

Report Launch: Foreign Land Deals and Human Rights



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6.30-8.30 PM

**Room 212, Furman Hall
(245 Sullivan St.)**

CHRGJ and IILJ invite you to a panel discussion and report launch featuring:

Prof. Olivier de Schutter United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food

Prof. Smita Narula, CHRGJ Faculty Director and Associate Professor of Clinical Law

Members of **the International Human Rights Clinic**, NYU School of Law

About the Report

The Global South is experiencing a surge in foreign direct investments in agricultural land. Prompted, in part, by the global food crisis, state and private investors are buying and leasing millions of hectares of farmland in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As currently conceived and implemented, however, many large-scale land investments do not service the goal of ensuring equitable and sustainable food security, and may in fact be further jeopardizing the rights of host populations.

A new report by CHRGJ presents four case studies that examine the human rights impacts of land investments in biofuels, food crops, timber production, and carbon offsets in African and South Asian nations. This groundbreaking report provides the research necessary to advance a human rights-based approach to monitoring large-scale agricultural investment in developing countries.

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