



LAND RESTRUCTURATION OR LAND GRABBING? TOWARDS A WORKING CONCEPT OF LAND GRABBING FOR FAMILY FARM REGIONS

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EXPLORING THE CONCEPT OF LAND GRABBING....

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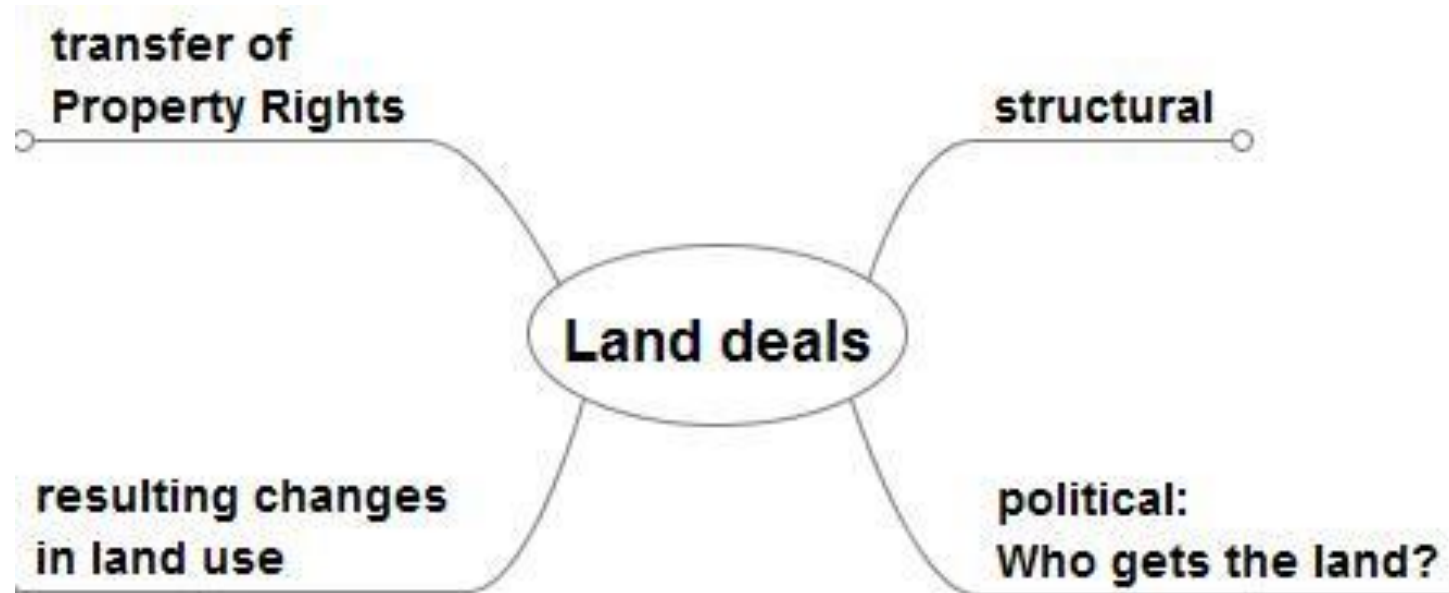
„Why do you use the word land grabbing to name land restructuration? Land restructuration is not always bad... so these are two different things! „

⇒ How is land grabbing defined in literature? Different perspectives?

⇒ What do we learn about land grabbing as a phenomenon in Western Europe?

