

# **“Land Dealing” o “Land Grabbing”? Imprese e investimento agricolo responsabile**

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*Abstract:* Large scale agriculture investments in developing countries are often pointed at as land grabs. However, such a negative characterization is justified when adverse effects on the local communities and the environment occur. Conversely, when land investments are “responsible”, they can significantly contribute to the local economic development, poverty reduction, and food security. This paper focuses on large scale foreign agriculture investments from the international law perspective, with the aim to examine, on the one side, the legal regime of foreign investments and, on the other, the main rules providing for the protection of the affected fundamental human rights. In this direction, it pursues the objective of marking a boundary between *land grabs* and *responsible land deals*.

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