

INVITATION
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**Brown Bag Lecture and discussion **
Claiming land, reclaiming identity-land tenure insecurity
and reform in situations of protracted displacement

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By Mathijs van Leeuwen and Lotje de Vries
on 30 March 2017
12:00–13:00 hrs
at BICC, Pfarrer-Byns-Str. 1, 53121 Bonn

Mathijs van Leeuwen and Lotje de Vries will talk about land disputes and tenure insecurity of locals, displaced people, and returning refugees in conflict-affected settings. They explore the particularities of claim making to land, as well as efforts by government and international organizations to deal with these issues. Their presentation will reflect on how both, local claims and interventions resonate with ongoing contestations about identity, citizenship, and state authority. The presentations build on experiences from the research programs 'Grounding Land Governance' (2011-2016) and 'Looking through the Lens of Land' (2014-16), which explored the dynamics of land governance reform in Burundi, Uganda, South Sudan and eastern DR Congo.

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Lotje de Vries is Assistant Professor at the Sociology of Development and Change Group of Wageningen University. She has a background in development sociology. Her current research focuses on local dynamics of (in)security, transnational security governance in peripheries and at borders, and state-society relations in (post-) conflict settings. She works mostly in South Sudan and the Central African Republic.

The talk on 30 March 2017 is organized in BICC's Brown Bag Lecture Series "Displacement and Development" which aims to interlink conflict and displacement studies on the one hand and development respectively humanitarian aid-oriented analyses on the other.

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