

The Role of Social Land Ownership in Venezuelan Food Security in the Face of Post-State Challenges and Local Governance

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ABSTRACT

This article analyzes the complex and contingent role of social land ownership in Venezuelan food security, in the context of state withdrawal and emerging local governance. The overall objective was to analyze the role of social land ownership in Venezuelan food security in the face of post-state challenges and local governance. Methodologically, an analytical-interpretive documentary design was adopted, based on the critical review of academic, legal, and testimonial sources, triangulating perspectives to deconstruct key theoretical constructs. The results revealed a fundamental tension between transformative ideological visions and material survival practices, highlighting that the viability of the model depends critically on an unstable triad: legal security, adoption of agroecology, and legitimate local governance. It was concluded that social property has functioned less as an engine of agrarian transformation and more as a substrate for fragile islands of socio-productive resilience, where communities besieged by an adverse macro environment exercise a precarious but vital agency over their food supply, constituting invaluable social capital for the eventual reconstruction of the national food system.

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