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Dear Colleague

The Context, Criteria and Consequences of Expropriation Law

Announcement of **Colloquium** to be held at the **Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut, Rome (KNIR)**, 25-27 September 2014

In September 2013, a collaborative effort of the Groningen Centre for Law and Governance at the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Capacity at the University of Cape Town, both involved in the International Alliance on Land Tenure and Administration, culminated in the hosting of a very successful colloquium on “Rethinking Public Interest in Expropriation Law”. The outcomes of that discussion are currently being prepared for publication as a collection of essays, the editorial team consisting of Hanri Mostert, Leon Verstappen, Jacques Sluysmans, Ernst Marais and Björn Hoops. It boasts contributions by some of the world’s foremost scholars on property theory and expropriation, as well as a number of bold new academic voices over a range of continents.

In the wake of that colloquium, the organising team from Groningen and UCT joined forces Jacques Sluysmans, from Radboud University Nijmegen, to constitute the *Rethinking Expropriation Law Project*. It is the aim of this project to scrutinise the law of expropriation in various jurisdictions around the world, to identify best practices in expropriation law and advise law and policy makers on revision of expropriation law and practices. In undertaking this venture, we hope to be as inclusive as possible, both as regards theoretical perspectives and methodologies.

The success of the pilot gathering spurred the initiative to arrange a follow-up meeting, to deal with some of the topics that could not be covered during the 2013 event. The *Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut* in Rome has kindly offered to host the event, in Rome from **25 to 27 September 2014**. The themes identified from the feedback on the pilot gathering can be summarised in the title **Context, Criteria and Consequences of Expropriation Law**. The Groningen Centre for Law and Governance and the *Koninklijk Nederlands Instituut Rome* have both made funding available.

With this letter, the organising team would like to alert you to the event, which will host at least eighteen speakers from almost all the corners of the world. There is space available for 40 attendees, at a minimal registration fee. Further information about the colloquium and the registration process is available from the conference website, i.e. <http://www.rug.nl/rechten/congressen/gcl/rethinking-expropriation-law/>

We hope to see many of you at the 2014 Rethinking Expropriation Law event.

Best wishes

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