

ALICE BEBAN

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EDUCATION

- 2017 (exp.) PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University, USA
Dissertation: *Unwritten Rule(s): Ambiguous Statemaking on Cambodia's Land Frontier*. Committee: Professors Wendy Wolford (Chair), Philip McMichael, Lindy Williams, Andrew Mertha.
- 2010 Certificate in Tikanga Marae Lvl 4, Te Wananga O Aotearoa, New Zealand
- 2008 MPhil Development Studies (Cum Laude), Massey University, New Zealand
- 2002 BA English and Japanese/ BCA Marketing, Victoria University, New Zealand

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2015-2016 Global Development Network. Co-PI for research consultancy on *Doing Research in Cambodia: Making models that build capacity*.
- 2014-15 UK Commonwealth Fund, Co-PI for research consultancy on *Human Security and Land Rights in Cambodia*.
- 2014 Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Co-PI for research consultancy on *Human Security in the ASEAN region, Cambodia study*.
- 2007-2010 Researcher in International Development, Global Focus Aotearoa (New Zealand)
- 2007-2008 Project Officer in International Development, DevZone (New Zealand)
- 2006 Project officer and Communications, CEDAC NGO (Cambodia)
- 2005 Project officer, PEPY NGO (Cambodia)
- 2002-2004 English and Global Studies Teacher, Japanese Ministry of Education JET (Japan)

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

2008. **Beban, Alice** and Jonquil Brooks. *Guide to international development terms and acronyms: Pacific focus*. Wellington: Development Resource Centre (144 pages).

Edited volumes

2007-2010. **Beban, Alice** and Elena Wrelton. (eds.) *Just Change*. Wellington: Development Resource Centre (co-edited ten issues of the peer-reviewed international development magazine, *Just Change* – www.globalfocusaotearoa.org.nz).

Refereed Journal Articles

Forthcoming. **Beban, Alice** and Timothy Gorman. "From Land Grab to Agrarian Transition? Hybrid Trajectories of Accumulation and Environmental Change on the Cambodia–Vietnam Border," *Journal of Peasant Studies*.

Forthcoming. **Beban, Alice**, Sokbunthoeun So and Kheang Un. "From Force to Legitimation: Rethinking Land Grabs in Cambodia," *Development and Change*.

2016. Gorman, Timothy and **Alice Beban**. "Of Migrants and Middlemen: Cultivating Access and Challenging Exclusion along the Vietnam-Cambodia Border," *Asia Pacific Viewpoint* 57(2): 207-221.

2016. Work, Courtney and **Alice Beban**. "Mapping the Srok: An unfinished story of land title at the property margins of Cambodia," *Sojourn: Journal of Social issues in Southeast Asia*, 31(1):37-80.

2014. **Beban, Alice** and Courtney Work. "The Spirits are Crying: Dispossessing land and possessing bodies in rural Cambodia," *Antipode*, 46(3): 593-610.

2014. **Beban, Alice**. "Is organic agriculture a viable development strategy in contexts of rapid agrarian transition?" *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*, 3(5): 131-147.

Refereed Book Chapters

2012. **Beban, Alice**. "Well-being in rural Cambodia," pp. 149-167 in *Happiness across Cultures*, edited by Helaine Selin. Netherlands: Springer.

2009. **Beban, Alice**. "Reclaiming human rights: The right to food and the role of organic agriculture," pp. 31-42 in *Human Rights and Creative Leadership*. Tokyo: Tokyo Foundation, Chapter 4.

Refereed Working Papers

2015. Pou, Sovachana and **Alice Beban**. “Human Security in Cambodia: Far From Over,” *JICA-RI Working Paper, 95*. Tokyo: JICA.

2009. **Beban, Alice**. “Organic agriculture and farmer wellbeing: A case study of Cambodian small-scale farmers,” *Massey Working Paper Series, 2009/2*.

2008. **Beban, Alice**. “*The Silent P*”: *Gender and representation in Pacific multilateral relationships*. Wellington: Development Resource Center.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Beban, Alice. “Sons of the Nation: Masculine State Formation in Cambodia’s Land Reform”, Submission for *Gender, Place and Culture* (Submit October 2016)

Schoenberger, Laura and **Alice Beban**. “They turn us into criminals: Encountering land grabs as entanglements of fear,” Submission for *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* (Submit November 2016)

Beban, Alice and Laura Schoenberger. “Why our fieldwork was undone: Coming to know the land grab in Cambodia,” Invited submission for special issue of *Acme* (Submit December 2016)

Outreach Publications and Reports

2015. **Beban, Alice** and Sovachana Pou. *Human Security and Land Rights in Cambodia*. Phnom Penh: Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace/ UK Embassy in Cambodia.

2015. **Beban, Alice**. “Time to Sow the Seeds of Land Reform in Cambodia,” *East Asia Forum, March 2015*. Australian National University.

