



Cecilia Waldenström (Dept. of Urban and Rural Development, SLU) has a background in agronomy and in the social sciences, especially education and rural sociology. My research has mainly been in agricultural extension and rural development in Sweden, predominantly as local development in sparsely populated areas, exploring learning processes, innovation and preconditions for the construction of knowledge. Partly, my research has been on agrarian change viewed from the perspective of farming households. I have ample experience of evaluating the project measures of the Swedish Rural Development Programme.



Professor Sheona Shackleton (the African Climate and Development Initiative, the University of Cape Town) has worked at the interface between rural development, livelihoods and natural resource use and management for the past 35 years. Her research has covered aspects of community conservation, rural livelihoods and vulnerability, ecosystem services and human well-being, forest product use and commercialisation and climate change adaptation. Her current research focusses broadly on livelihood and landscape (social-ecological) change, with an interest in climate change as a driver, but also how it interacts with other shocks and stressors to influence adaptation, transformation and future livelihood trajectories. She has a strong interest in transdisciplinary research.

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Ildikó Asztalos Morell (Dept. of Urban and Rural Development, SLU) has interest in the study of transition societies with focus on rural transformation during state socialism and postsocialism, intersectional aspects of rural marginalisation and poverty, Romani studies, migration and comparative gender research. She has published close to fifty articles and book chapters and has been the co-editor of several volumes, most importantly *Gender Regimes, Citizen Participation and Rural Restructuring* (Elsevier, 2008 - with Bettina Bock), *Underprivileged migrations within the EU*, *Local Economy* – with Margaret Greenfields and David Smith, and *Gendering postsocialism* (Routledge 2016 - with Yulia Gradszkova).



Flora Hajdu (Dept. of Urban and Rural Development, SLU) has conducted research on various aspects of rural livelihoods in Eastern Cape for the past two decades, including projects on agricultural development, tourism development, changing livelihood portfolios and the effects of social grants. The current presentation is based on a larger research project following up her PhD research (2001-2006) in two villages in EC with a new survey and ethnographic work, resulting in a new PhD thesis from the department defended 6 March 2020. Flora's long ethnographic presence in the two villages gives her unique insights into what drives livelihood change and de-agrarianisation.



Paul Hebinck (PhD) is a rural sociologist with experience in land and land related issues, land and agrarian reform. agriculture, rural development, rural livelihoods, re-agrarianisation and re-peasantisation and rural development. He carries out longitudinal fieldwork for over 35 years in Luoland, West Kenya; Eastern Cape, South Africa; North East Zimbabwe; and more recently in Northern Namibia. He is an emeritus associate professor current affiliated to the Department of Sociology of Development and Change, Wageningen University, The Netherlands; adjunct Professor at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Extension of the University of Fort Hare, South Africa.