successfully defended their PhD dissertations:

- Eileen Dyer Jarnholt (2020). Contract Farming Schemes in Rice and Sugar in Tanzania. Assessing the implications of Exchange, Power and Differentiation (joint degree with Roskilde University, Denmark (Zoomers, Buur (Roskilde) and Schoneveld (CIFOR)).
Frederico Brandao (2020). Oil palm expansion in the Brazilian Amazon. The challenge of reconciling conservation and development (Zoomers, Schoneveld and Pacheco (CIFOR)).

Erlis Saputra (2020). Land subsidence as a sleeping disaster – Case studies from Indonesia (Zoomers, Spit).


Research acquisition

We started the work on the following research programs:

- EU H2020Welcoming Spaces ‘Social and economic effects of migration in Europe and integration policies’, together with Siegen University (Germany); CEPAIM foundation and University of A Coruna (Spain), University of Bologna, FIERI (Italy), and the Warsaw School of Economics (Poland).
- NWO-WOTRO Joint SDG program: Inclusive Cities through Equitable Access to Urban Mobility Infrastructures for India and Bangladesh. Together with Manipal Academy of Higher Education, India, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, University of Delhi BIGD, BRAC-University, Dhaka, and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka.

In addition we received the following seed grants:

- Seed money grant of UGlobe (Utrecht University) for a project on Food Sovereignty in the Making and Farmer-led Irrigation Development in Africa (until 2021).
- Seed money from the Water, climate and Future Deltas hub (Utrecht University) on the topic of Human costs of shrinking deltas: Adaptation pathways of vulnerable groups to sea-level rise in three Asian deltas.
- Seed money from the Dynamics of Youth and Pathways to Sustainability (Utrecht University) on the topic Sustainable future in cities? Youth activism in transforming post-socialist countries in the Balkans’.
- Seed grant from TNO with the purpose to initiate new research related to infrastructure development in delta cities in the context of climate change (Diamonds in the delta)
- Seed grant from IOS (Utrecht University) to develop a H2020 proposal for the EU green deal call (EMPOWER), focusing on the need to pay more attention to the energy-employment nexus (and the implications of the green deal in Africa).
- Seed grant from the research focus area Migration and Societal Change (Utrecht University) for a project on/offline ‘Corona racism’ and the role of artistic
expressions and social media in countering injustice.

- Seed grant from the research focus area Migration and Societal Change for the design, organization and development of an International PhD School on Migration & Socioecological Change.
- Seed grant from the Dynamics of Youth and the Pathways to Sustainability (Utrecht University) on Youth, Environment, and Art in Maputo, Mozambique (with Department of Cultural Anthropology, UU).

**Valorisation**

**The Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development (LANDac)**

In 2020, LANDac – the Netherlands Land Academy for equitable and sustainable development – founded in 2010 and directed by IDS in close collaboration with various Netherlands-based organizations as well as international partners continued to play a leading role in setting the agenda for just and sustainable land governance in many domains, ranging from urban and infrastructure development, large-scale land investments for food, nature conservation and biofuels, as well as in relation to climate change, conflict management, and gender issues (www.landgovernance.org).

In 2020 LANDac organised its Annual International Conference and Summer School in a digital format. The LANDac Online Encounter 2020 welcomed an even more diverse audience than in previous years, with an increasing number of participants from the Global South joining us for a five-day programme between the 29th June and the 3rd of July. During the Online Encounter, three keynote speakers addressed the intertwining crises of climate change and COVID-19 in relation to land governance. Additionally, the Annual Summer School moved online as well, lowering the travel and fee barrier for many students and professionals from around the world to follow the course. The 2020 Summer School welcomed 43 participants from 21 different countries, many of which in the Global South. The LANDac’s Professional Learning Programme moved in the direction of becoming an international learning network, bringing together professionals working on sustainable and/or inclusive land governance in a community of practice. While working at NGOs, governmental agencies, universities or businesses, these LANDac fellows (based in different African countries) exchanged experiences and best practices.

*Shared Value Foundation (SVF), on behalf of IDS, played an important role in supporting various organizations and businesses in better understanding local realities by carrying out field research to discover impact pathways, and to explore opportunities with local stakeholder groups to create shared value and achieve (related to planned investments and/or interventions) more positive developmental
outcomes (www.sharedvaluefoundation.com). In addition, Shared Value Foundation has been instrumental for linking students with relevant internship opportunities with businesses and NGO’s across the world. For more details on SVF’s activities and research projects, see section ‘Valorisation’.
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<td>Prof. dr. Ajay Bailey</td>
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<td>Dr. Griet Steel</td>
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<td>Dr. Andres Verzijl</td>
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<td>Prof. dr. Annelies Zoomers</td>
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**Members of the IDS Advisory Board**
- Maartje ten Brummelaar (MinBuZa) since 2011
- Thijs Rutgers (Enviu) since 2013
- Joost Andriessen (MinBuZa) since 2015
- Lotte-Marie Brouwer (Soilcares Foundation) since 2015
- Diana Tempelman (retired/formerly FAO) since 2015
- Gabriela Dib (OxfamNovib) since 2020
- Robbie Hogervorst (Profound) since 2017

Our board meeting was held on July 10 2020.
Overview of activities

IDS staff

Ajay Bailey has been coordinating the Advanced Methods and Techniques MSc course with Femke Noorloos. He holds the prestigious Dr T. M. A. Pai Endowed Chair in Qualitative Methods at Manipal University, India, named after Dr Tonse Madhav Ananth, the founder of the university. With his Chair, Dr Bailey co-ordinates the Transdisciplinary Center for Qualitative Methods. He is currently participating in the NWO project Public health impact of chronic chikungunya illness and performance/utilisation of the health care system in the face of arboviral (dengue, chikungunya, Zika) epidemics in Curacao. Since joining Utrecht University he has submitted various research proposals with collaborators in India and Bangladesh. His recent NWO-WOTRO project focuses on Inclusive Cities through Equitable Access to Urban Mobility Infrastructures for India and Bangladesh.

