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### What are we talking about?

If land, whether rural or urban, were viewed as playing an essential role in all human beings' life, just like air or water, and its value in use outweighed its exchange value, wouldn't our cities and countryside look completely different? A reflection on different ways to relate to land – other than ownership – must therefore be carried out, i.e. ways that do not entail abusing, speculating or excluding others. This issue sheds a light on analysis, experiences and alternatives regarding the progress of the social function of land and housing worldwide. Its singularity is linked to its insight into a potential alliance between inhabitants and peasants, between rural and urban issues.

Thus, it constitutes an advocacy tool for the organisations that strongly claim for the social function of land, the housing rights and the right to land.

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