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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 2021. It discusses our efforts to address pressing sustainability challenges of our time: Climate change and Covid 19 shows the urgency of understanding the interconnectedness of the world – but also how environmental, health and economic crises go hand in hand with deglobalisation – 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 urbanisation, 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 how to make societies more save, inclusive and climate-resilient, focusing on the situation of vulnerable groups in risky places. Co-creating knowledge and solutions from a bottom up perspective will help to help to find people-based solutions, taking into account local knowledge, diversity and competing interests. Looking at the world as an interconnected place, an important starting point for our approach is 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. Targeting 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 for vulnerable groups, 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 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 theorisation 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 2021. 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 2021

Teaching
- The academic year was opened by Prof. dr. Anthony Bebbington who held the UNDP Kapuscinski Development Lecture: Natural resource extraction after COVID: social justice challenge. This was followed by a panel discussion with Prof. dr. Veena Schrinivasan (discussant). [Link to lecture](https://kapuscinskilectures.eu/lecture/natural-resource-extraction-after-covid-social-justice-challenge/);
- Our master programme International Development Studies was awarded the European level certificate: the Certificate for Quality in Internationalisation. 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.
- Along with the graduation of the 2020 cohort, we received a new group of 88 new students (68 for the 1-year IDS master programme and 20 for the 2-year ID-track in Sustainable Development) who were unfortunately not able to travel – they conducted remote field research on interrelated and urgent topics, working in close collaboration with local partner organisations worldwide, within Europe, but also in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Research
We received new grants for two multi-year research programmes:
- Following Frontiers of the ‘Forest City’: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Urbanisation in Kalimantan and Beyond. [Funded by NWO Merian Fund & RISTEKBRIN Cooperation Indonesia – Netherlands](#).
In addition we received seed funding for multiple projects (for more details, see below)

New colleagues and shifts
It was a dynamic year with multiple changes.
- In October 2021, Ajay Bailey was appointed as head of department Human Geography and Planning, a new responsibility that he will carry out in combination with his IDS-professorship.
- We welcomed new colleagues: Romain Dittgen (South Africa) and Dora Sampaio (Germany) joined to strengthen the IDS team. Ezra Litjens and Wytske Chamberlain joined as the coordinators of, respectively LANDac and the RVO programme Land at Scale. Shahnoor Hasan joined as the new Coordinator of Diamonds in the Delta – and Jofelle Tesorio became the new coordinator of Shared Value Foundation.
Some of our colleagues moved out: Maggi Leung was appointed Professor of International Development Studies at Amsterdam University (UVA) – she left our group after a period of 10 years, but will continue our collaboration in research (Welcoming Spaces, Demos and VISION) as well as in PhD supervision. Contracts of Alke Gijrath and Rianne Hadders came to an end; Murtah Shannon left to become policy officer for water governance for Both Ends Foundation and Andres Verzijl became assistant Professor at IHE (both will continue their collaboration in the context of the Diamonds in the Delta Network). Romy Santpoort became a consultant for Movisie (knowledge institute for social issues).

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

- Richmond Antwi-Bediako (2021) In the aftermath of the jatropha boom: Exploring socio-political and ecological dynamics in ‘failed’ jatropha spaces in Ghana (Kei Otsuki and Annelies Zoomers)
- Badrul Hasan (2021) How to successfully govern community drinking water systems? Exploring the potential of the community management plus model in Southwestern Bangladesh. (Frank van Learhoven, Peter Driessen and Annelies Zoomers)
- James Wangu finalized his manuscript (to be defended in 2022)

Valorisation
We hosted multiple seminars and summer schools and actively involved in organizing learning networks focusing on SDG-related topics: land and water governance – the energy transition, food security, migration and health – and are actively involved with policy makers, practitioners, business and NGOs in teaching and research.

We continued our leading role in the Netherlands Academy on Land Governance for Equitable and Sustainable Development (LANDac), organizing the annual international conference and Summer school, and implementing the Professional Learning Programme. Since 2021, IDS will host the knowledge management secretariat of RVO's LAND-at-Scale programme. (more details below).
## IDS Staff

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<td>Migration, mobilities, borderlands, mobile workers, translocal relations, life course, youth, Central and Eastern Europe, Balkans</td>
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<td>Private sector development, institutions, land governance, Private sector development, institutions, land governance, food and nutrition security and inclusive business. Asia, Africa</td>
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**Members of the IDS Advisory Board**
- 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 2021
- Robbie Hogervorst (Profound) since 2017

Board meetings were held on 29-01-2021 and 17-12-2021.
Overview of activities

**IDS STAFF**

**Alberto Alonso-Fradejas** continued his work on the Welcoming Spaces project, doing comparative research about the role of geography and positionality in the realisation of welcoming spaces for non-EU migrants in downscaled/downscaling towns and villages in Germany, Italy, Poland, Spain and the Netherlands. 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 collaborated in developing various large international consortia H2020 grant proposals, including “EMPOWER: Mini-grid Solutions for Africa’s Energy and Employment Challenges” (EU, Green deal). He was successful in receiving a seed grant by UU’s Migration and Social Change focus area to organize an International PhD School on Migration & Socioecological Change.