Maggi Leung continued to be active in teaching the IDS Master programmes and the Bachelor programme of the Department Human Geography and Spatial Planning (SGPL). In research, her main focus in 2020 was the Horizon 2020 ‘Welcoming Spaces’ programme that examines the relations between migration and sustainable development of ‘shrinking’ regions in Europe. In addition, she, together with Gery Nijenhuis, made progress on their Erasmus + ‘Demos’ project to develop a Master Degree programme on democratic governance and human rights for six universities in Lebanon, Tunisia and Morocco. With the advent of COVID-19 pandemic, she initiated a seed grant project (funded by UU Migration and Societal Change Focus Area) to examine ‘Corona racism’ against people of Asian appearance in the Netherlands and the potential of artistic expressions and (social) media in countering such and other forms of injustice. She welcomed a couple of new PhD candidates and continued supervision of a number of on-going PhD research projects. She was active in online conferences and webinars the last year, completed a few publications, continued/started special issue projects on skilled mobilities and the Chinese transnational states. In an ongoing manner, she contributes in promoting geographical scholarship as an editor of Geoforum.

Janwillem Liebrand was active in education in courses of the two master programs of the group: International Development Studies and Sustainable Development – International Development (Copernicus), as well as in the Bachelor of the Department of Human Geography and Planning, and the geography track at Utrecht University College. He worked on the seed money grant of UGlobe (Utrecht Global Challenges) on Food Sovereignty in the Making: How should agricultural experts and urban planners respond to farmer-led irrigation development in Africa, organizing an online-
expert meeting and presenting results at the LANDac and Africa Knows! conferences, contributing to debates on decolonizing the mind. Together with consortium partners in the Netherlands and Mozambique, he won a NUFFIC grant under the Orange Knowledge Programme to train government and NGO staff on realistic and fair strategies to improve regional water planning. He also collaborated with Extra-Ordinary Professor Jaqui Goldin, University of Western Cape, for a grant application on the water-energy-food nexus and citizen-led initiatives in South Africa (NWO, Meriam fund), and further developed the SAFI network (Supporting African Farmer-led Irrigation).

**Gery Nijenhuis** was involved in teaching in the MA IDS, in the BA of the department Human Geography and Planning (SGPL) and as Geography Fellow at University College Utrecht. She worked on the NWO/NRO Comenius Senior project Encounters in the Field, on the training of intercultural competences of students. In addition, she (together with Maggi Leung) is part of an Erasmus + project to develop a Master Degree programme on democratic governance and human rights for six universities in Lebanon, Tunisia and Morocco. She completed a number of publications on mobility and development and on internationalization of education. She was one of the four nominees for the UU-Teacher Award, and won the Faculty of Geosciences-Lecturer of the Year-award.

**Femke van Noorloos** continued her research on new cities in Africa, urban housing and urban project development and published a number of papers on these topics. She took the lead in redeveloping a large multi-stakeholder NWA research proposal on incremental housing in the global South, together with Steel & Friendly; and she co-wrote various other research proposals as well. She is involved in the supervision of two PhD projects, while one PhD candidate Alda Salomao successfully defended her thesis this year. Femke also took up the responsibility of IDS Master Programme Coordinator this year, and she is involved in a wide range of MSc and BA teaching activities.

**Kei Otsuki** continued to be active in teaching and serve as the coordinator for the research master programme Sustainable Development-International Development track in collaboration with Copernicus Institute. She continued with her four new research projects in 2019: Coping with Urban and Infrastructural Heterogeneity (NWO-WOTRO SDG Programme, in collaboration with Prof. Jochen Monstadt); Inside the Investment Frontier: Investment-Induced Displacement and Resettlement (NWO Aspasia project); Remaking of communities at the edge of capitalist frontiers: an ethnographic case study of displacement in Mozambique (Toyota Foundation Research Grant); and Sustainable corridors?: exploring the interface between infrastructure planning and social transformation at the metropolitan scale (Utrecht
University Research Hub – Transforming Cities through Infrastructures – Seed Grant, in collaboration with Abigail Friendly and Martijn Oosterbaan, Utrecht University).

**Alberto Alonso-Fradejas** joined the IDS group as a lecturer in International Development Studies in November 2019. From February 2020 onwards Alberto became a postdoctoral researcher in the Welcoming Spaces H2020 project. He is responsible for comparative research about the role of geography and positionality in the realization of welcoming spaces for non-EU migrants in downscaled/downscaling towns and villages in Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the Netherlands. He collaborated in teaching and student supervision in the master programmes in International Development Studies and Sustainable Development, and the BA programmes at SGPL and UCU. Alberto brokered two MoUs between UU’s Faculty of Geosciences and (1) Universitas Gadjah Mada’s (UGM) Faculty of Geography and (2) UGM’s Faculty of Forestry for graduate student exchange for the purposes of academic training internships. He was involved in co-supervision of three PhD researchers at UU (with Leung and Zoomers), Coruña University in Spain, and Javeriana University in Colombia. He submitted a VENI grant pre-proposal for the 2020 round that was pushed for the 2021 round due to the Covid-19 pandemic (title: “From shrinking regions to green and welcoming hubs in Europe”). He collaborated in developing two large international consortia H2020 grant proposals; one (unsuccessful) for the CORONAVIRUS call (“Tackling the corona and climate crises with vulnerable groups in risk-prone areas in Europe and Africa: Co-creating a network of citizen-based learning labs to reduce risks and enhance resilience”), and another proposal for the Green Deal call (“EMPOWER: Mini-grid Solutions for Africa’s Energy and Employment Challenges”). Alberto received a seed grant by UU’s Migration and Social Change focus area to organize an International PhD School on Migration & Socioecological Change.

**Murtah Shannon** joined the IDS team as a lecturer in International Development Studies in March 2020. He was extensively involved in teaching and thesis supervision in the master programmes in International Development Studies and Sustainable Development as well as the bachelor programmes at the Department of Human Geography and Planning (SGPL) and at University College Utrecht (UCU). He also coordinated the LANDac Summer School together with Chantal Wieckardt. He was a member of the core team of the multidisciplinary Diamonds in the Delta network on community-led delta adaptation as was an active member of the community of practice on social inclusion of the Dutch water sector.