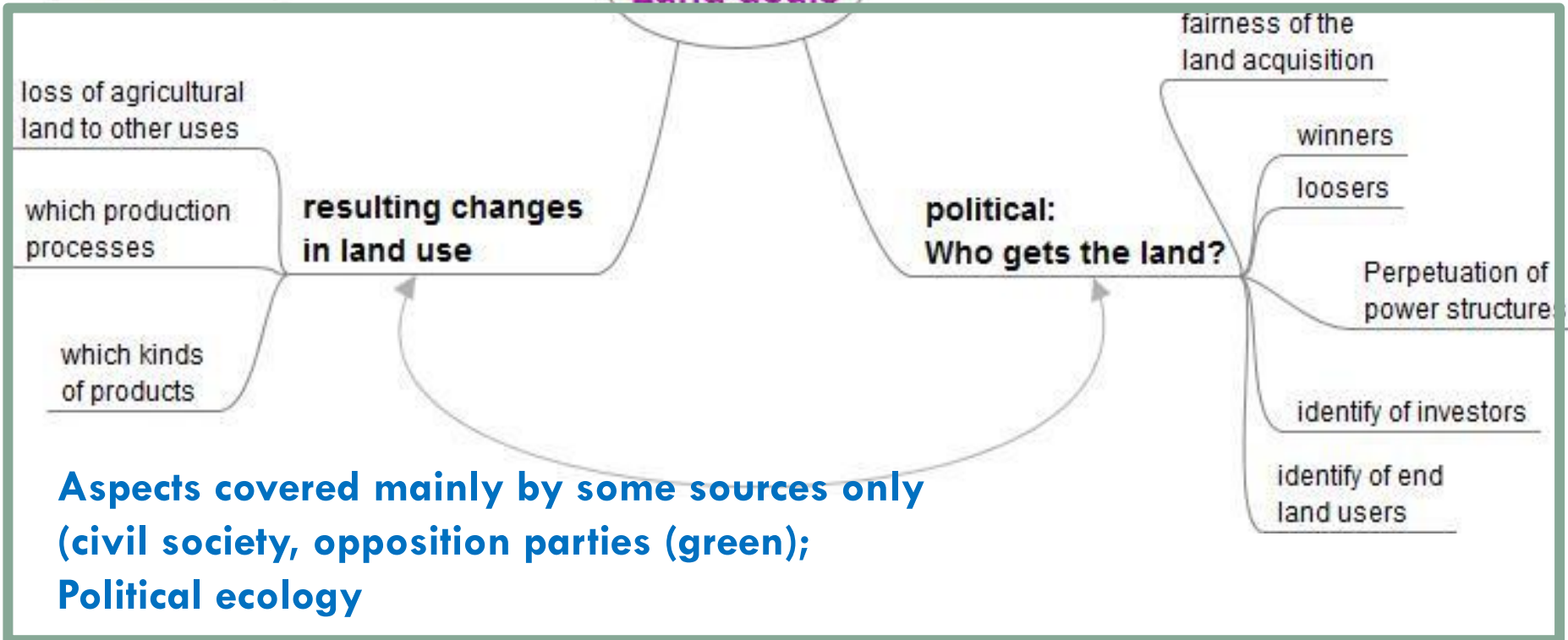
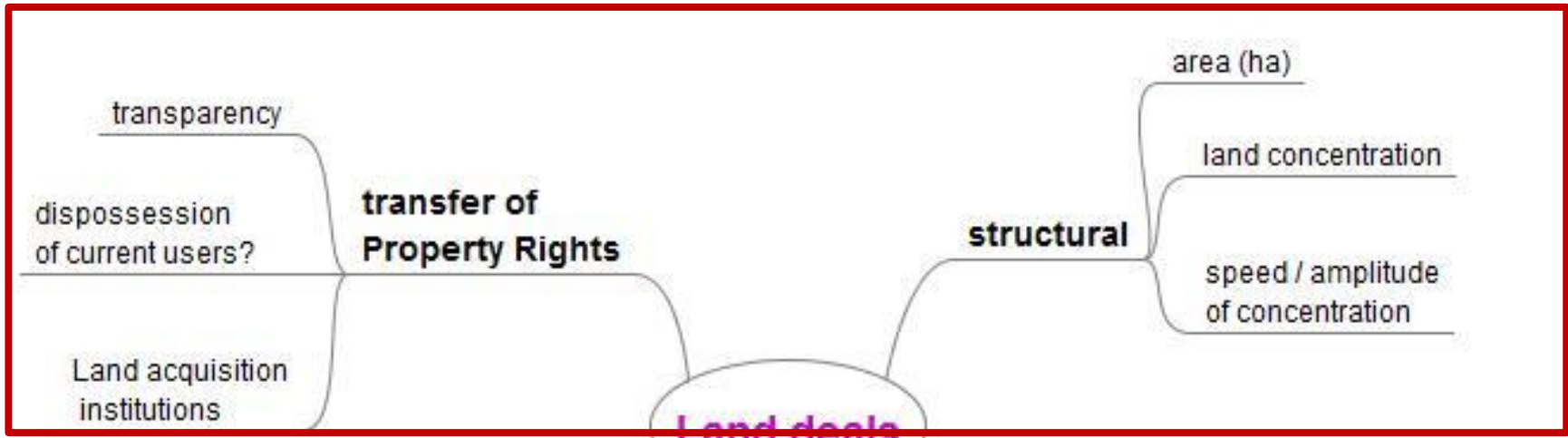
⇒ Using texts defining land grabbing from 10 different sources

ASPECTS MENTIONED IN THE DEFINITION OF LAND GRABBING: WHAT MAKES A GRAB?



