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# University of Groningen Summer Schools 2015

## Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Social Sustainability

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## > Summer school description <

This summer school (practical training course) promotes understanding about and develops skills in managing the social risks and impacts associated with the development of public and private investment projects (e.g. mines, dams, highways, industry parks, electricity transmission corridors, agricultural developments, etc), and particularly issues related to land acquisition and resettlement. Research into the displacement of peoples required for large projects generally shows that they can be made worse-off, unless the process is properly planned and managed.

With the increasing number of international standards (e.g. World Bank safeguard policies, IFC

Performance Standards, EBRD Performance Requirements, Equator Principles, and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights), there are established international standards and good practices that are expected to be met in the development of investment projects. The varying cultural and developmental contexts of different countries also presents significant challenges to fully implementing these standards. There are also concerns about human rights infringements.

This training course will be based on good international practices and standards, lessons learned on the ground and practical case studies, and will include a technical site visit to a resettlement site. The course will be delivered by some of the world's leading social assessment and resettlement practitioners, specialists from international development institutions, as well as key academics from the University of Groningen, to provide capacity building in the practice of managing the social issues of investment projects focusing on land acquisition and resettlement. It is targeted to an international audience of current and intending social performance and resettlement practitioners and people involved in the governance of projects from public and private institutions, and is also open to advanced students interested in the practical management of social issues associated with development.

### > Academic coordinator

Prof Frank Vanclay (Faculty of Spatial Sciences)

### > Fees

The course fees will vary according to the designation of the participant:

- €2500 for private sector practitioners and government representatives from OECD countries;
- €1250 discount rate for NGO participants and government representatives from non-OECD countries;
- €900 for university researchers (postdoc, PhD and Masters).

The course fee does not include accommodation.

Accommodation will be available in a range of options from student quarters (€350 for two weeks) to hotel accommodation (circa €1000 for two weeks)

### > Who is it for?

The course is targeted to current and intending social performance and resettlement practitioners, people involved in the governance of large projects, and is open to advanced students interested in the management of social issues associated with development.

### > Language of instruction

English

### > Credits/Certificate

5.0 EC on successful completion of an assignment

### > Application deadline

Normal deadline for applications is 30 May 2015. Late applications may be considered depending on availability.

### > More information

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