**Griet Steel** continued her research on female online entrepreneurship and urban land issues in Sudan. The international project on ‘The urban land nexus and inclusive urbanisation in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum’ officially finalized in March 2020, but the team is still working on some joint publications and follow-up projects.
Together with Noorloos and Friendly, Steel also redeveloped a large multi-stakeholder NWA research proposal on incremental housing in the global South. Together with Otsuki and Zoomers she supervises three PhD researchers who are conducting research in Mozambique in the framework of the NWO Aspasia project “Inside the Investment Frontier: Investment-Induced Displacement and Resettlement (NWO Aspasia project). This year Steel also published some special issues and academic articles in peer reviewed journals.

**Guus van Westen** taught in both bachelor and master programmes of Human Geography, IDS, and Sustainable Development. Related organisational tasks are membership of the Board of Examiners (LAS/TCS, Faculty of Humanities) and the Faculty’s Assessment (‘toets-’) Committee. His research focused on Food and Nutrition Security and on Land Governance. The ‘Follow the Food’ project (WOTRO Global Challenges Programme), which assesses the local food security impacts of foreign agribusiness involvement in Kenya, Ethiopia and Ghana, was formally concluded in 2020 but will continue to produce outputs as both PhD researchers (Senait Getahun Worku and James Wangu elaborate their findings in PhD theses. He continued as one of two chairs of LANDac (together with Gemma van der Haar, WUR) in September 2019, involved in running the network and its activities, including co-organising the Annual Conference (Online encounter), and preparing new initiatives for the future of LANDac. Guus is also a member of the OC of the LAND-dialogue, based in the LANDac secretariat.

**Andres Verzijl** joined IDS late in 2019 as a postdoc researcher connected to the in the Prince Claus chair holder (Veena Srinivasan). His research focus is on deltas in South and Southeast Asia, in particular the Kaveri Delta (combining this with his position at UvA). He is involved in master thesis supervision and collaborated in development of a grant proposal on deltas.

**Annelies Zoomers** continued her activities in teaching and research, including the supervision of numerous MSc theses and PhD projects (defense of 6 PhD-candidates); and was member of numerous PhD committees. She was actively involved in various LANDac related activities (e.g summer school and conference), co-directing the professional learning network, together with Romy Santpoort, Teddy Kisembo (Uganda) and James Wango (Kenya). In addition, in close collaboration with Romy Santpoort, she initiated new activities with the Shared Value Foundation as a way to further strengthen IDS’s role in valorisation (see below for overview of research activities carried out). She continued her involvement in various research programmes, which resulted in the publication of various articles and was the guest-editor for the journal Land (together with Marthe Derkzen et al) and finalized the Elgar book project in collaboration with IDS staff. Since March 2019 she was appointed the Chair of
WOTRO Science for global development (2019-2023, NWO); is member of the portfolio board for global development. The Research Council of Norway (2019-2023); and was part of the advisory board of the SDG_partnership programme, RVO – Netherlands Enterprise Agency).
IDS Research

Overview of externally funded research programs

Coping with Urban and Infrastructural Heterogeneity in Maputo and Dar es Salaam (NWO-WOTRO Joint SDG program). Kei Otsuki in collaboration with Jochen Monstadt with Partners in Dar es Salaam and Maputo (https://urbanhit.sites.uu.nl/)

The project focuses on sustainable energy transitions and inclusive infrastructure development in rapidly growing African cities. It aims to address SDG7 ‘Energy for All’ by taking the heterogeneity of urban populations, institutional arrangements and infrastructures on the ground as the point of departure. The project comparatively analyses possibilities to promote energy transitions to outline sustainable energy configurations in Dar es Salaam and Maputo. It uses an innovative methods of Community of Practice to involve practitioners in the research process, mobilized by postdoctoral researchers at Ardhi University in Dar es Salaam and Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, in addition to a PhD Mathias Koepke at Utrecht University.

PhD student
• Mathias Koepke

Inclusive Cities through Equitable Access to Urban Mobility Infrastructures for India and Bangladesh (NWO-WOTRO Joint SDG program). Ajay Bailey, in collaboration with Marco Helbich, Dick Ettema and Annelies Zoomers, with partners in Delhi, Bengaluru and Dhaka. (www.inclusivemobilities.sites.uu.nl)

This project takes an user-centred intersectional approach that recognizes how multiple forms of social stratification (e.g. class, gender, age and disability) intersect to produce urban mobility inequalities for marginalised groups. The central objective is to develop evidence-based insights for affordable, safe and accessible urban mobility. More specifically, we aim to: 1) explore how physical and social barriers to urban transport are widened by the existing systems and the social and economic implications of such barriers (SDG-11&9), 2) develop and contextualize measures to improve access to work (SDG-8), healthcare (SDG-3) and social life (SDG-10) through improvements in the public transport system, and 3) co-design an inclusive urban mobility evaluative framework that can provide guidelines for inclusive cities. We will apply an innovative multi-sited mixed-methods approach combining visual surveys, GPS-led-geo-narratives and multi-stakeholder hackathons. Inequalities of urban mobility will be studied in Delhi, Bengaluru and Dhaka, as these cities are experiencing major infrastructural changes and have populations with multiple access disparities. Inclusive cities with affordable, safe and accessible low-carbon public transport lead to a reduction of emissions and improvements in public health and wellbeing.

Knowledge migration flows in the United Arab Emirates: Mobile students enrolled at Indian and British branch campuses (EduHubMig) (Horizon 2020: Marie Curie Individual Fellowship) Jill Ahrens (post-doc) in collaboration with Maggi Leung.

Linking the scholarship on international student mobility and internationalisation of higher education, this project interrogates the political-cultural-economy surrounding the flows of international students enrolled at British and Indian branch campuses in the United Arab Emirates. It aims to map out how different actors and institutions shape knowledge flows within these transnational education spaces.

Follow the food: Dutch business and food chains in Kenya, Ghana and Ethiopia (Funding: NWO-WOTRO Global Challenges programme, in connection with the Food & Business Knowledge Platform; Guus van Westen (project leader), Annelies Zoomers (promotor), Ellen Mangnus (coordinator, until April 2020). IDS (lead) in collaboration with Fair and Sustainable Consulting (Utrecht, Addis Abeba), Solidaridad (Nairobi, Accra and Utrecht) and St. Mary’s University (Addis Ababa).

In response to the challenge of feeding a rapidly expanding world population, the past decades have witnessed a strong increase in agro-food investments, especially in the global South. Aiming to enhance our understanding on the local impact of these investments, the ‘Follow the food’ programme investigates how local food systems in Ethiopia, Kenya and Ghana are affected by foreign investments in agribusiness in these countries. Research is focused on direct impact on production and employment, including value chain insertion, shifts in access to -and use of- natural resources, and changes in urban food markets (prices). How do these dynamics affect local development and food security? Furthermore, which investment/business models are best equipped to make a sustainable contribution to local inclusive development and food security? Answers to these questions have been used to design an advisory tool for investors and policy makers on how to engage in inclusive agribusiness and enhance local food security. The project has concluded its formal lifespan at the end of 2020.

PhD Students:
- James Wangu
- Senait Getahun Worku

Inside the Investment Frontier: Investment-Induced Displacement and Resettlement in Mozambique (NWO Aspasia grant), led by Kei Otsuki in collaboration with Griet Steel and Annelies Zoomers.
The project aims to look into forced displacement prevalent in large-scale investment frontier expansions in Mozambique. Instead of the usual focus on the procedure and consultation processes of displacement, the project focuses on the long-term and spatial processes of community re-making in resettlement areas in order to clarify the evolution of investment frontiers and what kind of places are made through the displaced people’s struggle to re-engage with everyday activities, infrastructure development and livelihood reconstructions.

PhD students:
- Emilina Namaganda
- Celio Panquene
- Hiroyuki Tsuji

Remaking of communities at the edge of capitalist frontiers: an ethnographic case study of displacement in Mozambique (Toyota Foundation), led by Kei Otsuki.

In complementary to the Aspasia Project, the project elaborates on a case study of communities resettled from the Limpopo National Park created for tourism development in southern Mozambique. Using ethnographic methods that enable longitudinal observation, the project follows processes through which the community interacts with investors, the local government and neighboring communities, and pursues livelihood recovery and community development in the new destination. Through this case study, the project considers how new modes of thinking around the displaced community at the edge of the capitalist frontiers can provide for generating new values for society, based on responsible foreign investments and international assistance for community reconstruction.

Horizon 2020: Investing in ‘Welcoming Spaces’ in Europe: revitalizing shrinking areas by hosting non-EU migrants, Annelies Zoomers (PI) in collaboration with Maggi Leung, Alberto Alonso-Fradejas (postdoc), Rianne Hadders (coordinator) in collaboration with other colleagues from UU and abroad.

The international consortium Welcoming Spaces will investigate new ways to merge two policy challenges: how to contribute to the revitalisation of shrinking areas in Europe, while also offering space for the successful integration of non-EU migrants. For this purpose the researchers have selected fifty examples of ‘Welcoming Spaces’ across Europe. A Welcoming Space is a local initiative to attract migrants and revitalize the region. The consortium concludes academic and civil society partners from Italy, Spain, Poland, Germany and the Netherlands (See websites: [https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/870952](https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/870952) and [https://www.welcomingspaces.eu/](https://www.welcomingspaces.eu/))

PhD:
- Jana Finke
[COVID] Countering the Virus: Discrimination and protestation in The Netherlands. Maggi Leung

In the face of rising ‘Corona racism’ (esp. in the spring of 2020), this pilot research examines experiences of prejudice, stigma, discrimination that is practiced on and resisted by people of Asian appearance in The Netherlands since the advent of COVID-19. It explores and co-creates new openings brought by the pandemic. It analyses the diverse ways of protestation against prejudice. The role of artistic expression and (social) media as spaces of protest and alliance-building is studied and fostered. The project adopts a participatory and action-oriented approach. In 2020, we conducted a hands-on, online workshop with ‘Make it viral: Countering discrimination with awareness-raising media’ on media production and produced a powerful, short film on ‘COVID doesn’t discriminate’: https://youtu.be/RceZVuzPpIM.

Food sovereignty in the making: How should food experts and urban planners respond to farmer-led irrigation development in Africa? Janwillem Liebrand. This project is a collaboration between Faculty of Geosciences and Faculty of Humanities.

Recent research shows that African households in peri-urban areas are driving the establishment, improvement and/or expansion of irrigated food production in an unprecedented manner, a process referred to as African farmer-led irrigation development. Farmer-led irrigation development has the characteristics of what is today discussed as food sovereignty, i.e., the control of local food production by citizens/farmers. In approaching farmer-led irrigation as food sovereignty ‘in the making’, the research focus shifts in part to highlighting problems of the current institutions of the state and expert knowledge making in development, particularly in relation to the professional domains of food and water and urban planning. Focusing on food sovereignty sheds a new light on the question of how food experts and urban planners should respond to ‘negotiated’ local development contexts in peri-urban areas in Africa.
Overview of externally funded teaching & curriculum development programs

Erasmus+ ‘Development of a Master Degree programme: Democratic Governance and Human Rights (Demos).’ Gery Nijenhuis and Maggi Leung in collaboration with colleagues abroad.

This project aims to develop a two-year multidisciplinary Master Program in Democratic Governance and Human Rights, including online distance learning and part-time-on-campus, which will combine theoretical approaches and project-based learning by realizing their own project with the broad use of online learning tools. It will be based on the collaboration of higher education systems and exchange of knowledge and good practices in the field of governance and human rights. The master programmes will be offered in six universities in Morocco, Lebanon and Tunisia. The UU contributes in gathering insights from relevant programmes in Europe, conducting a capacity building needs analysis and developing a series of capacity building courses for academic and administrative staff members, and making a plan to strengthen the visibility and sustainability of the project, and stimulate the continuation and growth the partnership among the academic and social partners involved.

See website: [https://www.demos-project.eu/](https://www.demos-project.eu/)

The Lives Of Deltas: Sustainability, Technology, and The Urban Imaginary

With colleagues in Humanities at UU (Rick Dolphijn) and The University of Hong Kong, a transdisciplinary 15-ec master-level exchange programme was developed. The programme aims to study ‘the Lives of Deltas’. It combines insights from contemporary academia with state-of-the-art technological and artistic research. Together with prominent scientists, scholars and artists, the students jointly explore and experiment the Lives of Deltas ecologically, technologically and creatively through site visits (in the Netherlands and Hong Kong), workshops, and close reading sessions, at two of the top research institutes in the world. The first cohort, a small group of carefully selected Master students with an interest in the arts and in the Earth, will start in April 2021 (mostly likely online due to COVID restriction).