**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 Curaçao. 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.

**Romain Dittgen** joined IDS in November 2021. Prior to this appointment, he was based at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, lecturing on the Politics of governance and housing at the School of Architecture and Planning. Earlier in the year, he acted as academic consultant and adviser to an ERC-funded project entitled: ‘Making Africa urban: The transcalar politics of large-scale urban development’, focusing on sovereign (Chinese) development circuits in Accra (Ghana), Dar es Salaam (Tanzania) and Lilongwe (Malawi). In parallel, he concluded a collaborative project on the interplay between Global China and urban transformations in Southern Africa funded through Codesrias’s (Council for Development of Social Science Research in Africa) 2018/19 Meaning-making Research Initiative. In parallel he started working on a book manuscript entitled, ‘(Un)scripting geographies of change: Chinese influence and urban shifts in Southern Africa’.

**Maggi Leung** continued to be active in teaching the IDS Master and the Bachelor
programmes. In research, she continued her efforts in ‘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. Together with colleagues at DeZim (Berlin) and Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Maggi (and Bianca Szytniewski) won a research grant (VISION, to commence in January 2022) from the Volkswagen Foundation to examine on labour mobilities and (in)justice in peripherised places in Europe. She continued supervision of on-going PhD research projects. Maggi was active in online conferences and webinars, completed a few publications, and made progress on 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. Maggi was appointed Professor in International Development Studies at the University of Amsterdam and started her new position on 1 December 2021.

Janwillem Liebrand was active in education in courses of the two master programmes of the group: International Development Studies and Sustainable Development – International Development (SD-ID, Copernicus), as well as in the Bachelor of the Department of Human Geography and Planning, and the geography track at Utrecht University College. Together with consortium partners in the Netherlands and Mozambique, he successfully finalized 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 developed training modules on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRMI) and gender for this programme. He worked on a new seed money grant of Future Food Utrecht: Decolonizing communication in food security innovations in Sub-Saharan Africa? Towards sustainable and fair policies and interventions. Cristina Arribas Jimenez (alumni of the SD-ID programme) was recruited as a researcher for this project, and preliminary results were presented at the LANDac International Conference (30 June-2 July). Together with partners and IDS colleagues, he worked on a new grant proposal for the NWO-NWA programme (the Dutch Research Agenda): Diamonds in the Delta – towards safe, inclusive, and climate-resilient deltas. In addition, he developed (part of) of a new course on Sustainable Deltas which is going to be part of the new Bachelor programme of Human Geography and Spatial Planning at the Department. And meanwhile, he has continued to coordinate 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. On December 3, the team involved in this project organized the international online conference *Developing intercultural competences in online and physical learning environments*, with over 70 participants. 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 intercultural competence development related to fieldwork.

**Femke van Noorloos** continued her research on new cities in Africa, incremental housing and urban project development. She started preparing the new project *Following Frontiers of the ‘Forest City’* on Indonesia’s newly planned capital city (with Kei Otsuki & Annelies Zoomers) and worked on the Lincoln project *The impacts of China’s land marketisation reform on municipal finance obtained from Land Value Capture* (with Weifang Wang and Tejo Spit). She participated in various conferences and invited lectures, and co-coordinates the special issue *Rethinking incremental housing through city-making flows in the global South* for the International Journal of Housing Policy (with Abigail Friendly and Griet Steel). She was involved in the supervision of two PhD projects. Femke is IDS Master Programme Coordinator, 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).

**Dora Sampaio** joined the IDS group as Assistant Professor in November 2021. Prior to this, she was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity and taught at the University of Sussex. Within the Max Planck Group ‘Ageing in a Time of Mobility’, she led a project on Brazilian transnational families, ageing and care for which she conducted multi-sited fieldwork across Brazil, the United States and the UK. Findings from this project and collaborative work in the fields of mobilities and ageing have been published and are in progress.
as academic and non-academic publications. In 2020, she joined the DFG-network ‘Im/mobilities in the Global South during a Global Pandemic’ (led by Antje Mißbach and Heike Drotbohm), examining the implications of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic for migrant communities across the Global South. She lectured for the PhD in Migration Studies at the University of Lisbon, and remains engaged in research networks such as IMISCOE (Standing Committees on Gender & Sexuality, Older migrants, and Migrant Transnationalism). She is completing her first book titled *Migration, Diversity and Inequality in Later Life – Ageing at a Crossroads*.

**Murtah Shannon** He contributed to 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.

**Bianca Szytniewski** joined the the IDS group as a Assistant Professor in January 2021. She has been active in teaching in both the bachelor and master programmes at the department. She is part of the ‘Welcoming Spaces’ programme that examines the relations between migration and sustainable development of ‘shrinking’ regions in Europe. In collaboration with Melissa Moralli (University of Bologna) and other colleagues of the Welcoming Spaces programme, she was granted seed money (UU Migration and societal change) for a side project called: Visualising migration and local development in European non-urban contexts. Currently, she is also working on a research project that examines young people as agents of change in transforming cities in Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo and Serbia. The project was awarded through UU seed money Dynamics of Youth and Pathways to Sustainability. Moreover, together with Maggi Leung and colleagues at DeZim (Berlin) and Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, she won a research grant: ‘VISION: Envisioning Convivial Europe’ funded by the Volkswagen Foundation for four years, starting in January 2022. The project examines translocal linkages between peripherised regions in Germany, Poland and Romania through labour mobilities.

