

CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Ben Cousins

Summary

I hold a DPhil in applied social science from the University of Zimbabwe (1997), and a BA in Sociology and Geography from the University of South Africa (1982). I was in exile for 19 years, worked in agricultural training and extension in Swaziland (1976-1983) and Zimbabwe (1983-1986), and carried out research on communal grazing, livestock production and rural class formation in Zimbabwe (1986-1991). I lectured in Anthropology at the University of the Western Cape between 1991 and 1995, and held a chair in Development Management at the University of the Western Cape from 1998 to 2009. I founded and directed the Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) in the university's School of Government from its inception in 1995 until September 2009, when I was awarded an NRF Research Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies. PLAAS, now the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies, currently employs 20 staff members, is the leading research centre of its kind in Southern Africa, and enjoys an international reputation for high quality applied research. Between 1999 and 2009 I led and co-managed five regional or trans-continental research and networking programmes on land, livelihoods, and natural resource management. Since 1998 I have supervised four PhD theses and six Masters theses.

My main research interests are the politics of land and agrarian reform, agrarian change and agro-food regimes, land tenure reform, livestock production and common property resources, and the political economy of rural development. I have published widely in both academic and non-academic formats and edited or co-edited 5 books on these topics. In 2008 I was invited onto the editorial advisory board of one of the leading journals in the field, the *Journal of Agrarian Change*. I am often asked to review articles for leading international journals such as *World Development*, *Journal of Agrarian Change*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Land Use Policy* and *Development Southern Africa*. I have been invited to present several keynote addresses to international conferences, most recently in Montpellier, France, in 2006 and Entebbe, Uganda, in 2007. In 2008 I was awarded the UWC Deputy Vice Chancellor's prize for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

I was a Distinguished Visiting Professor in International Development Studies at St Mary's University in Canada in 2008. I am currently rated by South Africa's National Research Foundation as a researcher who enjoys considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of his recent research outputs.

Since my return to South Africa in the early 1990s I have worked closely with government departments, NGOs and engaged scholars in the formulation of new land policies, but have also provided critiques of government policies and advocated alternative policies. I publish regularly in the popular media and am often called upon to comment on land and rural development policies in the press and on radio and television, both locally and internationally. The scope of my research extends beyond South Africa to Africa more broadly, with a particular focus on Southern Africa.

I have undertaken a number of consultancy studies for national and international agencies such as the Department for International Development (UK), the Ford Foundation, the United Nations Development Programme, the World Bank, the Land and Agriculture Policy Centre, and the Department of Land Affairs in South Africa, as well as for NGOs such as the National Land Committee and Border Rural Committee.

Biographical

Born on 5th March, 1949, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Matriculated in 1966, King Edward VII High School, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Studied at University of Witwatersrand, 1968-1971 (BSc Town and Regional Planning, incomplete). Detained under Terrorism Act in 1971; went into political exile in 1972.

Lived in United Kingdom, 1972-76. Worked in agriculture and horticulture; studied commercial horticulture.

Lived in Swaziland, 1976-83. Worked in agricultural training and extension projects; completed a social science degree.

Lived in Zimbabwe 1983-90. Worked in agricultural extension and training; carried out PhD research on rural social dynamics.

Lived in South Africa, 1991 - 2009. Lectured in Department of Anthropology, University of the Western Cape (UWC); appointed to Chair of Development Management from 1998; established and was Director of Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS), School of Government, UWC until September 2009. Awarded a DST/NRF Research Chair in 2009.

Academic Record

Matriculated 1966 (first class pass).

BSc Town and Regional Planning, University of Witwatersrand (incomplete, 13 credits), 1968-1971.

National Certificate in Commercial Horticulture, Somerset College of Agriculture and Horticulture, 1975-76 (passed with distinction).

BA (Sociology and Geography), University of South Africa, 1980-82 (passed with distinction).

D.Phil, University of Zimbabwe, 1997. Thesis title: "Collective decision making in Communal Area grazing schemes".

Current rating by the National Research Foundation: B2 (“enjoys considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of his recent research outputs”).

Awards

2005: rated by South Africa’s National Research Foundation as a researcher who “enjoys considerable international recognition for the high quality and impact of his recent research outputs”

2008: Deputy Vice Chancellor’s prize for research in the Humanities and Social Science, University of the Western Cape.

2008: Distinguished Visiting Professor, International Development Studies, St Mary’s University, Halifax, Canada.