International PhD School on Migration & Socioecological Change

_How to contribute to the fair and sustainable development of European localities other than large metropolis while at the same time offering a welcoming space for non-EU migrants to pursue their life projects?_ This is the question driving the International PhD School on Migration and Socioecological Change. The PhD School runs on a collaborative, interactive and transdisciplinary methodology which allows for PhD researchers to discuss their research plans and especially their ongoing outcomes with fellow PhD researchers, more senior scholars and non-academic experts and practitioners. During 2020 registrations were opened for PhD researchers, and preparations were made for two online sessions of the school to run in March 2021 and for an on-site,
one-week long session tentatively scheduled for the end of September 2021 in Soria (Spain).

Regional water planning opportunities and innovations to increase water availability and promote climate resilience for irrigated food, BAGC, Mozambique. Janwillem Liebrand. Partners in the project: Resilience BV, ARA-Centro (Mozambique government), Wageningen University and various NGOs in Mozambique.

This project is a research-training programme in Mozambique to address regional water planning challenges from the angle of the end users. The food sector in the Beira Agricultural Growth Corridor (BAGC) is growing at a fast pace, leading to increasing demands for water and farmer-led irrigation development is very common. The goal is to develop new planning strategies to do justice to Mozambique’s diverse and informal water use sector, and make sure that water uses for bottom-up irrigation development are recognized in policy and planning circles.

Overview of learning networks initiated and hosted by IDS


International consortium of academics and professionals working on climate adaptation in delta-cities – carrying our research in combination with our discussions and pilot activities. Partners from the Netherlands, Colombia, Mozambique, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam the Philippines and India. Hosted by IDS in collaboration with UU colleagues – IHE, ITC Twente – Hogescholen Zeeland, Rotterdam and Larenstein; TNO and Both Ends. Andres Verzijl, Janwillem Liebrand, Murtah Shannon, Viktoria Vero, Romy Santpoort and Annelies Zoomers (in collaboration with other colleagues in the Netherlands and Abroad)

Learning network Professional Learning Platform LANDac: see: https://www.landgovernance.org/landac-activities/professional-learning-programme/

International consortium with colleague researchers/professionals working on land governance, focusing on finding new ways of making land investments more beneficial for communities and inclusive development. Fellows collaborate in research projects carried out in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Senegal, Sudan, Ethiopia and Mozambique, and exchange their findings (also in the context of the LANDac Summerschool: James Wangu, Teddy Kisambo, Romy Santpoort, Griet Steel, Dominique Schmid and Annelies Zoomers – in collaboration with LANDac.

International consortium with colleague researchers/professionals working on the energy transitions, focusing on finding new ways of making investments and proposed solutions more beneficial for communities and inclusive development. Dominique Schmid, Alberto Alonso-Fradejas, Annelies Zoomers, In collaboration with SNV, Slum dwellers International, Engie and others.
Conferences and seminars

International online expert meeting on farmer-led irrigation development/peri-urban food production in Africa: 12 May 2020, 50+ participants

By means of five invited experts on urban food production, land – and water rights, and food sovereignty, this event explored a new research agenda on farmer-led irrigation and informal peri-urban agriculture; and how policies and interventions tend to ignore these bottom-up development processes. A follow up of this meeting was organized as part of the LANDac International Conference, 30 June-3 July.

LANDac International Conference: 30 June-3 July 2020, online conference 250+ participants worldwide

In 2020 LANDac organised its Annual International Conference in a digital format, as travel and meeting restrictions were in place due to global COVID-19 pandemic. The LANDac Online Encounter 2020 welcomed an even more diverse audience than previous years, with an increasing number of participants from the Global South joining us for a five-day programme between the 29th June and the 3rd of July. During the Online Encounter, three keynote speakers addressed the intertwining crises of climate change and COVID-19 in relation to land governance. Prof. Dr. Jun Borras (International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)) spoke about the ‘Changing Climate of Global Land Politics’, highlighting the importance of contesting the apparent consensus around a generic notion of ‘land tenure security’, by advancing a specific agenda of what tenure means, whose tenure and for what broader purposes, in terms of what social system. Key notes Prof. Dr. Doreen Stabinsky and Mr. Peter Riggs (Climate Land Ambition Rights Alliance (CLARA)) outlined several missing pathways to address climate change and stressed that land tenure security is too often treated as an output, when secure land tenure within a social justice framework should be seen as a precondition for the success of all other mitigation and adaptation efforts. In addition to the key notes, participants could join three central webinars, co-hosted with the Land Portal Foundation, Oxfam Novib, ITC University of Twente, and seven parallel sessions hosted by a variety of organisations around the world. https://www.landgovernance.org/online-encounter/.
International Summer Schools

11th LANDac/IDS Summer School: Land Governance for Development – Special Online Edition, 6-17th July 2020, Utrecht University. (course coordinators Murtah Shannon and Chantal Wieckardt)

This was the first online edition of the Summer School. While the decision for an online format was made due to the necessity of the COVID-19 lockdown, it also served to lower the barriers for attendance, by removing the need to travel and lowering the registration fee. The course was attended by 43 participants from 21 different countries all over the world, who joined lectures and collaborated in working groups exploring theory and practice related to land governance. As in previous editions, guest lectures were given by LANDac partners, including participants from the Professional Learning Programme, and invited specialists, focusing e.g. on the global land rush, agribusiness and food security, land and conflict, land administration, and women’s land rights. Upon successful completion of the Summer School participants receive a certificate and remain connected in a digital community to continue to exchange experiences. https://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/social-sciences/land-governance-for-development.
IDS teaching

IDS staff has contributed to various courses at the bachelors and masters’ level and was actively involved in thesis supervision.

Contributions by IDS staff to Bachelor courses Human Geography and Urban Planning programmes

Minor International Development Studies
- Regions in Development – Maggi Leung (coord.), Griet Steel, Kei Otsuki, Murtah Shannon.
- Development Geography: Theory and Practice (Development Geography 2) – Guus van Westen (coord.), Wiebe Bor.
- Kwalitatieve Onderzoeksmethoden – Murtah Shannon (coord.).
- E-module Zuid-Amerika – Gery Nijenhuis (coord.).