**Griet Steel** contributed to the IDS master programme by teaching Development Themes – and continued her research on female online entrepreneurship and urban land issues in Sudan. 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).
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. He continued working with PhD students Senait Getahun Worku and James Wangu towards the completion of their research on the impact of foreign agribusiness involvement on local food security in the areas of operation. As one of two chairs of LANDac (together with Gemma van der Haar, WUR) he is involved in related activities, running the network and its activities, including Annual Conference (Online). This involved, inter alia, preparatory activities for the Dutch involvement in The UN Food Systems Summit (with Gemma Betsema, RVO) and in the Land Dialogue set up by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A major new LANDac activity is the Knowledge Management of the Land-at-scale project, a series of cooperation activities aiming at improving land governance in a range of countries, mostly in Africa. Land-at-scale is implemented by RVO and funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the knowledge management was awarded to a consortium of LANDac members and has its base with IDS as from 1 June 2021.

Annelies Zoomers continued her activities in teaching and research, including the supervision of numerous MSc theses and PhD projects (defense of 2 PhD-candidates). She was actively involved in various LANDac related activities (e.g summer school). Together with Romy Santpoort, Dominique Schmid, Teddy Kisembo (Uganda) and James Wango (Kenya) she initiated comparative research in the context of LANDac’s Professional Learning programme, carried out in different African countries; and contributed to the preparations and implementation of the LAND-at-scale programme (RVO). She continued her engagement with the Diamonds in the Delta network (climate adaptation in delta cities), together with Janwillem Liebrand, Andres Verzijl and Shahnoor Hasan (IDS) and other colleagues in the Netherlands and abroad, and took the lead in the elaboration of of a full NWO proposal. Another proposal (supported by Dominique Schmid) on the Green Deal – energy transition resulted in a seminar series which was organized in the context of the UU’s pathways to sustainability. In addition, together with Romy Santpoort and Jofelle Tesorio, 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) and continued her involvement as PI in the H2020 Welcoming Spaces programme.
EXTERNALLY FUNDED RESEARCH PROGRAMMES (chronological):

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 2021). 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, but continues to produce output.

PhD Students: James Wangu & Senait Getahun Worku

Coping with Urban and Infrastructural Heterogeneity in Maputo and Dar es Salaam  
(Funding: NWO-WOTRO Joint SDG programme). 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  
(Funding: NWO-WOTRO Joint SDG programme). 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.

Inside the Investment Frontier: Investment-Induced Displacement and Resettlement in Mozambique (Infront) (Funding: 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: Emilinah Namaganda, Celio Panquene, Hiroyuki Tsuji.

Remaking of communities at the edge of capitalist frontiers: an ethnographic case study of displacement in Mozambique (Funding: 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.

**Welcoming Spaces’ in Europe: revitalizing shrinking areas by hosting non-EU migrants** *(Funding H2020, Annelies Zoomers (PI) in collaboration with Maggi Leung, Alberto Alonso-Fradejas (postdoc), Bianca Szytniewski, and Karin Geujen (coordinator). 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 and https://www.welcomingspaces.eu/)*

The project investigates 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.

PhD student: Jana Finke

**‘Upholding human rights in a pandemic: The Social Impact of COVID-19 measures on vulnerable families in Curacao, Aruba and St. Maarten’** *(Funding by NWO- ZONMW, Ajay Bailey, in collaboration with University of Curacao, Curacao Biomedical Health Research Institute, University of Aruba and University of St. Martin).*

The COVID-19 pandemic has strained the economies, health-care systems, social structures and living standards on the islands Curaçao, Aruba and St. Maarten. Using a human rights-based approach this multidisciplinary study will focus on the social impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the State responses towards protecting vulnerable families. We apply to an multi-sited, mixed-methods approach to understand the diverse reasons that contribute to increase in vulnerability and measures that can be taken to build social resilience among families and communities. This study will also evaluate the performance of COVID-19 measures and make recommendations for futures outbreaks and epidemics.

**Following Frontiers of the ‘Forest City’: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Urbanisation in Kalimantan and Beyond** *(Funding by NWO Merian Fund & RISTEKBRIN Cooperation Indonesia – Netherlands. Kei Otsuki (project leader), Femke van Noorloos, Annelies Zoomers, in collaboration with IHE-Delft, Royal Haskoning DHV, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Universitas Lambung Mangkurat, Institut Teknologi Kalimantan, Research and Development Agency of East Kalimantan Province, Indonesia Peatland Restoration Agency).*

The Indonesian government's declaration to relocate its national capital city from Jakarta to the forest highlands of eastern Kalimantan has become contentious. Through an innovative ‘Forest City’ masterplan, proponents argue that the capital city relocation decentralises development opportunities and alleviates Jakarta’s environmental problems. Critics contend however that not only does the relocation leave Jakarta’s problems unsolved, the new city will negatively impact Kalimantan’s ecosystem and societies. Both arguments fail to address how the new Forest City
might lead to sustainable and inclusive urbanisation.

Although implementing the masterplan has been delayed due to the pandemic, the impacts of Forest City planning and development are already evident in Kalimantan through new forms of land speculation and encroachment, a resource boom and new infrastructure planning. Moreover, frontier expansion is expected to continue and generate ecological and social dynamics after the city’s planned 2024 inauguration and far beyond the formally planned urbanisation frontier. To achieve ecological sustainability, disaster risk reduction and socio-economic inclusion in Kalimantan and beyond, it is therefore urgent to establish a framework to study already emerging and future impacts of Forest City planning and development. To do so, this project proposes a framework with three objectives: generate knowledge on how to evaluate the impacts of a mega-project beyond planned areas and timeframe; strengthen existing research infrastructure to develop the capacity of local students and citizens to continuously monitor and analyse the impacts of urbanisation; and create a multi-stakeholder platform where new tools and impact assessment methods are refined to ensure sustainable and inclusive urbanisation. Through a highly inter-and-transdisciplinary approach and based on solid existing Indonesian-Dutch research collaboration, this project actively contributes to the global agenda for sustainable and inclusive urban development worldwide as well as the Indonesian government’s commitment to strengthen societal resilience and sustainable development in Indonesia.

