

STOP LAND GRABS:

the Financialization of Farmland, the Rights of Rural Communities,
and University Endowments and Academic Retirements.

You are invited to the annual seminar of the Stop Land Grabs Coalition

Date: Wednesday, November 8th

Time: 11 am - 1 pm Eastern Time (US)

Location: Robinson Hall, Warren Center Conference Room B21,
35 Quincy Street, Harvard University

RSVP in person
tinyurl.com/LandSeminar

RSVP for Zoom
tinyurl.com/LandSeminarZoom

The seminar will focus on the key role that Harvard University, through its endowment, and the retirement fund manager TIAA, which manages the retirement savings of university faculty and staff around the country, play in financial speculation on farmland in Brazil, the United States and other countries. This financial speculation on farmland is causing displacement of rural communities, human rights violations, and environmental destruction.

These financial corporations promote the expansion of agribusiness plantations that demand large amounts of chemical inputs which are based on fossil fuels. The seminar will build outreach to pressure Harvard and TIAA to divest from farmland. It will be an opportunity for international organizing in defense of food sovereignty and land rights for Indigenous, small farmers and peasant communities.

This event is part of the Workshop Slavery and its afterlives, from the Graduate Center of the History Department

Speakers

Maria Luisa Mendonça
Network for Social Justice and Human Rights

Devlin Kuyek
GRAIN

Dr. Sidney Chalhoub
Harvard University

Tristan Quinn-Thibodeau
Stop Land Grabs Coalition/ActionAid USA

Altamiran Ribeiro - Pastoral Land Commission
Piauí/Brazil

Rachel Carle
Stop Harvard Land Grabs