2009: awarded a DST/NRF Research Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies by the National Research Foundation.

Work Experience

1972-75: Worked in Britain in various agricultural and horticultural enterprises (dairy, vegetables, glasshouse crops, nursery). Managed 5 ha estate in Gloucestershire for two years.

1976-78: Taught pilot syllabus of Schools Agriculture Scheme in Swaziland. Writing and editing agriculture section of *People's Workbook* (Published by EDA, Johannesburg, 1981).

1979-83: Assisted in the establishment and development of the School of Appropriate Farm Technology (SAFT), a farmer training and extension centre based on a 35 ha mixed farm. Held posts of Education Co-ordinator, Deputy Project Co-ordinator and Project Co-ordinator; managed seven professional staff.

Responsibilities included lecturing, management of various farm enterprises (eg dairy, beef, poultry, pigs, vegetables, crops), curriculum development, project management, budget control, fundraising, and co-ordination of training, extension and settlement activities.

Developed rules and regulations for a settlement scheme for ex-trainees (leasehold tenure, capital funding and repayment, annual credit and repayment, co-operative marketing).

1983-86: Worked for Department of Agricultural Technical and Extension Services (Agritex) in Zimbabwe, in post of Extension Specialist (Curriculum Development).

Contributed to World Bank funded "National Agricultural Extension and Research Project", in the Training Needs Analysis and Curriculum Development component:

(a) designed and implemented a management training programme for senior officers. Levels of staff trained: Regional Agricultural Extension Officers, Provincial Agricultural

Extension Officers, Heads of Branches, Provincial Specialists

(b) developed training curricula for in-service technical courses, together with relevant specialists (small livestock, horticulture, safe use of pesticides, farming systems in extension)

(c) designed a management information system for Agritex's Training Branch

1986-90: Research Fellow in the Centre for Applied Social Sciences, University of Zimbabwe. Engaged in research on the social and political dynamics of livestock production in the Communal Lands of Zimbabwe, with particular reference to collective decision making in grazing schemes (funded by IDRC).

Visited Land Tenure Centre, University of Wisconsin-Madison for four months, and presented seminars at various US universities on land tenure and differentiation dynamics in Zimbabwe.

Undertook consultancies on training, project evaluations and policy reviews, for a range of clients including USAID, the EEC, World Bank, Collective Self Finance Scheme, and the Southern African Cooperative Network (SACNET).

1991-1995: Lectured in Department of Anthropology, University of the Western Cape. Consultancy work for Land and Agriculture Policy Centre, Department of Land Affairs. Research advisor for Surplus People Project. Trustee of Cape Land Development Trust.

1995-2009: Established and directed Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, now the Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS) within the School of Government, University of Western Cape.

1998: Chair of Development Management in the School of Government.

2006: Promoted to Senior Professor.

2009: Awarded a DST/National Research Foundation Research Chair in Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies

Public intellectual profile

Since my return to South Africa in 1991 from exile in Zimbabwe I have become well known as an independent, critical scholar of land reform who is also prepared to work with government departments in appropriate circumstances. I worked closely with the newly established Department of Land Affairs in the period 1994-1999, assisting the development of new policies for tenure reform, facilitating various departmental workshops and running training courses for both governmental and non-governmental staff members from the land sector. Over the past 15 years I have also worked closely with various civil society organisations, such as those affiliated to the National Land Committee, as a research advisor, in developing civil society positions on key policy questions, and in undertaking evaluations of land-sector NGO programmes. I was instrumental in formation of the Western Cape

Alliance on Land and Agrarian Reform, which functioned from 2001 to 2004, and assisted in the establishment of the Alliance of Land and Agrarian Reform Movements (ALARM) in 2005.

Tenure reform policy has been my major focus in public engagement. I played a key role in the Tenure Reform Core Group within the Department of Land Affairs between 1996 and 1998, and in a team drafting the Land Rights Bill between 1998 and 1999. I was a keynote speaker at the National Land Tenure Conference in 2001, and facilitated a day-long session on land tenure at the National Land Summit in 2005. I co-managed, together with staff of the National Land Committee, a project on Community Consultation on the Communal Land Rights Bill between 2002 and 2003, which saw twelve community groups make presentations to the portfolio committee on agriculture and land affairs. I am currently acting as an expert witness in a legal challenge to the Communal Land Rights Act of 2004, with four communities as applicants.