Contributions to courses SGPL
- Inleiding Sociale Geografie (level 1) – Guus van Westen and Maggi Leung, with other staff from the Human Geography and Planning Department.
- Gebieden in Mondiaal Perspectief (level 1): Regional course on South Asia (Janwillem Liebrand) & on Central America & Caribbean (Femke van Noorloos).
- Migratievraagstukken (level 2) – Femke van Noorloos (coord. and lecturer). With contributions by Gery Nijenhuis, Ajay Bailey, Bianca Szytniewski and other SGPL colleagues.
- Wetenschappelijke Vorming: workshops on Development Geography (level 3) – Maggi Leung (coord. & lecturer) and Gery Nijenhuis.
- World Cities and Urban Inequalities – Femke van Noorloos and Jill Ahrens (with Kirsten Visser, course coordinator).

Courses for University College Utrecht (External Bachelor Courses)
- Diversity of Development – Gery Nijenhuis (coord.) and Murtah Shannon.
- Globalization and Regional Development – Janwillem Liebrand (coordinator)
- Capita Selecta in Economics and Geography (guest lecture Femke van Noorloos)

Contributions to other courses
- Guest lecture ‘socio-economic implications of land change’ in Land Use Science Course (Global Sustainability, Copernicus Institute, Utrecht University), 21
September 2020 by Kei Otsuki.


Contributions to IDS and SD-ID Master’s programmes

Lecturing IDS/Sustainable Development ID Track
- Development Themes (Master IDS & SD-ID) – Murtah Shannon (coord. & lecturer together with IDS staff).
- Advanced Methods & Techniques for International Development Studies (Master IDS & SD-ID) – Ajay Bailey & Femke van Noorloos (coordinators & lecturers, together with IDS staff).
- Development Theories – Guus van Westen (coord.).
- Migration, Mobilities and Sustainable Futures – Maggi Leung (coord.) & Bianca Szytniewski
- Internship – Field research practical SD-ID (master SD-ID): Kei Otsuki and Alberto Alonso-Fradejas (coordinators and group supervisors); together with Guus van Westen, Janwillem Liebrand, and Murtah Shannon (group supervisors).
- Research Design (SD-ID) – Kei Otsuki, Janwillem Liebrand (SD-ID Track supervisors)
- Doing Qualitative Research (Research Masters) Ajay Bailey (coord.) together with Bas Spierings).

Additional teaching Master’s level
- Guest lectures in Human Geography master’s programme course Diverse Cities & Urban Inequalities: Femke van Noorloos, Ajay Bailey.

Thesis supervision

Bachelor theses (SGPL and UCU-University College)

Supervised by Gery Nijenhuis
- Anne Jacobsen. Explaining the prevalence of obesity in indigenous populations: A comparative analysis over three countries, New Zealand, Brazil and Samoa. UCU-thesis.

Supervised by Kei Otsuki
- Steven van der Jagt. Shaping immigration routes of non-EU expats in Utrecht – the role of international welcoming centres. SGPL bachelor thesis.

**Supervised by Janwillem Liebrand**
- Lara Hemmelder. Making choices in urban water management: the different policies and practices among water professionals. SGPL bachelor thesis.
- Claire Faber. Community-supported agriculture in Luxembourg: Producers' struggles between ideology and economic viability. Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor thesis.
- Djoek Beerda. De kansen van private investeringsfondsen in ontwikkelingsinitiatieven. SGPL bachelor thesis.

**Supervised by Guus van Westen**
- Liselotte Buring: Supermarketization and health in South Africa. How customer behaviour and distribution channels related to supermarket expansion relate to health in South Africa.

**Supervised by Maggi Leung**
- Frenkie van den Broek. The role of migrant-welcoming initiatives in the integration process. SGPL bachelor thesis.
- Myrthe Jeuken. The Impact of Yoga on the well-being of Alexandra’s Youth. Liberal Arts and Sciences bachelor thesis.
- Rienje Veenhof. Ways to the West: Understanding the labour migration system between Nepal and the Netherlands and the relations between its stakeholders. SGPL bachelor thesis
- Job van de Ven. Welcoming Spaces: initiatives to stimulate the integration of migrants in shrinking areas in the Netherlands. SGPL bachelor thesis.

**Master theses (IDS, SD-ID, Research Master)**

**Supervised by Maggi Leung**
- Aron Vijzelman. The impact of COVID 19 on tour operators: An analysis of Dutch-
Ethiopian partnerships. IDS master thesis.

- Sanne Zwagemaker. The individual and the system: qualitative research combining behavioural theories and system analysis to identify entry-points for interventions for the extension services in Mere-Mieti, Ethiopia. IDS master thesis.
- Jessica Spithoven. Youth Economic Empowerment and Microfinance in Sub-Saharan Africa: The youth are the future; what role could microfinance play? IDS master thesis.
- Reem Al Aaraj. Lebanon’s green plans: Exploring the contribution of cannabis legalisation to sustainable rural development in Lebanon. SD-ID master thesis.

Supervised by Gery Nijenhuis

- Tessa Laan. Rides of freedom; joy, risk, and convenience for cycling youth. Understanding the role of the bicycle on the daily mobilities of urban youth in cities with an immature cycling culture. IDS master thesis.
- Puck van Basten. Comparing apples and oranges. The role of standards in fostering sustainability objectives in the fruit and vegetable sector. SD-ID master thesis.

Supervised by Femke van Noorloos

- Wiebe Bor. Releasing the reuse revolution in the global South. The transition of businesses from single-use plastic packaging to reuse models at the base of the pyramid in Indonesia. SD-ID Master thesis.
- Saskia Christophersen. An emerging real estate market, heritage tourism, and urban re-development: A deadly cocktail enabling the existence of gentrification? A study to gentrification in Havana’s historic district. IDS Master thesis.
- Dini Wagner. The Impact of Climate Variation and Change on Gender Dynamics
from a Vulnerability and Adaptive perspective: A Closer Examination of Smallholder Farmers’ Gender Dynamics in the Global South through a Systematic Literature Review. IDS Master thesis.