SEED MONEY PROJECTS

Seed grant: Inclusive cities in times of global urban transformations: Intersectionalities, infrastructures and sustainable development. Funded by Transforming Cities Hub UU, Ajay Bailey, Kei Otsuki and Els Rose.

The central theme of this research is social inclusion pursued in the process of transforming cities towards sustainability. The key aim is to consolidate a new research network: Inclusive Cities and Global Urban Transformations, which emphasizes the importance of transforming the city towards sustainability for all. Through this network, we strengthen: (1) interactions between scholars studying inclusive and sustainable urban development within UU; (2) collaboration between existing networks of scholars and practitioners to jointly explore a new agenda for the production of more open and inclusive urban space at a global scale.

Seed grant: Human costs of shrinking deltas: Adaptation pathways of vulnerable groups to sea-level rise in three Asian deltas. Funded by Water, Climate and Future Deltas Hub UU, Ajay Bailey, David Henig, Mucahid Mustafa Bayrak and Danny Marks.

This project seeks to study what adaptation pathways to sea-level rise do
vulnerable residents create or are part of in deltas. It has been shown that adaptation is a social process and pathways are intricately linked to social hierarchies, power structures, and thus affects who becomes marginalized. The paths of different groups (such as youth, older adults and women) as they adapt to change are interwoven with each other which affects social mobility or reifies inequality. Further, adaptation trajectories are embedded within social and environmental contexts across scales. The pathway lens our project uses aims to understand the different routes different groups have taken in the past, are currently taking, and will thus likely take in the future. By using this lens, our findings can help build knowledge for both citizens and government agencies about the likely effects of sea-level rise on vulnerable groups and how to develop resilient pathways to help these groups. Conducting this research in a number of deltas will enable us to discover similarities and diversities between the cases.

Seed grant: Meeting across the table? Producing and negotiating public spaces through migrant food practices. Funded by Migration and Societal Change Focus Area UU, Sara Brouwer, Ajay Bailey, Manpreet Janeja, and Natasha Webster.

This project investigates how cityscapes, foodscapes and migration interact and emphasises the role of power relations in the mobility of people and goods within an urbanising society. This research will contribute to our understanding of what a socially just city entails for migrants as inhabitants who are often (seen as) marginalised. In the face of increasing socio-spatial inequalities, housing liberalisation and gentrification in the Netherlands, it is imperative to ask what these developments mean for the everyday lives and integration processes of migrants in cities. This research looks at how migrants undermine traditional power structures that define public space and influence integration processes through food in the Netherlands. Furthermore, against the backdrop of contemporary urban neoliberal policy regimes in receiving societies in Europe, this research contributes to our understand of how migrants’ food practices in public space intersect with processes of racialisation and stigmatisation and to what extent these are, on the one hand, challenged by migrants, and on the other used as legitimate basis for dispossession and displacement.

Seed grant: Sustainable future in cities? Youth activism in transforming post-socialist countries in the Balkans. Funded by Dynamics of Youth and Pathways to Sustainability UU, Bianca Szytniewski, Ajay Bailey, David Henig, Diana Jovanović, Armela Xhaoho, and Mimoza Dushi.

Cities give space for activism – they provide a place, where young people can express themselves, join different organisations or networks, and have access to different resources and infrastructures. Cities as a unit of analysis offer insights on the mobility of ideas and mobility of practices of young people and their urban daily lives. Young people engage in activities concerning sustainable solutions in their cities.
and home countries respectively, ranging from climate marches, to demonstrations for better education, clean urban environment, civic values, equal job opportunities, and protests against corruption. These bottom-up initiatives organised by young people relate more globally to the Sustainable Development Goals, calling for quality of education (SDG 4), decent work (8), reduce inequality (10) and sustainable cities and communities (11). Although these actions are often small scale urban initiatives or protests, the online presence of young people concerned with political, economic and environmental issues in the selected countries suggests much wider appreciation of the problems, and thereby calling for further investigation. This research project will examine young people as agents of change in transforming cities in Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo and Serbia. Our aim is to give new insights in three interrelated themes: Mobilities – life trajectories of young people, their aspirations and their move to/in urbanised areas. Youth activism – efforts to contribute to a sustainable future. Transforming cities in the Balkans – urban processes towards sustainable cities. Key research questions include: In what way do young people in large cities of Albania, BiH and Serbia engage in initiatives for sustainable change and to what extent do these initiatives produce actual change? What does trigger young people in the Balkans to use their voice and demand sustainable change? How do young people deal with the restrictions related to COVID-19 and how does it affect their dreams, mobilities and activism?

Seed grant: Community of practice and citizens science for sustainable futures in marginalised places. Funded by IOS seed money round 16 Future of citizen based initiatives (FOCI), UU, Karin Geuijen, Maggi Leung and, Annelies Zoomers.

