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“The Black Ox has nowhere to feed and the White Ox has all the pastures”: Resurrecting The Land Question in South Africa Today

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Since Cyril Ramaphosa took over from Jacob Zuma as president of South Africa in mid-February 2018, intense debate has erupted over proposals for expropriation without compensation of white-owned land. The title of this lecture, which comes from an address in 1930 by the founding president of the African National Congress, Dr John Langalibalele Duma, is widely cited in South Africa today. Engaging with struggles over the meaning of the past and multiple deployments of “the land question”, this lecture will focus on why it has shot into prominence at this moment in history and its larger significance.