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# Conceptualising land administration tools for national security purposes

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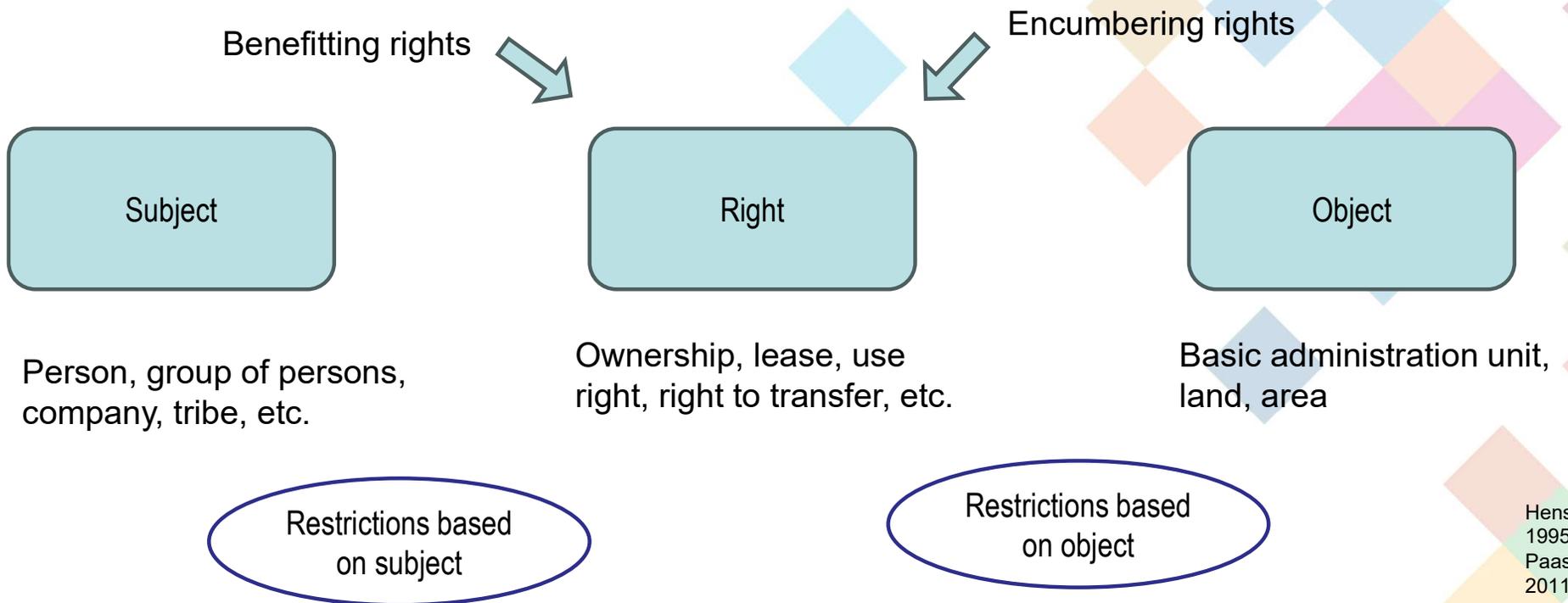
## Transfer of real property – need for permission from Ministry of Defence

- New restrictions regarding acquiring real estate in Finland were posed by law that came into force 2020
  - Based on the nationality of the buyer (non EU/EEA citizen)
  - When a transaction is to be done, permission needs to be applied from the Ministry of Defence
  - Reasons to deny the permission given by the law, but all relate to national security
- Number of applications for permissions (2020-2024) 3451, denied permissions 22.
- Additional restriction measures: state's pre-emption right, applies to all transactions within areas defined by law
- State's expropriation right for national security purposes, applies to all, but the need is assessed by ministry in charge

## How to adopt the concept of national security in land administration?

- Land administration offers the operational tools to bring land policies into practice
- National security is land policy goal that is heavily related to land (critical infrastructure, strategic locations, territorial sovereignty) and can be supported by various RRRs
- How to conceptualise the land administration tools that are used to support national security -> tools to put RRRs into action

# Subject – right – object



## Highlights of the multi-case study

- Analytical framework follows the subject-right-object model
- Expropriation is the most common tool in legislation to be used to support national security
- Tools that are used due to characteristics of the subject may cause ethical concerns, raises questions on how to adapt these into LA system – more cases needed
- Typical for LA tools for security: they are regulated by special laws, procedures may be more ad hoc than established LA procedures
- Tools that are not used based on national security may still have indirect connections with it (agricultural restrictions – food security)

## What next?

- Evaluate the tools and their impact mechanisms in other environments
  - Various forms of tenure
  - Various forms of restrictions + tools
- Expand the concept of national security to cover all kinds of infrastructure: data infrastructure included
- Deepen the exploration on the nexus of land administration and national security, focusing on cadastral data:

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Risks

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