

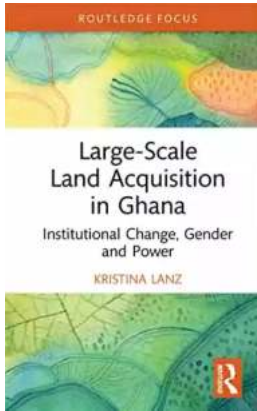
# **Institutional Change Gender And Power: Examining the Dynamics of Global Land and its Implications**

As society progresses and awareness surrounding gender equality continues to grow, it is paramount to analyze the institutional changes required to address the power dynamics that perpetuate gender inequality. The book "Institutional Change Gender And Power: Routledge Studies In Global Land And" offers a comprehensive examination of these dynamics and provides insights into the global land issue.

The book, authored by renowned gender and development scholars, explores the impact of power structures and how they affect both men and women in relation to land ownership, distribution, and utilization. It delves into the need for institutional changes that challenge and transform existing hierarchical systems, ultimately aiming to create an equal society where gender does not determine access to resources.

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**Large-Scale Land Acquisition in Ghana:  
Institutional Change, Gender and Power**



## (Routledge Studies in Global Land and Resource Grabbing) by Kristina Lanz (Kindle Edition)

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### The Importance of Institutional Change

Institutional change is crucial for progressing towards a more gender-balanced society. Gender inequality is deeply rooted in historical structures, social norms, and power dynamics. By studying institutional change, we can identify the barriers that impede gender equality and devise effective strategies to remove them.

The book emphasizes that gender and power not only affect women but also impact men. Traditional gender roles often position men as primary landowners and decision-makers, while women are often marginalized and limited in terms of land rights. These power dynamics perpetuate inequality and hinder overall social development.

Examining institutional change helps us understand the complexity of these power structures. It allows us to evaluate the effectiveness of policies and

practices that hinder or promote gender equality. Through this examination, opportunities for transformative change can be identified and implemented.

## **The Global Land Issue**

The book considers the broader context of the global land issue and its intersection with gender and power dynamics. Access to land is a fundamental aspect of sustainable development, playing a significant role in food security, poverty reduction, and economic growth.

However, women often face barriers to land ownership and face discrimination in accessing and controlling land resources. This disparity limits their agricultural productivity and economic independence. The book examines case studies from around the world, highlighting the challenges women face and the strategies implemented to address these issues.

By showcasing a diverse range of country contexts, the book provides a comprehensive analysis that underscores the global nature of the land issue. It underscores the need for institutional change to empower women in their pursuit of land rights and establish gender-equitable land policies and practices.

## **Routledge Studies in Global Land And**

Routledge Studies in Global Land and is a renowned book series that explores various issues related to land, agriculture, and development. The book "Institutional Change Gender And Power" is a valuable addition to this series.

The series focuses on multidisciplinary research that contributes to understanding the complex dynamics surrounding land governance, resource management, and the impacts on society. By leveraging its vast network of experts and researchers,

Routledge aims to foster critical thinking and innovative solutions to address pressing global challenges.

## **The Calls for Action**

"Institutional Change Gender And Power" is not merely an analysis of power dynamics and gender inequality; it is a call to action. The book urges policymakers, researchers, and activists worldwide to recognize the urgency of instituting transformative changes that prioritize gender equity in land governance and resource distribution.

By engaging with this book, readers are exposed to real-world experiences, case studies, and theoretical perspectives that inspire critical thinking and provide practical insights for implementing change. It offers a blueprint for creating institutional frameworks that empower women and challenge traditional power structures.

Gender equality is a fundamental human right, and the book serves as a powerful resource to advocate for justice, social progress, and inclusive development.

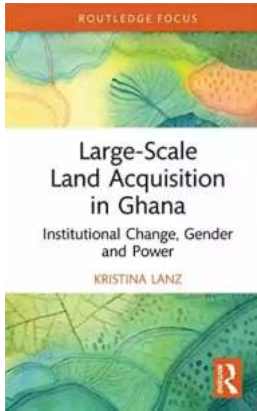
, "Institutional Change Gender And Power: Routledge Studies In Global Land And" is a significant contribution to the discourse on gender, power, and land. It provides a comprehensive analysis of power dynamics and their implications on society while offering strategies for transformative institutional change.

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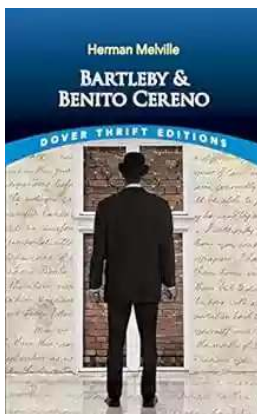


This book examines a large-scale land acquisition project for rice production in Ghana's Volta Region, which has been purported by some to be a social and ecological showcase of a company entering a "community-private partnership" with affected communities.

Celebrated by national and international media, the project has received substantial amounts of funding from various donor organisations and claims to empower women through its much-lauded outgrower project. Although discourses of "development", "sustainability" and "women's empowerment" are used by the investment company, the state and the customary authorities to legitimise the large-scale land acquisition, this book highlights how the deal benefits mainly the powerful elite, including elite women, and generally increases the depreciation of those already most marginalised, such as poor female-headed households and settler communities that were dependent on resources from the commons now enclosed and transformed into a rice farm. The author adopts a New Institutional perspective in social anthropology in order to analyse how this land acquisition has been implemented in a plural institutional context and how different actors use different rules and regulations and associated legitimating discourses to increase their bargaining power and to pursue their own interests in

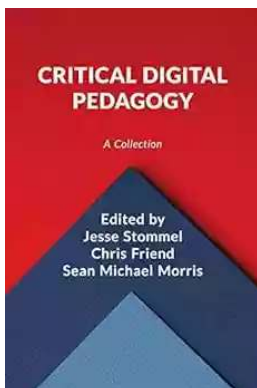
a changing legal context. In addition, this perspective shows how benefits and losses are distributed along different intersecting axes of power, such as class, gender, clan membership and age. By focusing on power, gender and legitimisation strategies in the context of institutional change caused by the large-scale land acquisition, this book fills a gap in the literature on large-scale land acquisitions while contributing to the development of a theoretical perspective on institutional change, power relations and ideological legitimisation.

This book will be of great interest to students and scholars of land and resource grabbing, agricultural development and agribusiness, land management and development studies more broadly.



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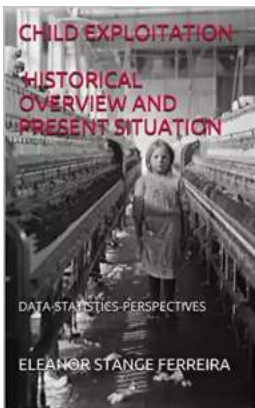
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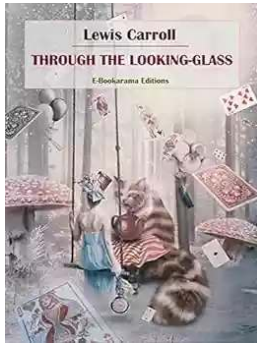
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