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(Immigrant) farm workers and social reproduction in South African land reform



Abstract:

The rich diversity of social relations of production in ongoing redistributive land reform of South Africa seldom feature in too pessimistic views about impacts of land reform on farm labour. Such pessimism, though taken seriously in this paper, obscures continuities of farm work absorption in former white owned farmland; also obscured is the emergence of new forms of self-exploitation and differentiated forms of the capital-wage relation, and attached social reproduction dynamics on redistributed farmland. These dynamics of social reproduction for classes of labour, as employed labour on redistributed farmland, as well as what the author calls the 'impoverished landed property' are fleshed out from the burgeoning reproduction of small-scale capitalist farming in South African land reform, which continues to be wrongfully seen as failed land reform by some sturdy neoliberal and conservative reasoning.



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