

# LAND POLICY READING CLUB 2022

hosted by

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in cooperation with the **International Academic Association on Planning, Law, and Property Rights** and the **AESOP Thematic Group on Planning, Law and Property Rights**

Please register with [Slack](#) (link expires 25 July, 2022)!

**All meetings from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. CET/CEST!**

- 27 April** Thomas Paine (1797/1903) *Agrarian justice, being a plan for meliorating the condition of man*. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. London: Adlard & Parsons.
- A financial contribution from land owners should be used to help young persons enter life and old persons have dignity in their final years. Paine defined the relationship between land policy and social policy very clearly.*
- Introduction: Ben Davy (TU Dortmund University)
- Discussant: Devansh Shrivastava (India National Law School)
- 11 May** Ronald H. Coase (1960) The problem of social cost. *Journal of Law & Economics* 3 (October) 1–69.
- Coase discusses the allocation of (spatial) goods under circumstances without planning and policy interventions. This can help understand and potentially justify land policy interventions in the allocation and distribution of land.*
- Introduction: Thomas Hartmann (TU Dortmund University)
- Discussant: Eran Kaplinsky (University of Alberta)
- 22 June** Aldo Leopold (1949/1966) *A Sand County almanac. With essays on conservation from Round River*. New York: Ballantine Books. Final Chapter: The land ethic.
- Man not as conqueror, but as citizen of the land community – a wonderful re-interpretation of the social contract!*
- Introduction: André Sorenson (University of Toronto)
- Discussant: Vesna Zupanc (University of Ljubljana)
- 17 August** Garrett Hardin (1968) The tragedy of the commons. *Science, New Series* 162 (3859) 1243–1248.
- Hardin is often cited as advocating private property rights when in fact he suggests that the “tragedy of the commons” be avoided through coercion, i.e., environmental regulation. One of the most cited articles in social, political, and environmental science.*
- Introduction: Michael Kolocek (ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, Dortmund)
- Discussant: Thomas Jacobson (Sonoma State University)
- 21 September** Henry George (1880/1934) *Progress and poverty. An inquiry into the cause of industrial depression and of increase of want with increase of wealth. The remedy*. New York: Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. Book VII, Chapter 2: ‘The enslavement of laborers the ultimate result of private property in land’.

'If chattel slavery be unjust, then is private property in land unjust.' George, often called the father of land reform, saw property as the root-cause of social and economic ills. His remedy was not the abolition of private property, but the Single Land Tax.

Introduction: Besmira Dyca (Wageningen University)

Discussant: Matthias Sweet (Toronto Metropolitan University)

**19 October** Edella Schlager and Elinor Ostrom (1992) Property-rights regimes and natural resources: A conceptual analysis. *Land Economics* 68(3) 249–262.

*The term 'common-property resource' is an example of a term repeatedly used to refer to property owned by a government or by no one. It is also used for property owned by a community of resource users. Such usage leads to confusion in scientific study and policy analysis. In this paper Schlager and Ostrom developed a conceptual schema for arraying property-rights regimes that distinguishes among diverse bundles of rights ranging from authorized user, to claim-ant, to proprietor, and to owner.*

Introduction: Andreas Hengstermann (Ulster University)

Discussant: Eivind Junker (Nord University)

**9 November** Amnon Lehavi (2008) Mixing property. *Seaton Hall Law Review* 38: 137–212.

*Lehavi identifies a consolidated theoretical basis for mixed property regimes, pointing as well to the normative advantages that these hybrid forms may have over purer property regimes, thus significantly enriching the property landscape.*

Introduction: \*\*\*

Discussant: \*\*\*

**14 December** The Members' Choice

*Members of the Land Policy Reading Club will nominate a chapter or article for this meeting. Ben and Thomas will choose from the nominations. Batteries not included.*

Introduction: \*\*\*

Discussant: \*\*\*

Our meetings will be guided by the following questions:

- What does the text say?
- Who is the author, what is the context?
- Why is the text relevant for land policy?
- Which parts of the text are plausible, which parts are difficult to understand?

**Each meeting will start with an introduction.**

**We are now looking for volunteers, who wish to fill the \*\*\*-slots!**

Ben & Thomas

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