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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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