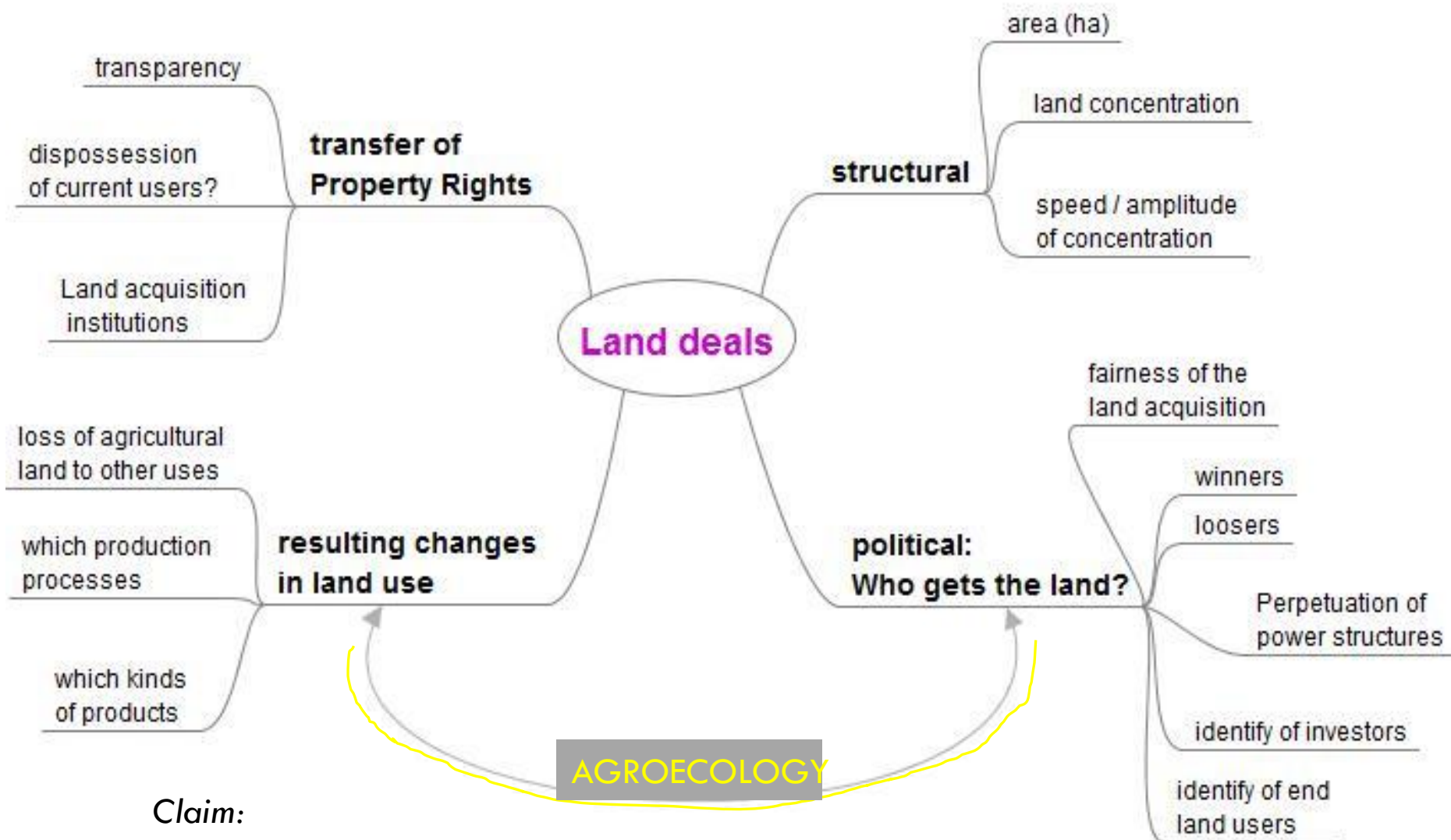
**Aspects of agricultural and institutional economics,
Shared criteria among all sources**

WHO SAYS WHAT?



**Aspects covered mainly by some sources only
(civil society, opposition parties (green);
Political ecology**

DEBATE SPACE OF AGROECOLOGY



AGROECOLOGY

Claim:

„Small scale agriculture is the main source for food“

MEANING FOR AGROECOLOGY AS A SCIENCE

=> Official communications and research tend to rely more on structural aspects

=> AE needs to enter agricultural economics

=> Challenging agricultural economics in their basic assumptions to justify the debate as a political and institutional one

LAND RESTRUCTURATION OR LAND GRABBING?

Since land restructuration is a process going on since the 1950's and the result of the current mainstream agricultural economic theory and research,

⇒ *Is land grabbing the expression of a hidden conflict behind land restructuration?*

⇒ *What is the agricultural economics that we need and how to come to it?*

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