I have published over 30 articles on land policy in the popular media (newspapers and magazines), including those associated with the labour movement (eg *South African Labour Bulletin*) and left wing political formations (eg *New Agenda*, *African Communist*, *Debate*). I have been invited to take part in national radio and television debates (eg the *Round Table* on SABC1 in 2004) and am often called upon to comment on land issues in the national, and sometimes international, press.

Over the past five years I have delivered over 60 papers or presentations to conferences, workshops or seminars (around 12 per annum). My public profile leads to regular invitations to present keynote presentations on land reform at both academic and activist conferences and workshops. I have initiated and co-led several networking and research programmes on land and natural resource questions in both the Southern African region and the African continent more broadly, and am well-known to scholars and practitioners working on land issues outside of South Africa.

Membership of academic bodies

1991-1995: Member, Faculty Academic Development Committee (FADC), University of Western Cape

1992-1996: Member, Board of Control, Institute of Social Development (ISD), University of Western Cape

1993: Member, Appointments Committee (Academic Development Officers), Academic Development Committee (ADC), University of Western Cape

1994: Member, Steering Committee for Development Studies Programme, University of Western Cape

1994: Chair, Curriculum Development Forum (CDF) within Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Western Cape

1997-1998: Member, Steering Committee, USAID's BASIS research project, Southern African region.

1996-2007: Member, Board of School of Government

1998 -2007: Member, Senate of University of Western Cape

1999–2006: Co-chair, Steering Committee, CASS-PLAAS regional programme on CBNRM in Southern Africa

2001-2002: Member, conference Steering Committee, International Association for the Study of Common Property (IASCP), 2002 Conference in Zimbabwe.

2002-2004: Co-chair, Steering Committee, Pan-African Programme for Land and Resource Rights

2003-2005: Member, Assessment Panel for Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, Geography, Development Studies, National Research Foundation

2004-2007: Member, Board of Leslie Hill Institute of Plant Conservation, University of Cape Town

2005: Member, review panel, Leslie Hill Institute for Plant Conservation, University of Cape Town

2005-2007: Member, Faculty Research and Study Leave Committee

2007: Member, Faculty Appointments Committee,

2006: Member, Faculty Academic Planning Committee

2006-2008: Member, Centre Advisory Review Group for the Development Research Centre on *Citizenship, Participation and Accountability* (Citizenship DRC), coordinated by the Institute of Development Studies (UK).

Membership of non-academic bodies

1991-1993: Member, Namaqualand Research Committee, Surplus People's Project (SPP)

1993-2005: Member, and chair between 1998 and 1999, Board of the Cape Land Development Trust (CLDT)

1994-1997: Research advisor to research project on "Sustainable Resource Management in a Post-Apartheid South Africa" (Namaqualand study), Surplus People's Project/LAPC/Stockholm Environment Institute.

1993-1994: Member, Steering Committee, Environmental Policy Study, Land and Agriculture Policy Centre (LAPC)

1994: Member, ANC Working Group on Agricultural Extension

1995: Member, task group on tenure reform, for Green Paper on Land Policy in South Africa, Department of Land Affairs

1996-1998: Member, Tenure Reform Core Group, Department of Land Affairs

1997-1999: Member, Drafting Committee of Land Rights Bill, Department of Land Affairs

1999-2006: Member of the steering committee, Legal Entity Assessment Project (LEAP), Midnet, Kwazulu-Natal.

2006-2010: Member of the Board of the Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA).

Membership of editorial advisory boards

Journal of Agrarian Change, Blackwells (from 2008)

Afriche e Orienti, University of Bologna (from 2008)

Consultancies: Training

August 1986: Designed and ran 3 day Farm Management Workshop for large scale commercial farmers, under auspices of Zimbabwe Institute of Management.

September 1986 and September 1987: Designed and ran two-week Farm Management Workshops for SWAPO farm managers, in Lusaka, Zambia for the Namibia Refugee Project.

June 1989 - August 1989: Assisted with development of training methodology and programme, Collective Self Finance Scheme, Zimbabwe.

May 1990 - July 1990: Training consultant for Southern African Co-operative Network (SACNET).

October - November 1994: Assisted Department of Land Affairs prepare a project proposal for submission to Ford Foundation, in support of a capacity building programme for Departmental staff.

January 1996 - August 1997: Three training courses on "Land tenure and policy in South Africa", for Department of Land Affairs (in collaboration with the Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of Witwatersrand, and the Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison).

