

LAND FICTIONS

THE COMMODIFICATION OF LAND IN CITY AND COUNTRY

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“What we call land is an element of nature inextricably interwoven with man’s institutions. To isolate it and form a market for it was perhaps the weirdest of all the undertakings of our ancestors.” - Karl Polanyi, *The Great Transformation*

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FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 2015

9:30–
9:45AM

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Asher Ghertner and Robert Lake
Rutgers University

9:45AM–
11:00AM

PLENARY LECTURE
Brett Christophers
Uppsala University

11:00AM–
1:00PM

SESSION ONE: LAND AS INSTRUMENT
Melanie Sommerville
University of British Columbia

Sarah Knuth
Oberlin College

Ben Teresa
Rutgers University

Mike Dwyer
Center for International Forestry Research

2:00PM–
3:15PM

PLENARY LECTURE
Wendy Wolford
Cornell University

3:30PM–
5:30PM

SESSION TWO: LAND TRANSFORMATIONS
Sai Balakrishnan
Rutgers University

Jia-Ching Chen
Brown University

Mi Shih
Rutgers University

Erik Harms
Yale University

9:30AM–
11:30AM

SESSION THREE: LAND AS FICTION
Asher Ghertner
Rutgers University

Don Mitchell
Syracuse University

Meghan Morris
University of Chicago

Jo Guldi
Brown University

11:45AM–
1:00PM

PLENARY LECTURE
Tania Murray Li
University of Toronto

2:00PM–
4:00PM

SESSION FOUR: LAND AS MATERIALITY
Heidi Hauserrman
Rutgers University

Malini Ranganathan
American University

Mike Levien
Johns Hopkins University

Robert Lake
Rutgers University

4:30PM–
5:30PM

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION