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***Land and food sovereignty* in the context of contemporary global land control- grabbing**

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21st Century global land and other natural resources control-grabbing



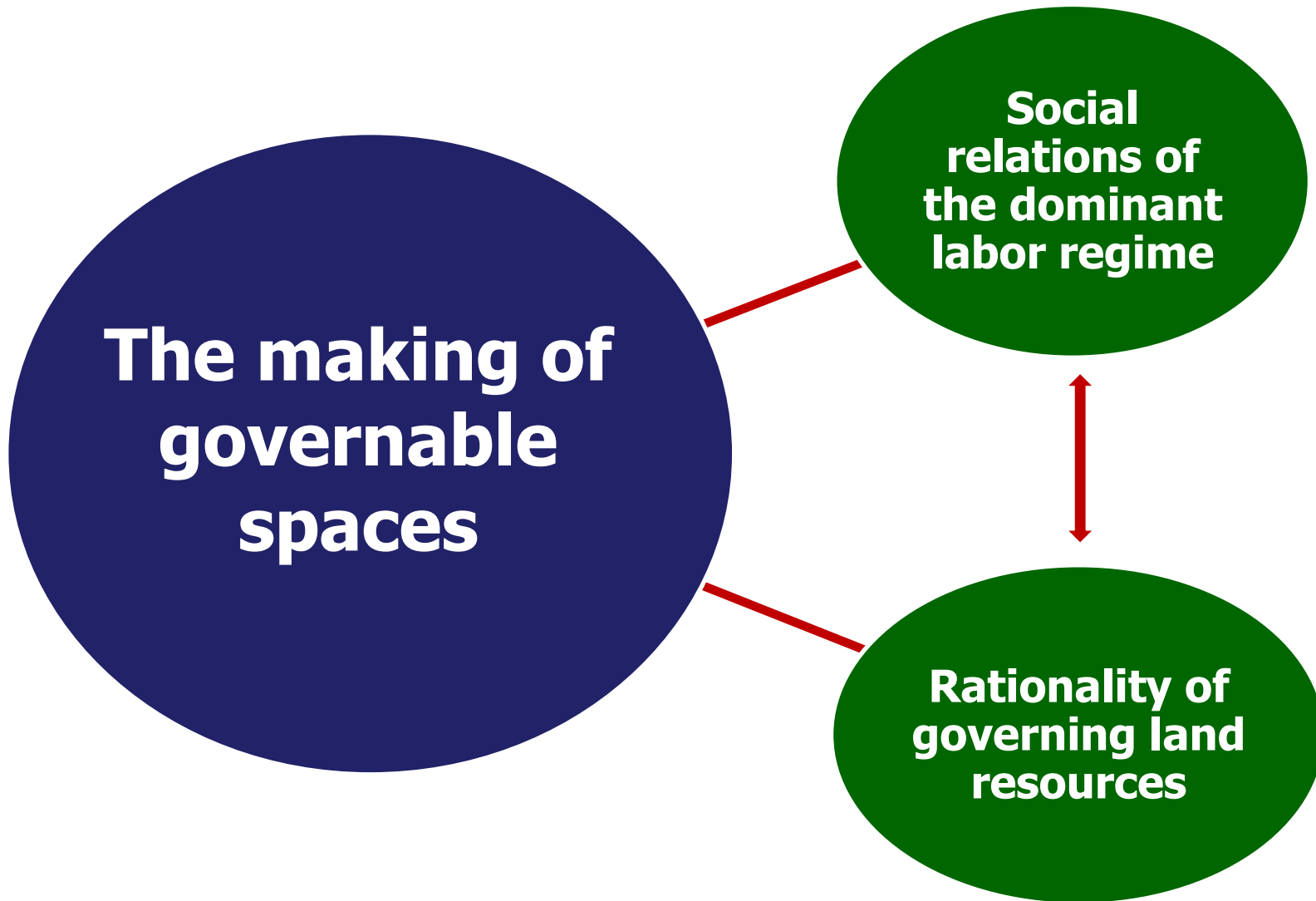
The making of governable spaces



21st Century land and other natural resources control-grabbing framed as a **socially and ecologically responsible project...**



21st Century land and other natural resources control-grabbing relies on...





The labor regime fix:
Flexible labor arrangements,
conditions and salary





The *land “good governance” fix*: freehold land tenure imperative freehold land tenure imperative

What are the main responses to global land control-grabbing?