March 1996 Training inputs on land reform and land use planning to participants of the ITC course on Land Use Planning, Ministry of Lands, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Namibia.

October 1996 - October 1999: Five training courses on "Tenure Basics", for Department of Land Affairs (in collaboration with Rick de Satge).

January 1997: Training workshop on land tenure reform in Africa, for Overseas Development Agency of British government.

Consultancies: Project Evaluation

December 1986 to June 1987: Evaluation of the Cotton Training Centre, Kadoma, on behalf of USAID, as part of team from Agriserve (Pty) Ltd. Undertook survey of 109 cotton farmers and analysis of practice adoption, farming systems and extension services.

October 1987 to March 1988: Evaluation of twenty EEC funded grazing schemes, on behalf of Agritex and the EEC Delegation in Zimbabwe.

June 1989: Annual review of Rusitu Dairy Resettlement Scheme as rural sociologist, for British High Commission, ODA and Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement.

June to August 1997: Evaluation of the National Land Committee of South Africa (with Lynette Maart of CDRA).

June 1998: Evaluation of potential for Palestine-South Africa NGO Exchange Programme (for Ford Foundation).

December 2000: Team member, evaluation of the Agrarian Research Development Programme (ARDP) for the National Research Foundation.

October 2003: Team member, evaluation of the Border Rural Committee.

Consultancies: Policy Review

May 1990: World Bank Mission: Zimbabwe Agricultural Sector Review, author of paper on livestock production and grazing rights in Communal Lands and Resettlement Areas. Assisted with data collection on land tenure and land use issues for two other papers.

November 1993: Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA), common property and institutional development issues in Cornfields/Tembalihle.

April-May 1994: Facilitator of topical/zonal study workshops, Land and Agriculture Policy Centre project on Natural Resource Management.

June-July 1994: Member of study team on "Issues and Options for Institutional Change for Rural and Agricultural Development and Land Reform", Land and Agriculture Policy Centre.

September 1994: Facilitator for Department of Land Affairs workshop on "Tenure Reform and Land Administration".

February 1995: Facilitator of National Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation Systems for Land Reform, Land and Agriculture Policy Centre.

May 1996: Author, paper on "Conflict Resolution for Multiple Land Users" for United Nations Sahelian Organisation (UNSO), Third International Technical Consultation on Pastoral Development, Brussels 20-22 May.

October 1997: Design and facilitation of Strategic Planning Session, Department of Land Affairs.

January 1998: Design and facilitation of workshop on "Learning the lessons from the Riemvasmaak Resettlement Project", for Farm-Africa.

February 1999: Facilitator and Resource Person, workshop on Land Tenure in Africa , for Department for International Development, London, UK.

December 2009: Review of commissioned study on Land Policy in Zimbabwe, for the World Bank.

Postgraduate supervision

Students who have graduated:

Thurston Marinus, MA, Anthropology, UWC, 1998. "Understanding Local Institutions and Organisations Relating to Natural Resource Use and Management in the Leliefontein Reserve (Namaqualand).

Thembele Kepe, PhD, Development Studies, UWC, 2002. "Grasslands Vegetation and Rural Livelihoods: A Case Study of Resource Value and Social Dynamics on the Wild Coast, South Africa".

Roy Chileshe, PhD, Development Studies, UWC 2005. "Land Tenure and Livelihoods in Rural Zambia: Case Studies of Kamena and St Joseph".

Joseph Chaumba, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (mini-thesis), UWC, 2006. "Opportunities and constraints for A1 Model crop production farmers in South Eastern Zimbabwe. A case study of Fair Range Estate, Chiredzi District".

Amelia Genis, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (mini-thesis) UWC, 2007. "Land reform in the news: An analysis of how certain South African newspapers covered land reform before and after the 2005 land summit".

Nomakholwa Makalaza, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (mini-thesis) UWC. 2008. "Land Reform and the Environment: A Review of the Policy and Guidelines for the Integration of Environmental Planning into Land Reform".

Nelson Marongwe, PhD, UWC, 2009. “Interrogating Zimbabwe’s fast track resettlement programme: a focus on beneficiary selection”.

Elizabeth Rihoy, PhD, UWC, 2010. “Devolution and democratization: policy processes and community-based natural resource management in Southern Africa”.

Lubabalo Ntsholo, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (mini-thesis) UWC, 2010. “The impacts of joint ventures between land reform beneficiaries and the private sector in Limpopo Province. A case study of the Moletete Community in the Maruleng area in Limpopo”.

