

The Color of the Earth - Thinking about the Land Question in South Africa Post-apartheid

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The land access issue in South Africa has been directly related to a long history of political and economic inequalities that leads to an abyssal income gap that fractures the South African society nowadays. The land issue represents the most clear and deep evidence of the colonialism persistence. In general, in former settler colonies as South Africa, land properties have remained in hands of a minority – the old colonial elite who kept their privileges even after independence.

Taking this into account, this work will analyze to the question of land property in the South African in the long historic context. The first part of the text shows how the land property issue was translated into colonialism by modern terms. The second subject is the relationship between black people land dispossession and their social exclusion, which has in the apartheid institution its most notorious expression. The third point of discussion is the post-apartheid South African government inability to solve the land properties issue and to ensure to all citizens the same social rights. The last part presents a brief analysis of the strategies adopted by the marginalized groups in South African as an alternative to fulfill their social rights.

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