Seed funding received through the EU Consortia Incentive Programme fund (Utrecht University) under the strategic theme Institute of Open Societies: Accelerating the green transition and energy access Partnership with Africa – EMPOWER – Mini-Grid Solutions for Africa’s Energy and Employment Challenges. Applicant: Prof. dr. Annelies Zoomers in collaboration with Dominique Schmid. The aim of EMPOWER is to analyze the potential contribution of various mini-grid solutions to employment and business generation to further promote the clean energy – employment nexus. Special emphasis is given to vulnerable groups, especially women and youths, so that they engage in new activities related to the maintenance and repair of the mini-grids, and in developing value chains leading to business incubation to enhance their livelihoods.

Seed grant: Land subsidence from a community perspective in Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Colombia and Mozambique. Funded by TNO – in collaboration with the Diamonds in the Delta (DiD) network. Annelies Zoomers, Andres Verzijl, Janwillem Liebrand and Shahnoor Hasan.

In this field research we will study community perceptions of land subsidence and floodings – in relation to coping strategies, adaptation and risk mitigation.
Seed grant: Decolonizing communication in food security innovations in Sub-Saharan Africa? Towards sustainable and fair policies and interventions. Funded by Future Food UU, Janwillem Liebrand (lead) and Eggo Müller (co-lead, Humanities Faculty), Guus van Westen, Kei Otsuki, Romy Santpoort, Cristina Arribas-Jiminez.

The project aims to critically unpack the stereotypes and frames of representation that underlie contemporary research-policy debates on food systems and food security innovations in SSA. It is these stereotypes and frames that define our perception of the problems and solutions, of those with decision-making power: policymakers, donors, investors and businesses. We will look at concepts and language used in policy documents, promotion material and media representations of food systems and food innovations. Taking inspiration from emerging research on farmer-led innovations in irrigation development in SSA (Woodhouse et al., 2017), we hypothesize that persistent ‘colonial’ stereotypes of ‘African farmers’ and ‘African food systems’ hinder the design and development of (more) inclusive and fair food systems in SSA. Together with stakeholders from government, private sector and NGOs, we aim to de-colonize the dominant stereotypes and communication frames and develop alternative communication strategies – a new and inclusive ‘language’ – to de-centre and broaden the discussion on food security in Africa. The central research questions are: 1) What stereotypes and frames can be identified in expert-led food security innovations in Sub-Saharan Africa; and 2) What alternative communication strategies can be developed to legitimise food security interventions in a sustainable and de-colonial manner?

EXTERNALLY FUNDED TEACHING & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

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

Maggi Leung, together with colleagues in Humanities at UU (Rick Dolphijn) and The University of Hong Kong, developed a transdisciplinary 15-ec master-level exchange programme. 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).

The impacts of China’s land marketisation reform on municipal finance obtained from Land Value Capture. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy’s China Programme Annual International Fellowship. IDS staff involved: Femke van Noorloos

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 was 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.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

LANDac International Conference: 30 June-2 July 2021, online conference
250+ participants worldwide

LANDac International Conference 2021: ‘Land, Crisis and Resilience’, online conference
250+ participants worldwide

In 2021 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 Conference 2021, themed ‘Land, Crisis and Resilience’, welcomed an even more diverse audience than previous years, with an increasing number of
participants from the Global South joining us for a three-day programme between the 30th June and the 2nd of July. During the conference, three keynote speakers addressed the intertwining crises of climate change and COVID-19 in relation to land governance. Dr. Shuaib Lwasa (Principal Researcher on Governance at the Global Center on Adaptation) discussed navigating complex land rights issues in responding to climate risk in urban systems of Africa. He highlighted that when it comes to land, it is very much a local and cultural issue in many African cities, and that the issues must be contextualized to design policies and build resilient systems that address climate impacts, while transcending a cost-benefit analysis. Dr. Wytske Chamberlain (Land Matrix, Africa RFP, hosted by the University of Pretoria) reviewed a decade of global land rush and discussed lessons to create a resilient context for large-scale land acquisitions. She stated that large-scale land acquisitions over the past decade of the global land rush, have impacted many local communities negatively. Over the last year food prices have increased by 40% due to COVID-19, and the crisis has been used by governments to push through policies under the banner of economic recovery. There are signs of a new land rush in the making, which means that it is becoming increasingly urgent to create a resilient context for more equitable, fair and sustainable investments in agriculture. Silar Siakor (longstanding environmental and human rights activist, Liberia Country Manager with IDH, The Sustainable Trade Initiative) spoke about how civil society, private sector and academia should do more to work with local communities and Indigenous People where their rights are established to march towards a just, inclusive and sustainable future. In addition to the key notes, participants could join in the five parallel rounds with a total of 25 sessions, the closing panel, and in the online networking space. https://www.landgovernance.org/annual-international-conference-2/landac-conference-2021/.

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

12th LANDac/IDS Summer School: Land Governance for Development – Online Edition, 5-16th July 2021, Utrecht University. (course coordinators Chantal Wieckardt and Joanny Bélair)

This edition of the Summer School was the second online version, as restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic made traveling to and getting together in the Netherlands difficult. Similar to the previous online edition, it served to lower the barriers for attendance, by removing the need to travel and lowering the registration fee. The course was attended by 50 participants from 28 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 Network, 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](https://www.utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/social-sciences/land-governance-for-development).

**International PhD School on Migration & Socioecological Change** *(organized by Alberto Alonso Fradejas on behalf of Welcoming Spaces)*

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 2021 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).