Ursula Arends, MA (Development Studies), UWC, 2010. “Women and land: access to and use of land and natural resources by women in the communal areas of rural South Africa”.

Students currently being supervised:

Rosalie Kingwill, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. “Land Management and the perpetuation of the ‘informal system’ in South Africa”.

Karin Kleinbooi, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies (mini-thesis) UWC. “Gendered land rights in the rural areas of Namaqualand: A study of women’s perceptions and understandings”.

Nehrene Davis, PhD Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. “Great expectations for strategic partnerships and agrarian reform in Limpopo: actors, process and outcomes”.

Michael Ochieng Odhiambo, MPhil Land and Agrarian Studies, UWC. “Community land tenure in Kenya: giving content to customary property rights”.

Barbara Tapela, PhD, UWC. ‘Livelihood impacts of commercialisation in emerging small-scale irrigation schemes in the Olifants catchment area of South Africa’.

Keynote and invited plenary addresses

1995: ‘Range Management and Land Reform Policy in Post-apartheid South Africa’, Invited plenary paper, Fifth International Rangeland Congress, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA, June 23-28, 1995.

2001: ‘The Zimbabwe crisis: A regional perspective’. Concluding address, international conference on ‘The Zimbabwe Crisis: Land, Politics, and Aid’, Centre for Development Research, Copenhagen, September 29, 2001.

2001: ‘Not rural development, but agrarian reform: Beyond the neo-liberal agenda’. Plenary address to the National Land Tenure Conference ‘Finding solutions, securing rights’, Department of Land Affairs, International Convention Centre, Durban, November 26–30, 2001.

2003: ‘Rangelands in the New Millenium: Social Science Perspectives’. Keynote address to closing plenary, International Rangelands Congress, Durban, August 1, 2003.

2004: ‘Agrarian reform and the ‘two economies’: transforming South Africa’s countryside’, colloquium on ‘The Land and Agrarian Question in Africa in the 21st Century’, University of Fort Hare, September 30, 2004.

2004: ‘Land in Africa: rethinking its role in growth, investment and poverty reduction’. Keynote panel address, conference on ‘Land in Africa: Market Asset or Livelihood Security?’, Royal Africa Society, International Institute for Environment and Development, and Natural Resources Institute, London, November 8-9, 2004.

2006: “More than simply ‘socially embedded’: recognizing the distinctiveness of African land rights”, keynote address for international symposium on ‘At the frontier of land issues: social embeddedness of rights and public policy’, Montpellier, France, May 17-19, 2006.

2007: ‘Land and agrarian reform in the 21st century: changing realities, changing arguments?’, keynote address, Global Assembly of Members, International Land Coalition, Entebbe, Uganda, 24-27 April 2007.

Leadership of networking and research programmes

1999-2002: *Community-based natural resource management (CBNRM) in southern Africa: A regional programme of analysis and communication.* This was a Southern Africa-wide programme of research and communication, undertaken in conjunction with the Centre for Applied Social Studies (CASS) at the University of Zimbabwe. (I initiated the programme and co-chaired the programme’s management committee.)

2003-2006: *‘Breaking New Ground’: Approaches to People-Centred Natural Resource Management for Development in Southern Africa.* This constituted Phase 2 of the regional collaborative programme between PLAAS and CASS at the University of Zimbabwe. (I initiated the continuation of the programme and co-chaired the programme’s management committee.)

2000-2003: *Sustainable livelihoods in Southern Africa: Institutions, governance and policy processes.* A research programme which explored the challenges of institutional, organisational and policy reform around land, water and wild resources in South Africa, Mozambique and Zimbabwe. Partners included the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex and the Overseas Development Institute of the UK. (I helped initiate the study and co-managed the South African component.)

2003-2004: *Pan-African Programme on Land and Resource Rights (PAPLRR)*

This programme aimed to develop and articulate a pan-African voice on land and resource rights, policies and advocacy. The programme was hosted and co-managed by PLAAS, the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) in Nairobi, Kenya, Community Conservation and Development. (I helped initiate the programme and co-chaired its co-ordinating committee.)

2006-2009: *Livelihoods after land reform: the poverty impacts of land redistribution in southern Africa*. This three year research project explores to what extent land redistribution in southern Africa is contributing to poverty reduction. It is undertaken in partnership with the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex and several regional partners. (I helped initiate the project and am the Principal Investigator.)