2014. **Beban, Alice**. “How the leopard got its spots: Gender dimensions of land reform in Cambodia,” *Voices from the SYLFF Community, 2014*. Tokyo Foundation, Japan.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2015-2020 Swiss National Science Foundation, Team member for multi-country project on *Land Concentration, Gendered Agrarian Transformation, and the Right to Food* (\$2,899,900 total grant; I will receive \$35,000 for work in West Cambodia)

2016 Cornell Southeast Asia Program Dissertation Completion Grant. (\$3,000)

2014-2015 Gordon Watson Scholarship for International Research. (\$6,000 per year)

2014 Tokyo Foundation, Sylff Research Abroad Fellowship (\$4,600)

2014 Fulbright DDRA Fellowship (\$25,000)

2013 Judith Reppy Institute, Graduate Fellowship (\$11,000)

- 2013 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Environmental Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2013 Asian Rice Foundation USA, Travel Award (\$3,500)
- 2011-13 US Department of Education, FLAS Fellowship (\$21,900 per year)
- 2010 P.E.O International Peace Scholarship (\$10,000)
- 2010 C. Alma Baker Trust, Graduate Award (\$15,000)
- 2007-8 Sasakawa Foundation, Sasakawa Masterate Fellowship (\$15,000 per year)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Philip Taietz Prize for Most Outstanding Graduate Student Paper in Development Sociology, 2015-2016.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 *Gendered Land Commercialization in Western Cambodia*. Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, 8 June 2016.
- 2015 *Biofuels, Bankers, and Land Brokers: The changing political landscape in rural Cambodia*. Tompkins Cortland Community College, 2 December 2015.
- 2015 *Rethinking Land Tenure Security*. Department of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 2 March 2015.
- 2014 *Researching land and conflict: Methodological Considerations*. Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 4 September 2014.
- 2013 *A critical feminist perspective on land claims in Cambodia*. Gender Studies Seminar Series, Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, 3 October 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

Illegibility and the Politics of Non-Knowledge. *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, 29 March-2 April 2016 (Organized with Sara Keene).

Researching Struggles over Natural Resource Control in Southeast Asia: Epistemological, Methodological and Ethical Challenge. *Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies Annual Conference*, Ottawa, Canada, 15-17 October 2015 (Organized with Laura Schoenberger).

Strengthening Links between Research and Practice in Development. *Peripheral Visions: Development Studies Network of Aotearoa New Zealand National Conference*, Wellington, New Zealand, 13-15 December 2008.

Presentations

2016. Beban, Alice. Sons of the Nation: Masculine State Formation in Cambodia's Land Reform. *American Sociological Association Section on Development*. Cornell University, Ithaca, 6-8 October 2016.

2016. Beban, Alice. Laboring in ambiguity: Uncertainty, fear and the meaning of tenure security in Cambodia's agribusiness concessions. *International Rural Studies Association*, Toronto, Canada, 12 August 2016.

2016. Beban, Alice and Laura Schoenberger. Encountering Land Grabs. *Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation*. Wageningen, The Netherlands, 9 July 2016.

2016. Beban, Alice. Unwritten Rule(s): Ambiguous State Making on Cambodia's Property Frontier. *American Association of Geographers Annual Conference*, San Francisco, 30 March 2016.

2016. Beban, Alice. Youth to the Frontier: Ambiguous state making in Cambodia's land reform. *(Re)creating Currents in Southeast Asia, Cornell Southeast Asian Studies Annual Conference*. Ithaca NY, 12 March 2016.

2015. Beban, Alice and Laura Schoenberger. "They turn us into criminals": Encountering land grabs as entanglements of fear. *Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies*, Ottawa, Canada, 16 October, 2015.

2015. Beban, Alice and Timothy Gorman. Gaining and Maintaining Control: Vietnamese Migrants, Cambodian elites and Strategies of Land Control along the Cambodian Borderlands. *Land grabbing, conflict and agrarian environmental transformations: perspectives from East and Southeast Asia*, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 5 June, 2015.

2014. Beban, Alice, Kheang Un and Sokbunthoeun So. Land rights in Cambodia: Where can intervention be effective? *Foreign Dominated Processes of Development in Cambodia*, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 6 October 2014.

2013. Beban, Alice. Critical Ethnography and Gendered Spaces within a Cambodian Land Concession. *Critical Ethnographies of Development and Dispossession; A workshop with Gilian Hart*, Ithaca, NY, 9 May 2013.

2013. Beban, Alice. Political Ecology of the Leopard's Spots. *Balsillie School of International Affairs International Political Economy Dissertation Workshop*, Ontario, Canada, 14-16 April 2013.

2012. Beban, Alice. Exploring Rural Change and the Centrality of Land in Cambodia. *Cornell Southeast Asian Program Annual Graduate Symposium*, Ithaca, NY, 16 March 2012.

2011. Beban, Alice. Organic agriculture and farmer wellbeing in Cambodia. *Agriculture and Human Values Annual Conference*, Montana, 13 June 2011.

2011. Beban, Alice. The politics of wellbeing in development: Research with organic farmers in Cambodia. *Cornell Southeast Asian Program Annual Graduate Symposium*, Ithaca, NY, 12 March 2011.