**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 discussions and pilot activities. The activities set out to learn from experiences of communities who have lived with phenomena related to flooding and land subsidence to help develop inclusive and fair planning processes and water governance arrangements. Hosted by IDS in collaboration with UU colleagues – IHE Delft, ITC Twente – Hogescholen Zeeland, Rotterdam and Larenstein; TNO and Both Ends, the network brings together partners from the Netherlands, Colombia, Mozambique, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam the Philippines and India. *Andres Verzijl, Janwillem Liebrand, Murtah Shannon, Shahnoor Hasan and Annelies Zoomers (in collaboration with other colleagues in the Netherlands and Abroad).*

**Learning network Professional Learning Network LANDac:** see: [https://www.landgovernance.org/landac-activities/professional-learning-programme/](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: Based on the model developed by the PLN, a similar network of professionals related to the Land-at-scale Knowledge Management programme interventions is being set up to support horizontal learning among project partners and countries. 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.

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.), Kei Otsuki and 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
- Duurzame Deltas (level 1), development of new course, Janwillem Liebrand (lecturer). Curriculum Development to be given starting in 2022.
• 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), Murtah Shannon (coord. & lecturer) and Gery Nijenhuis.
• World Cities and Urban Inequalities – Femke van Noorloos (with Kirsten Visser, course coordinator).
• Transforming China: Local and Global Perspectives (level 3), Maggi Leung (with Yanliu Lin, lecturer).
• Globalisering & Ontwikkeling (level 1) – Gery Nijenhuis (coord, with Kees Terlouw and contributions of other SGPL colleagues)
• Bachelor thesis for ‘zij-instromers’ (students in master qualification programme) (coordinator)

Courses for University College Utrecht (External Bachelor Courses)
• Diversity of Development, Gery Nijenhuis (coord.) and Rolando Vazquez-Melken.
• Globalisation and Regional Development, Janwillem Liebrand (coordinator), Rolando Vazquez-Melken.
• 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 2021 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 (Master IDS) Guus van Westen (coord. & lectures).
• Migration, Mobilities and Sustainable Futures – Bianca Szytniewski (coordinator) and Dora Sampaio.
• Internship – Field research practical SD-ID (master SD-ID): Janwillem Liebrand and Alberto Alonso-Fradejas (coordinators), together with Guus van Westen, Maggi
Leung, Annelies Zoomers, Kei Otsuki, 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: Kei Otsuki.
• Guest lecture ‘Towards Fair and Inclusive Governance of Food Systems’ in Sustainability course of the CHARM-EU Master on Global Challenges for Sustainability, 6 December 2021 by Guus van Westen

**THESIS SUPERVISION**

**Bachelor theses (SGPL and UCU-University College)**
Gery Nijenhuis, Kei Otsuki, Janwillem Liebrand, Guus van Westen, Maggi Leung

**Master theses (IDS & SD-ID, Research Master)**
Maggi Leung, Gery Nijenhuis, Femke van Noorloos, Kei Otsuki, Janwillem Liebrand, Guus van Westen, Murtah Shannon, Annelies Zoomers, Alberto Alonso-Fradejas

IDS Master: 45 theses finished from year 2020-21

**PUBLIC LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS AND KEYNOTES**

**Ajay Bailey**
• INTALINc panel expert for the session on Solutions-led perspectives on inclusive and sustainable mobilities: New pathways, fresh horizons, December 2021
• Invited talk on Ageing and Mobility, “International Seminar on Conversations on Ageing held on 8th September 2021. The event was co-organised by the Institute for Social and Economic Change (Bengaluru, India) and the University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, UK) and funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund, University of Edinburgh.
• Invited talk on The Impact of Abuse & neglect on Older Adults in India. International Seminar on Elder Abuse Awareness. The seminar was organised by the Heritage Foundation in collaboration with the Bharathidasan University, Central University of Kerala and Madras School of Social Work. Date: Tuesday, 15 June 2021
Maggi Leung

- Invited speaker on panel ‘Designing Cities for All’. Livecast of Pakhuis de Zwijger. Amsterdam and online. 21 June 2021.
- Invited speaker on ‘Decolonising international development studies’ at Geohouse (Utrecht University) debate on decolonisation. Online. 16 June 2021.

Shahnoor Hasan

- Guest speaker in SWWWW 2021 session on “supporting societal transformation in deltas through long-term partner engagements” organized by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and to the WATERPROOF organized by Partners for Water Programme's to talk about societal impacts in bilateral water partnerships.

Femke van Noorloos

- Invited discussant at CEDLA lecture series Contested Urban Territories in Latin America:Financialisation – Displacement – Gentrification. Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation (CEDLA), University of Amsterdam
- LANDac International Conference 2021, presentation at panel organized by Habitat for Humanity: Presentation Building sustainable and inclusive urban futures during COVID-19: a fresh look at land issues in the incremental housing debate (with Steel, Friendly and Pang).
- Invited discussant at PhD panel.
• Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference: Paper presentation ‘Policy Waves’: Reshaping Mexico’s Housing Governability Ecosystem (with Valenzuela & Friendly)

Janwillem Liebrand
• Invited presenter. Transforming Cities Hub, Faculty of Geosciences. Workshop on “Water in the City”, 17 June 2021, Utrecht University.
• Cultivating Equality Conference, 12-14 October 2021. Presentation at panel: Moving beyond binary thinking – reconceptualizing gender in agriculture and food systems. Title: Expert women in development – tracing technology, masculinity, and race in international collaboration.
• Presenter at Transforming Cities Hub, Faculty of Geosciences. Title: Diamonds in the Delta (with Annelies Zoomers, Femke van Noorloos and many others), 26 November 2021, Utrecht University.