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

1. **Cousins B.** and I. Scoones, 1989. "A Participatory Model of Agricultural Research and Extension: the case of Vleis, Trees and Grazing Schemes in the Dry South of Zimbabwe", *Zambezia* XVI, 1989: 45-65.
2. **Cousins B.**, D. Weiner, and N. Amin, 1992. "Social Differentiation in the Communal Lands of Zimbabwe", *Review of African Political Economy* 53, 1992: 5-24.
3. Cousins B., 1993. "Debating Communal Tenure in Zimbabwe", *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 12 (1), 1993.
4. **Cousins B.** and S. Robins, 1994. "Institutions for Land Redistribution and Management: the Zimbabwean Experience" *South African Sociological Review* Vol 6 No 2, April 1994: 32-55.
5. Scoones I. and **Cousins B.**, 1994. "Struggle for control over wetland resources in Zimbabwe", *Society and Natural Resources* , Vol 7: 579-594.
6. Cousins B., 1996. "Common property institutions and land reform in South Africa", *Development Southern Africa*, 1996, Vol 12, No. 4: 481-507.
7. Cousins B., 1996. "Livestock Production and Common Property Struggles in South Africa's Agrarian Reform", *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Vol 23, No 2/3, Jan/April 1996: 166-208.
8. Cousins B., 1996. "Conflict Management for Multiple Resource Users in Pastoralist and Agro-Pastoralist Contexts". *IDS Bulletin* Vol 27 (3), 1996: 41-54.
9. Cousins B., 1997. 'How do Rights Become Real? Formal and Informal institutions in South Africa's Land Reform', *IDS Bulletin* Vol 28, No. 4, 1997.
10. Cousins B., 1999. "Invisible capital: the contribution of communal rangelands to rural livelihoods in South Africa". *Development Southern Africa* 16 (2) 1999: 299-318.
11. Cousins B., 2001. "Uncertainty and institutional design: proposals for tenure reform in South Africa". *IDS Bulletin*, Vol 32 No 4, 2001: 54-63.

12. Lahiff E. and **B. Cousins**, 2001. "The land crisis in Zimbabwe viewed from south of the Limpopo" *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol 1 No 4, October 2001: 652-666.
13. Kepe T., **B. Cousins** and S. Turner, 2001. "Resource tenure and power relations in community wildlife: the case of Mkambati area, South Africa", *Society and Natural Resources*, Vol 14 No 10: 911-925.
14. Shackleton C.M., S.E. Shackleton and **B. Cousins**, 2001. "The role of land-based strategies in rural livelihoods: the contribution of arable production, animal husbandry and natural resource harvesting in communal areas in South Africa", *Development Southern Africa*, Vol 18 No 5: 581-604.
15. **Cousins B.** and T. Kepe, 2004. 'Decentralisation when Land and Resource Rights are Deeply Contested: A Case Study of the Mkambati Eco-Tourism Project on the Wild Coast of South Africa', *European Journal of Development Research*, Vol 16, No. 1: 41-54.
16. Lahiff E. and **B. Cousins**, 2005. "Smallholder Agriculture and Land Reform in South Africa", *IDS Bulletin* Vol 36 No 2, 2005.
17. Cousins B., 2005. "Tenure reform in South Africa: Titling versus Social Embeddedness", *Forum for Development Studies*, No. 2-2005: 415-442.
18. Cousins B., 2005. "Embeddedness vs titling: African land tenure systems and the potential impacts of the Communal Land Rights Act 11 of 2004", *Stellenbosch Law Review*, vol 3, 2005: 488-513.
19. Cousins B., 2006. "Review Essay. Debating the Politics of Land Occupations", *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol 6, No. 4: 584-597.
20. Cousins, B., 2007. "More than socially embedded: the distinctive character of 'communal tenure' regimes in South Africa and its implications for land policy", *Journal of Agrarian Change*, Vol 7, No. 3: 281-315.
21. **Cousins B.**, M.T. Hoffman, N. Allsopp and R.F. Rohde, 2007. "A synthesis of sociological and biological perspectives on sustainable land use in Namaqualand", *Journal of Arid Environments*, 70: 834-846.
22. Cousins, Ben and Espen Sjaastad (eds), 2009. "Formalisation of Land Rights in the South": Special Themed Section, *Land Use Policy* 26 (1).
23. Sjaastad, Espen and **Ben Cousins**, 2009. "Formalisation of land rights in the South: An overview". *Land Use Policy* 26 (1): 1-9.