2008. Beban, Alice. Bridging the divide: Strengthening the links between research and practice in development. *Peripheral Visions: Development Studies Network of Aotearoa New Zealand National Conference*, Wellington, New Zealand, 13 December 2008.

2007. Beban, Alice. The right to food and the role of organic agriculture. *SYLFF Forum 2007: Human rights and creative leadership*, Calcutta, India, 20 November 2007.

CAMPUS TALKS

2016 *Unwritten Rule(s): Ambiguous State Making on Cambodia's Property Frontier*. Gatty Lecture Series, Southeast Asia Program, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 3 November 2016.

2016 *Designing and implementing surveys in the Global South: Experiences from Cambodia*. Presentation to Graduate Seminar on Quantitative Analysis, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 15 September 2016..

2016 *Land and resource struggles in Cambodia*. Presentation to Graduate Seminar on "Social Change and Population Processes in Asia", Cornell University, Ithaca NY, 14 October 2015.

2015 *Food Politics in Southeast Asia*. Presentation to SMART Graduate Fellows, 2 September 2015.

2013 *Organic Agriculture in the Global South*. Presentation to SMART Graduate Fellows, 8 November 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2015-2016 Teaching Fellowship, Cornell Center for Teaching Excellence (Includes teaching seminars in: Designing Interactive Classrooms; Assessment Strategies; Online Learning; Curriculum Development)

- 2016 Environmental Justice (Sole Instructor), Cornell University (Introductory undergraduate block course)
- 2016 Good Intentions: Exploring the Promise and Pitfalls of International Volunteering (Sole Instructor), Cornell University (Introductory undergraduate course)
- 2016 Environment, Society and Land (Co-Instructor), Cornell University (Upper-level undergraduate course)
- 2016 Critical Service Learning (Co-Instructor), Cornell University (Graduate Seminar)
- 2015 Chinese Empire and the Cambodian Experience pre-departure seminar series (Organizer and Co-Instructor), Cornell University
- 2015 Quantitative Analysis (Teaching Assistant), Cornell University (graduate-level seminar)
- 2015 Chinese Empire and the Cambodian Experience (Teaching Assistant), Cornell University (Upper-level study abroad course in Cambodia)
- 2014 Qualitative Methods in Sociology (Instructor), Pannayasastra University and Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (Block course for undergraduates)
- 2010-2011 Introduction to Sociology (Teaching Assistant), Cornell University
- 2008-2009 International Development Seminars (Instructor), Global Focus Aotearoa. (I designed and taught seminars at seven of New Zealand's major universities twice each year for undergraduate Sociology students.)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Journal Manuscript Review: *The Journal of International Development* (2014-); *Journal of Peasant Studies* (2015-); *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development* (2013-); *Land Use Change* (2016-).

Conference organizing committee for 2016 Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association section on Sociology of Development, Ithaca NY.

Conference organizing committee for 2011 Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association section on Sociology of Development, Ithaca NY.

DEPARTMENTAL/ UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Search Committee for Faculty Hire in Development Sociology, Cornell University, 2015.

Polson Institute for International Development Graduate Representative, 2013-2014.

Development Sociology Faculty Field Meetings Graduate Representative, 2012.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2011-Present Graduate Community Advisor, Cornell University (a live-in position that requires mentoring 600 students and visiting faculty, and organizing community events)

2015-2016 Facilitator, Sustainable Hasbrouck (Managed community garden and initiated food scrap recycling program in campus graduate housing)

2010-2016 New World Agroecology Group (NWAEG) at Cornell University

2013-14 Designed and co-presented multi-day seminars on 'Proposal Writing' and 'Research Skills' at the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Phnom Penh.

2011 Designed and taught a 12 week program on Cambodian culture and language to twenty-five 3rd-6th Grade students in Ithaca, New York.

2008-2010 Board Member, Transition Towns Otaki (New Zealand) (Representative for Community Food Systems)

2006-2007 Co-Facilitator, Student group for Fair Trade on Campus, Massey University (New Zealand)

2005 Internship in Sustainable Agriculture at Spannocchia Farm, Tuscany (Italy)

2004 Bicycle for Everyone's Earth (Japan)

MEDIA COVERAGE

2015 Ethan Harfenist. Land, Insecurity Linked: Report. *Phnom Penh Post*, 3 April 2015.

2014 Gene Hettel. A Solid Foundation for the Next Generation of Rice Researchers. *Rice Today Magazine*, 14(1), p. 35.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Quantitative analysis: SPSS, Stata.

Qualitative analysis: Atlas.ti.

Online Instruction via Blackboard, Moodle.

LANGUAGES

English. Native.

Khmer (Cambodian). good speaking, listening; fair reading, writing

Japanese. good speaking listening; fair reading, writing

Italian. good speaking, listening, reading, writing

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Member

Association of American Geographers, Member

International Rural Studies Association, Member

Association for Asian Studies, Member

Agriculture, Food and Human Values Society, Member