3 competing political positionings

Political positioning 1: **Regulate to facilitate** the (agrarian) **extractivist project**

- **Financialized investment capital and corporations, some global governance institutions (World Bank, etc.); some governments from the global north and the global south**

Political positioning 2:

Regulate to mitigate negative impacts and maximize benefits of the (agrarian) extractivist project

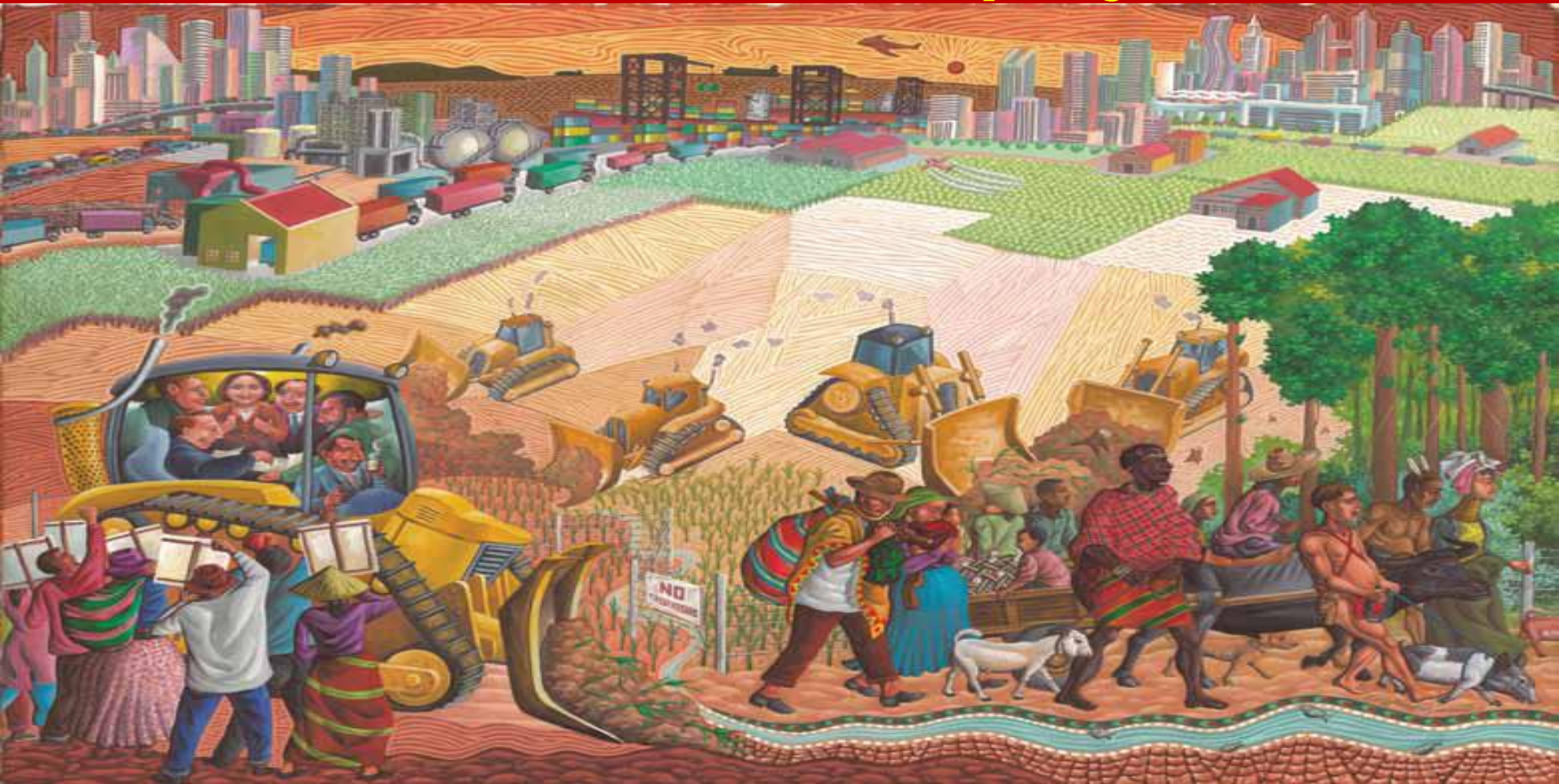
- **The “middle-ground” position:** some global governance institutions (FAO, etc.); some governments from the global north and the global south, most big international development and environmental NGOs, especially those in:



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Political positioning 3:

Regulate to stop and roll-back the (agrarian) extractivist project, to push for an alternative life project



Food sovereignty and democratic land control

From technocratic 'land governance', to 'democratic land control' or '**land sovereignty**':
the right of the working peoples, rural and urban, to have effective access to, control over and use of land, and live on it as a resource, space and territory.



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