**Supervised by Kei Otsuki**

- Teodora Tralijic. Climate adaptation strategies in agriculture – suitable for the most vulnerable? The case of Ghana. IDS Master thesis.
- Deeva Kumari Parikh. “Children can’t help as much as grownups can” investigating the extent to which young people in tamale can engage with climate change health adaptation. IDS Master thesis.
- Tom van den Biggelaar. Parks, youth, and rural entrepreneurship: Exploring possibilities and conditions for youth to succeed in establishing businesses in the Majette project area in Chikwawa district, Malawi. IDS Master thesis.
- Evelien Lambooij. Achieving universal access to electricity and cleaner cooking fuels in Sub-Saharan Africa: a stakeholder influence analysis of energy sector development in Rwanda. SD-ID Master thesis.
- Veronika Simenova. Sytropic agriculture: education towards food sustainability and sovereignty in Brazil. SD-ID Master thesis.

**Supervised by Griet Steel**

- Sacha Slootheer. Socio-spatial relations of food vending in Harare An analysis of the social relations and spatial manifestations that affect food vendors in their contribution to food access to the lower income and food insecure residents of the city. SD-ID master thesis.

**Supervised by Janwillem Liebrand**

- Jonneke van der Berg. Thicket to ride: Whose knowledge counts in an ecological restoration project, Baviaanskloof, South Africa. IDS master thesis.
- Melanie Kahn. Rural livelihoods and migration in the context of nature conservation: A case study of involvement of communities in land restoration
projects in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. IDS Master thesis.
• Ranna Abdulhadi. Exploring the practices of implementing sanitation policies: A case study on the role of street-level professionals in Siaya, Kisumu and Homa Bay County, Kenya. SD-ID Master thesis.
• Juliette Brink. Working the land and ploughing the system: A qualitative analysis of farmers’ strategies to deal with systemic barriers and their initiatives to make farmer practices more sustainable. SD-ID Master thesis.

Supervised by Guus van Westen
• Chiel de Block: The social impact of FSC. An exploration of monetisation models for the social impact in the tropical forest sector. SD-ID Master thesis.
• Saskia Hüsch: Land degradation in the Argentine Chaco. An assessment of regional land-use and rural livelihoods. SD-ID Master thesis.
• Romeo Kaptijn: Gaining from cassava. A study on the determinants of bargaining power of cassava smallholder farmers in Liberia. IDS Master thesis.
• Azra Muminovic: The impact of private horticultural investment on the food security of non-participating locals: Zooming in on the rural area of Debre Zeit, Ethiopia. IDS Master thesis.
• Dominika Orlowska: Approaches to Green Public Procurement for Deforestation-free Commodities: Insights into strategies, considerations and evaluations within the GPP development processes of deforestation-risk commodities for the food and catering services sector. SD-ID Master thesis
• Ba Ying Visser: Multistakeholder initiatives and true cost accounting for sustainable coffee production in Colombia. The case of the Futureproof Coffee Collective. SD-ID Master thesis.

Supervised by Murtah Shannon
• Aliza Selles: COVID-19 and development organizations: A frame analysis – Perspectives on the pandemic and position of rural woman. IDS master thesis
• Ilayda Hagens: Disaster riks reduction during COVID-19 in Yokyakarta. IDS master thesis
• Robbert van Kappel: Land subsidence in Indonesia: Governance responses and
adaptation and mitigation measures. The case of Jakarta versus Semarang. IDS master thesis.

- Sem Harbers: Rethinking the international donor paradigm: A case study about internal migration in Indonesia in the light of the New Urban Agenda. IDS master thesis.
- Huda Lohiya: An Exploration of Sustainability and Inclusiveness within Sanitation Governance in eThekwini, South Africa. SD-ID master thesis.
- Elliot Barnes: Private governance in Europe’s logging industry: A cross national comparison of FSC certification compliance within the logging sector in Europe. SD-ID master thesis.
- Isabella Judicibus: Sustainability of land-use: competing interests and power dynamics – A case study of the Lutkermeerpolder in Amsterdam. SD-ID master thesis.

Supervised by Annelies Zoomers

- Berend van der Maeden. Sudan’s soil for sale: The Implications of FDI in Agriculture for Sudanese Livelihoods. IDS master thesis.
- Anna Kylili: Gender implications of land investments in Subsaharan Africa

Supervised by Alberto Alonso-Fradejas

- Sarah-Claude Amyot: Assessing the role of decision-making processes involved in the adoption of Oil Palm Agroforestry in smallholder practices in Central
• Tanja Vocke: Smart, green, and fair revitalization? Exploring the potential of the green economy for the revitalization of shrinking rural regions in Europe. SD-ID Master thesis.

Public lectures, presentations and keynotes

Maggi Leung
• ‘COIVD – COuntering the VIrus: Discrimination and protestation in multicultural Europe – reflections and first insights’ on panel ‘Migrant lives in pandemic times’. Webinar organised by Utrecht University Research Focus Area Migration and Societal Change. 18 September 2020.
• “Beyond being welcomed: emplacement as active engagements among non-EU migrants in European shrinking regions”, with Alberto Alonso-Fradejas. Presented at the session “Spannende Ankunft. Emplacement und die Bedeutung von Lokalität für soziale Praktiken und Handlungsoptionen” at the 40th Congress of the German Sociological Association, September 17, 2020, online.

Gery Nijenhuis
• Poster presentation Encounters in the field: using the DAE-approach to train intercultural competences of students doing fieldwork in the Global South (with V. Schutjens & G. Corbalan). Utrecht: 2nd Utrecht Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference.

Janwillem Liebrand
• Food sovereignty in the making: How should agricultural experts and urban planners respond to farmer-led irrigation development/urban agriculture in Africa? Online expert meeting, UGlobe, Utrecht University, 12 May 2020.
• Open Science – a silly term? Open Science Cafe, Utrecht University, 26 June 2020.
• Redirecting investments – building a dialogue: Exploring and changing food communication regimes to create recognition for farmer-led irrigation and urban agriculture in Africa's expanding cities, LANDac, global online encounter, 2 July 2020.
• Parallel processes of big D development and little d development in the Beira river delta, Mozambique. Prins Claus Chair and Future Food Utrecht, online event, 8 December 2020.

