

People and Land in a  
Changing Environment:  
A Critical Realist  
Exploration of Relations to  
Land  
in Masvingo, Zimbabwe

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The relationship therefore between people and their land in a context of environmental change involves the interaction of numerous factors that cannot be easily separated as the categories of the land identified suggested. One thing is however clear that the land is important to each generation in a different way.