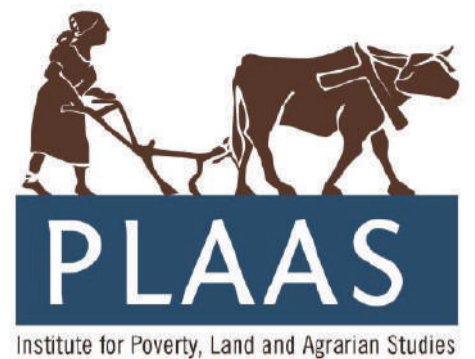




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Livelihoods, Land Rights and Social Differentiation in South African Dairy Joint Ventures

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Introductory remarks

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Joint Ventures are being promoted by the South African government, as the preferred route for emerging farmers to engage in South Africa's highly competitive commercial agriculture sector. Joint Ventures are one of many **inclusive business models** that typically involve collaboration between 'agribusiness' investors and local 'small farmers' or 'communities'. The research makes use of case studies of **Dairy Joint Ventures** in the communal areas of the Eastern Cape Province to explore implications for livelihood systems, land rights, gender relations and social differentiation. This seminar will discuss some key features of the **Agrarian Question in South Africa** in order to locate the Joint Venture model within the broader political economy of the country. The theoretical underpinnings of 'inclusive' business models will be problematized in terms of the models potential for meeting the demands of social reproduction and providing opportunities for accumulation. Empirical evidence will be presented from case studies, which suggests that these Joint Ventures are leading to contrasting outcomes for different beneficiaries. The research illustrates how longer trajectories of social differentiation mediate the livelihood impacts of these agricultural investments. The likely implications of these findings for the character of **agrarian change** in contemporary South Africa will also be explored.

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