24. Cousins, Ben. 2009. "Review Essay. Land Reform in South Africa". *Journal of Agrarian Change* 9 (3): 421-31.
25. Cousins, Ben. 2009. "Capitalism obscured: the limits of law and rights-based approaches to poverty reduction and development". *Journal of Peasant Studies* 36 (4): 893-908.
26. Cousins, Ben and Ian Scoones, 2010. "Contested paradigms of 'viability' in redistributive land reform: perspectives from southern Africa". *Journal of Peasant Studies* 37 (1): 31-66.

Books

1. Cousins, B. (ed) 1989. *People, Land and Livestock: the Socio-economic Dimensions of Livestock Production in the Communal Lands of Zimbabwe*, Harare: Centre for Applied Social Sciences and GTZ (460pp).
2. Cousins, B. (ed) 1992, *Institutional Dynamics in Communal Grazing Regimes in Southern Africa*, Harare: Centre for Applied Social Sciences, University of Zimbabwe (222 pp).
3. Cousins, B (ed). 2000. *At the crossroads: Land and agrarian reform in South Africa into the 21st century*. Cape Town/Johannesburg: Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape/National Land Committee.
4. Benjaminsen, T, **Cousins, B.** & Thompson, L. (eds), 2002. *Contested resources: Challenges to the governance of natural resources in southern Africa*. Cape Town: Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, University of the Western Cape.
5. Claassens, A. and **B, Cousins** (eds), 2008. *Land, power and custom: Controversies generated by South Africa's Communal Land Rights Act*. Cape Town: UCT Press and Columbus: Ohio University Press.

Book chapters

1. Cousins B., 1981. "Homestead Farming", in R. Berold (ed), *People's Workbook* Environmental and Development Agency, Johannesburg, (pp 31-92).
2. Cousins B., 1988. "Agricultural Extension and the Development of Technical Messages in Zimbabwe" in: John Howell (ed), *Agricultural Extension in Practice*, Overseas Development Institute, London, 1988.
3. Cousins B., 1989. "Community, Class and Grazing Management in the Communal Lands of Zimbabwe" in: B. Cousins (ed), *People, Land and Livestock: the Socio-economic Dimensions of Livestock Production in the Communal Lands of Zimbabwe*, Centre for Applied Social Sciences and GTZ, Harare, 1989 (60 pp).
4. **Cousins B.**, D. Cousins and J. Theron 1996. "Rural livelihoods and small scale agriculture in the Western Cape: the MAG experience", in: M. Lipton, M. de Klerk and M. Lipton (eds), *Land*,

Labour and Livelihoods in Rural South Africa (Vol One: Western Cape), Durban: Indicator Press.

5. Cousins B., 1996. "Livestock Production and Common Property Struggles in South Africa's Agrarian Reform", in H. Bernstein (ed), *The Agrarian Question in South Africa*, London: Frank Cass (166-208).
6. Hoffmann M.T., **B. Cousins**, T. Meyer, A. Petersen and H. Hendricks, 1999. 'Historical and contemporary land use and the desertification of the karoo', in: W. Richard Dean and Suzanne J. Milton (eds), *The karoo. Ecological patterns and processes*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (257-273).
7. Cousins B., 2000. "Does land and agrarian reform have a future and, if so, who will benefit?", in: B. Cousins, (ed.), *At the crossroads. Land and agrarian reform in South Africa into the 21st century*. Cape Town: Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, School of Government, University of the Western Cape/Braamfontein, National Land Committee (1-8).
8. Shackleton S., C. Shackleton and **B. Cousins**, 2000. "The economic value of land and natural resources to rural livelihoods: case studies from South Africa", in: B. Cousins (ed), *At the Crossroads: Land and Agrarian Reform in South Africa Into the 21st century*. Cape Town: Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, School of Government, University of the Western Cape/Braamfontein, National Land Committee, 2000 (35-67).
9. Adams M., **B. Cousins** and S. Manona, 2000. "Land tenure and economic development in rural South Africa: constraints and opportunities", in: B. Cousins, (ed.), *At the crossroads. Land and agrarian reform in South Africa into the 21st century*, Cape Town: Programme for Land and Agrarian Studies, School of Government, University of the Western Cape/Braamfontein, National Land Committee, 2000 (111-128).
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