Guus van Westen
• Concluding notes, LANDac International Conference 2020, 3 July.
• Introduction and chair, Prins Claus Chair and Future Food Utrecht, online event on natural resources and food, 8 December 2020.

Alberto Alonso-Fradejas
• “Beyond being welcomed: emplacement as active engagements among non-EU migrants in European shrinking regions”, with Maggi Leung. Presented at the session “Spannende Ankunft. Emplacement und die Bedeutung von Lokalität für soziale Praktiken und Handlungsoptionen“ at the 40th Congress of the German Sociological Association, September 17, 2020, online.

Membership of manuscript commissions & PHd committees

Maggi Leung
• Allen Prabhaker Ugargol (2020): Ageing and Exchange of Care in Emigrant Households: Case Studies from Goa and Kerala, India’ (Member of Thesis Assessment Committee, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen) Willy Sier (2020): Everybody Educated? Education Migrants and Rural-Urban Relations in Hubei Province, China (Member of Thesis Assessment Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam).

Gery Nijenhuis
• Ine Cottyn (2020): Between modern urbanism and ‘rurban’ realities. Rwanda’s
changing rural-urban interface and the implications for inclusive development (co-promotor, UU).

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**Annelies Zoomers**
- Eileen Dyer Jarnholt (2020). Contract Farming Schemes in Rice and Sugar in Tanzania. Assessing the implications of Exchange, Power and Differentiation (joint degree with Roskilde University, Denmark (E.B. Zoomers [promotor] with Lars Buur (Roskilde) and George Schoneveld (CIFOR)).
- Frederico Brandao (2020). Oil palm expansion in the Brazilian Amazon. The challenge of reconciling conservation and development (E.B. Zoomers [promotor] with G. Schoneveld CIFOR) and Pablo Pacheco (CIFOR).
- Erlis Saputra. Land subsidence as a sleeping disaster – Case studies from Indonesia (with T. Spit).

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• Member of organizing team LANDdialogue, a multi stakeholder platform on land Governance issues initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (http://www.landgovernance.org/landdialogue/about-landdialogue/).
• Screening of secondary school examinations (Aardrijkskunde, Domein Wereld), CITO.
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• Member, Referentiegroep ORIO Evaluatie, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2018-2020).

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• Founder/Chair of the board of Shared Value Foundation (Amsterdam). http://www.sharedvaluefoundation.com/.
• Member of steering committee of LANDac professional learning programme
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Valorisation

IDS contributed actively to various policy debates on urgent topics such as international migration, climate change, food security, transitions to sustainability and well-being, large scale land acquisition and land grab debates, resettlement and displacement in the context of various research programmes. Academic output is used for the elaboration of policy briefs, and dissemination of results have been widely discussed (see also conferences, seminars and summer schools). Synthesis reports of research programmes are published on the internet.

Being the founding member and leading partner of LANDac, the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development, IDS is renowned for its work related to land governance and how to optimize the developmental impact of large-scale land investments. In addition to generating knowledge and capacity building, we play an active role as centre of information and stimulating multistakeholder dialogues, working in close collaboration with policy makers (e.g., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Bank, FAO), practitioners, businesses, and local communities (see above for a more detailed overview see www.landgovernance.org).

In addition, through Shared Value Foundation (SVF), IDS staff and students plays an increasingly important role in supporting various organizations and businesses by carrying out field research to discover impact pathways, and to explore opportunities with local stakeholder groups to create shared value and achieve (related to planned investments and/or interventions) more positive developmental outcomes.
Shared Value Foundation, founded in 2015 and hosted by IDS, aims to facilitate the use of IDS expertise for the solution of societal problems, more specifically, enhancing the developmental impact of Dutch and European businesses and organizations interested to play a positive role in contributing to the SDGs. Through our global network of experienced young professionals (mostly IDS-alumni from Utrecht University), SVF assists businesses and other organisations that (want to) work in developing countries by providing in-depth local research to gain a clear insight in the local context and (future) impact of an investment or intervention. By providing knowledge about the local context, SVF support investors and organization in the creation of ‘shared value’, while mapping expected impact pathways (www.sharedvaluefoundation.com, coordinator: Romy Santpoort).

IDS Alumni Association (IDSAA)

IDSAA is the alumni association of the International Development Studies group of Utrecht University – the place to connect and share knowledge with IDS as well as with fellow students, graduates and the wider IDS community. IDSAA’s mission is to help current and former students as well as affiliates connect with each other through a wealth of professional and social networking activities including continuing education programs and frequent events as well as through its online presence at IDSAA.nl, its Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/groups/IDSAA/) and LinkedIn group (http://www.linkedin.com/groups/International-Development-Studies-Alumni-Association-3347675/about). In addition, IDS also maintains an alumni email database.

Through the different channels, IDS is in touch with about 750 alumni, including SGO, SGIO and IDS alumni, past and current IDS staff, and IDS advisory board members, affiliates and partners.
Publications 2020

PhD Theses
Frederico Brandao (2020). Oil palm expansion in the Brazilian Amazon. The challenge of reconciling conservation and development.


Erlis Saputra. Land subsidence as a sleeping disaster – Case studies from Indonesia.

Books


Special issues/edited volumes

Articles in Scientific Journals


Chandra Sekaran, V., Bailey, A., Kamath, V. G., Ashok, L., & Kamath, A. (2020). ‘This is the place where I can be alone, no tension:’ Photovoice evidence for adolescent


Academic Book Chapters

Alonso-Fradejas A. (in print). Land investment flows and translocal development chains of ‘impairing destruction’. In Handbook of Translocal Development and Global Mobilities (Chapter 8).


Bélair J. and Thabit Jacob (in print). Translocal development in landscapes of New city development and urban infrastructures. In Handbook of Translocal Development and Global Mobilities (Chapter 12).


Otsuki K. (in print) Involuntary resettlement projects as frontier of sustainable translocal development. In Handbook of Translocal Development and Global Mobilities (Chapter 10).


Van Westen, A.C.M. van, (in print) Beyond the value chain: local impacts of ‘global’ inclusive agribusiness investments – examples from Ghana. In Handbook of Translocal Development and Global Mobilities (Chapter 5).

**Professional publications**

**Web publications and media exposure**


