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YOUNG RESEARCHERS MEETING **Rural transformation: challenges and possibilities for rural communities**

*June 7-8,
2018
at SLU,
Uppsala*

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS!

Are you a young researcher, PhD student, post-doc or in the beginning of your research career? Are you focusing your work on understanding the processes of rural transformation?

Welcome to our Young researchers meeting in Uppsala 7-8 June and discuss with likeminded. At the meeting there will be a multidisciplinary group of senior scientists present that have vast

experiences on the topic, and that will be able to give feedback to you on manuscripts. We hope to attract young researchers from all disciplines. The meeting is organised around three sub - themes:

Agrarian change

Small holder agriculture and trajectories of agrarian change

Keywords: *agricultural modernisation, livelihoods, food security, households strategies, global and regional political economy, farming systems, knowledge, policies, land rights, urban agriculture*

Migration and urban-rural linkages

How does increased mobility, flows of remittances and non-farm incomes affect rural economies?

Keywords: *agricultural modernisation, livelihoods, food security, households strategies, global and regional political economy, farming systems, knowledge, policies, land rights.*

Climate change and resource degradation

Compounding pressure on natural resources and effects of global warming

Key words: *Land use, landscape, climate change adaptation, water, governance, forest, forest uses, carbon management, ecosystem services, animal husbandry, population growth*

Deadline for abstract submission: April 30, 2018

For submission instructions, please visit the web page of the event at www.siani.se

Program

First day - Thursday June 7th

- 12.00 Common lunch
- 13.00 Welcome and round table presentations of participants.
- 13.30 Project presentations of young researchers (including 15 min coffee break).

Format of the presentation: Max 10 min presentation of your research project and how it relates to your sub-theme, followed by 5 min questions or comments.

- 19.00 Shared dinner

Second day - Friday June 8th

- 9.00 Keynote presentations by senior scientists
- 10.45 Theme discussions in groups bringing out joint questions/problems/challenges for discussion in relation to the sub-theme, based on the abstracts and the presentations on the first day. Here you can also raise issues that you want to discuss.
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Cont. of theme discussions in groups
- 15.30-16.00 Plenary and wrap up



SHORT BIOS OF SENIOR SCIENTISTS



Grace Wong

Grace's research has largely focused on small holder farmers and forest communities within the interface of development, socio-political processes and environmental change. She has led comparative research projects on institutions, politics and livelihoods of swidden farming systems and the poverty-environment nexus of agrarian reform across Southeast Asia. Currently, Grace is a researcher at the Stockholm Resilience Centre working on ecosystem services and human wellbeing in dynamic social-ecological systems, with a particular interest on power, agency and equity in the distribution of benefits and risks from natural resource use and governance.



Jesper Bjarnesen

Jesper Bjarnesen is a cultural anthropologist and senior researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute, specialising in regional migration and mobility in war and peace with a particular empirical focus on Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire. Within this framework, he has studied the dynamics of return; urban integration; youth politics; cross-border combatant recruitment; and diaspora mobilisation. He is an active commentator on the Mediterranean migration crisis and has advocated a more migrant-centred approach to European and global migration policies.



Gert Nyberg

Gert Nyberg is a researcher and research coordinator at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. His main fields of research are Agroforestry and Restoration of Degraded Lands, mainly in Eastern Africa. Gert is a soil scientist and works with the dynamics of carbon, nutrients and water in soil-plant systems in applied agriculture and agroforestry systems. He coordinated the Triple L Research Initiative (Land, Livestock and Livelihood), a multidisciplinary research initiative between several Swedish and Kenyan Universities, International research organisations, Vi Agroforestry and local policy makers and stakeholders. He has practical experience from agroforestry and restoration development work in East Africa and has previously been working with Vi Agroforestry.