

Geographisches Kolloquium

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10 Facts about Land Systems for Sustainability

I will discuss 10 facts synthesized from land system science, which help to explain the challenges of achieving sustainability in land use and also point toward solutions. These facts show that meanings and values of land are socially constructed and contested; land systems exhibit complex behaviors; humanity lives on a used planet where all land provides benefits to societies, trade-offs are prevalent, land tenure and land-use claims are contested, and the benefits from land are unequally distributed. I will exemplify each of these facts through ongoing research on emerging land use frontiers in Southern Africa building on mixed methods including ethnography, spatial analyses, and remote sensing.

15:15 h, online via Zoom at

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