Gery Nijenhuis
• Presentation From ‘Encounters in the field to ‘online encounters’: Training of intercultural competencies in times of COVID 19. EUROSOTL-2021 conference, hosted by Manchester Metropolitan University, June 14-18 2021.

Guus van Westen
• Presentation ‘Inclusive Agribusiness and local food security findings from the Follow the Food project’, session on Land and food systems in times of crisis: towards fair and sustainable transformations, LANDac Annual International Conference, online, 30 June 2021

Annelies Zoomers
• Invited Lecture/panelist: The Depopulation of Eastern Europe, 10 December 2021.
Pieter Stockmans. MO* talks. Wereld media huis Brussels (welcoming spaces)
• Invited lecture. LANDac Summerschool – 5 juli 2021
• Invited lecture International PhD school on migration and socio-ecological change. 27 september Soria (online)

MEMBERSHIP OF MANUSCRIPT COMMISSIONS & PHD COMMITTEES

**Maggi Leung**
• Nikhil Pazhoothundathil, ‘Ageing in Care Homes: Place Attachment and Homemaking Practices of Older Adults in Kerala, India’ (Member of Defense Committee, Faculty of Spatial Sciences, University of Groningen, 2021)

**Kei Otsuki**
• Richmond Antwi-Bediako (2021) In the aftermath of the jatropha boom: Exploring socio-political and ecological dynamics in ‘failed’ jatropha spaces in Ghana (co-promotori)

**Annelies Zoomers**
• Richmond Antwi-Bediako (2021) In the aftermath of the jatropha boom: Exploring socio-political and ecological dynamics in ‘failed’ jatropha spaces in Ghana (Utrecht University, promotor)
• Badrul Hasan (2021) How to successfully govern community drinking water systems? Exploring the potential of the community management plus model in Southwestern Bangladesh (Utrecht University, promotor).
• Muzaffer Sevda Tunaboylu PhD Defense: Refugees’s Onward Migration Decisions and the EU-Turkey Deal. 23 September Barcelona, Spain (Chair of Defense committee).

**Guus van Westen**
• Mirjam Schoonhoven-Speijer, ‘Making Institutions Viable: a Contextualised Understanding of Bulking in Ugandan Food Markets’ Wageningen University & Research, 22 October 2021 (Member of Manuscript Commission and PhD Defence Committee).
• Lu Zhen, ‘The Role of Local Governments in Emerging Regional Business Systems: A comparative analysis of Zheijiang and Yunan Provinces’ IISS, The Hague (Erasmus University)(Member of Manuscript Committee).
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF IDS STAFF

Alberto Alonso-Fradejas
• Editorial board member of the Journal of Peasant Studies (JPS).
• Associate researcher at the Transnational Institute (TNI) in Amsterdam.
• Fellow of the Guatemalan Institute of Agrarian and Rural Studies (IDEAR).
• Member of the Nyéléni European Food Sovereignty network
• Member of the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative (ERPI)
• Member of the Land Deal Politics Initiative (LDPI),
• Member of the BRICS Initiative for Critical Development Studies (BICAS)

Ajay Bailey
• Member Global Engagement Committee, Utrecht University
• Academic Editor PLOS Global Health
• Member Editorial Board Research Methods (specialty section of Frontiers in Research Metrics and Analytics)
• Member Editorial Board/Advisory board: Migration and Development, Population Space and Place.
• Chair in Qualitative Methods at Manipal University, India, named after Dr. Tonse Madhav Ananth, the founder of the university.

Maggi Leung
• Editor of Geoforum.
• Member of the International Board of Editors of The Chinese Overseas Review
• Co-founder of Transmobilities-Development Network.
• Steering group member, Focus Area ‘Migration and Societal Change’ at Utrecht University
• Working group member, COST network on Chinese migration and labour in Europe (CHERN)
• Steering group member of IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion in Europe) research cluster on Gender and Sexuality in Migration Research (GenSeM)
• Member of IMISCOE research cluster on International Student Mobility and Migration.
• Member of research platform: China-Europe Research Platform on Chinese Migration to and beyond Europe.
• Member of The Network for Research into Chinese Education Mobilities.
Janwillem Liebrand
• Member/initiator of the SAFI network: Supporting African Farmer-led Irrigation Development.
• Member Cap-NET/UNDP: Capacity development in sustainable water management.
• Member International Network of Participatory Irrigation Management, Nepal.
• Member Gender and Water Alliance.
• Member of Advisory Committee Masters SGPL, Department of Human Geography and Urban Planning.

Gery Nijenhuis
• Geography Fellow at UCU.
• Member of the jury Teacher Award Utrecht University
• Coordinator Academic School SGPL.
• Member of Education Coordination Team Dept. SGPL.
• Member of Review committee Prince Bernhard Scholarship-programme.

Femke van Noorloos
• IDS Master Programme Coordinator.
• Co-founder of IDSAA.
• Guest editor for International Journal of Housing Policy
• Review editor Frontiers in Research Metrics and Analytics

Kei Otsuki
• Coordinator of Master Sustainable Development – International Development Track.
• Member of Editorial Board of Sustainability Science.
• Member of Editorial Board of Desenvolvimento e Meio Ambiente.
• Guest editor for Built Environment.

