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Land, Democracy & Society. Why land reform matters and can solve many problems.

ABSTRACT

Land and property relations have been central to the development of humankind. The allocation of land rights has been the focus of conflict, philosophy, economics and politics for centuries. Despite ongoing reforms of property taxation, housing tenure and crown land, deeper questions about the governance of land rarely extend beyond the immediate issue at hand.

The Scottish Parliament has, nevertheless, brought increased focus on the question of reform of land relation but again, this has not extended much beyond some modest (though important) topics such as the community ownership of land.

This talk will trace the development of land rights in Scotland and argue that they are of vital importance to all aspects of public policy and to all parts of Scotland.

BIOGRAPHY

*Andy Wightman is a Member of the Scottish Parliament for Lothian representing the Scottish Green Party. Over the past 20 years his work has focussed on land tenure, landownership, land reform and, more recently community land rights, governance and the hegemonic dimensions of land relations. He is author of a number of publications including *The Poor Had No Lawyers* (2010).*

LINKS

<https://www.parliament.scot/msps/currentmsps/andy-wightman-msp.aspx>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Wightman

**All lectures take place in Lecture Theatre K3.25, John Anderson Building,
University of Strathclyde, Rottenrow East, Glasgow G4 0NG.**

Non-members welcome

The John Anderson Building is in the pedestrianised area between Rottenrow and Rottenrow East. Free car parking is available behind the building. From High Street enter Rottenrow East at the Barony.
Refreshments will be served at 9.00pm.