Griet Steel
• Member of the senior management team of the project “The Urban Land Nexus and Inclusive Urbanisation in Dar es Salaam, Mwanza and Khartoum”.

Guus van Westen
• Co-Chair of LANDac (with Gemma van der Haar, WUR) – Netherlands Academy on Equitable and Sustainable Land Governance (www.landgovernance.org) (Since September 2019).
• Member of organizing team LANDdialogue, a multi stakeholder platform on land Governance issues initiated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. (http://www.
• Screening of secondary school examinations (Aardrijkskunde, Domein Wereld), CITO.
• PhD Student monitor.
• Member, Board of Examiners (Examencie.) Liberal Arts & Sciences and Taal- en Cultuurstudies, Faculty of Humanities.
• Member, Assessment Committee (toetscommissie), Faculty of Geosciences.
• Scientific Advisory Board member, African Studies Centre, Leiden University.
• External Examiner, new Master Programme in International Development Practice, National University of Ireland at Galway.

**Annelies Zoomers**

• Member of programme committee Pathways to Sustainability at Utrecht University (starting in 2022)
• Member of SGW-VENI committee, NWO
• Member of Global Challenges committee at Utrecht University
• Chair of WOTRO Science for Global Development (2019–…)
• Member of the portfolio board for global development. The Research Council of Norway (2019-2023).
• Editorial board member of the Journal International Development Planning Review (IDPR).
• Member of the SDG-partnership programme, RVO – Netherlands Enterprise Agency.
• Member of the search committee for Prince Claus Chairr
• Board member of the Foundation ‘Chair Prince Bernhard’ (Utrecht University).
• Founder/Chair of the board of Shared Value Foundation (Amsterdam). [http://www.sharedvaluefoundation.com/](http://www.sharedvaluefoundation.com/)
• Member of MT LANDac professional learning programme and contextual research programme/horizontal learning for Land-at-Scale (RVO).
• Chair of International Development Studies Group (IDS) at Utrecht University
VALORISATION

LANDac: Netherlands Land Academy for equitable and sustainable development
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 2021 LANDac organised its Annual International Conference and Summer School in a digital format. The LANDac Online Encounter 2021 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 2021 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.

LAND-at-scale Knowledge Management:
This project comprises a series of development cooperation activities in 14 countries (planned) in support of improved land governance, and is implemented by RVO and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. LANDac together with ILC (International Land Coalition) have been awarded the integrated knowledge management component. To this end a Project manager (Wytske Chamberlain) has been added to the LANDac secretariat, which is hosted by IDS, that is also one of the knowledge partners in the project. IDS will in particular focus on carrying out contextual field research related to the planned interventions, and facilitate ‘horizontal learning’ (among intervention projects). The livelihood of a large part of the world’s population continues to depend directly on having secure access to land. LAND-at-scale aims to contribute to fair and just tenure security and access to land and natural resources for all. This will lead to more sustainable and efficient use of land and natural resources for food, housing and
production. It will also reduce conflicts and competing claims over land. Improved land governance is also crucial for the realisation of many of the sustainable development goals (SDGs), supporting food and nutrition security, economic development and peace and stability. The programme also contributes to more sustainable incomes and social justice. Women’s rights and climate change are important cross-cutting themes in the programme, as are formalisation of rights (with benefits and risks) and conflict management. Knowledge management in this context involves a systematic approach to ‘harvesting’ and sharing knowledge gained in the different projects, documenting and sharing it among programme partners and targeted audiences, filling knowledge gaps by means of research, and a range of related activities and events.

**Shared Value Foundation**

Shared Value Foundation (SVF), on behalf of IDS, played an important role in supporting various organisations 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’ below.

In addition, through SVF, IDS staff and students plays an increasingly important role in supporting various organisations 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.
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 programmes 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 2021

PhD Theses
Hasan, Badrul (2021) How to successfully govern community drinking water systems? Exploring the potential of the community management plus model in Southwestern Bangladesh.

Books
Zoomers A. M. Leung, K. Otsuki & A. van Westen (Eds.), Handbook of Translocal Development and Global Mobilities. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar

Special issues/edited volumes

Articles in Scientific Journals


Global Context (pp. 57-80). (Contemporary Perspectives on learning). Information Age Publishing.


Wangu, James, Ellen Mangnus, A.C.M. van Westen, 2021, Recognizing determinants to smallholders’ market orientation and marketing strategies: Building on a case of dairy farming in rural Kenya. Land 10 (6), 572;  https://doi.org/10.3390/land10060572


Academic Book Chapters


Professional publications


Web publications and media exposure
Maggi Leung's participation in two events organized by Pakhuis de Zwijger in Amsterdam,
- Designing Cities for All – Special: (Making) Sense of Belonging – Pakhuis de Zwijger
- Designing Cities for All #22: Book Launch: 18 Perspectives on Designing Cities for All – Pakhuis de Zwijger

Interview (Annelies Zoomers) by Annegina van Randewijk en Ruurd Ubels. De slag om Afrika. In: Nederlands Dagblad – April 2021

See LANDac Professional Learning platform publications: https://www.landgovernance.org/pln-research-publications/

Diamonds in the Delta – you tube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQP2mAMwmn0
Manifesto Diamonds in the delta  
https://www.uu.nl/sites/default/files/geo-wcfd-Diamonds%20in%20the%20Delta%20manifesto%202021.pdf

Contribution and participation to Stockholm World Water Week  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4i2wYz_7WSI