



DevNet CSD Uppsala.

The Development Research Network on Nature, Poverty and Power

Events 2008-2012

February 29, 2008. 10.00-17.00. *Sustainable Development with Focus on the Poor: Central Issues for Research and Policy*

Planning conference for DevNet. Venue: Eklundshof, Uppsala.

May 7, 2008. *The Politics of Land and Gender: Critical Issues and Debates*

Seminar with Dr. Nitya Rao, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia. Discussant: Dr. **Maria Ågren**, Department of History, Uppsala University. Venue: Main University Hall, Uppsala. In collaboration with the Department of Urban and Rural Development, University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

June 13, 2008. 14.00-17.00. *Communicating Climate Change*

Seminar organized by DevNet with the Unit of Environmental Communication and NRML (*Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods*), the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), and Cemus at CSD Uppsala. Venue: Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala.

August 15 – 17, 2008. *Nature, Knowledge, Power*

International research conference focusing on South Asia, organized jointly with SASNET (South Asian Studies Network) and the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences with support from DevNet. Venue: Department of Rural and Urban Studies, SLU, Uppsala.

See <http://old.sasnet.lu.se/uppsalaconf08/>

September 17 – 19, 2008. *Ecology & Power: Critical Perspectives on the Discourse on Sustainability and Resilience*

International conference hosted by the Human Ecology Division, Lund University.

Supported by DevNet.

See <http://www.hek.lu.se/research/conferences-workshops/ecology-power-2008->

September 26, 2008., 15.00 – 17.00. *Hur skall vi förstå världen – en läkare och en fredsforskare i samtal om globala utvecklingstrender*

Seminar with **Hans Rosling** and **Hans Abrahamsson**. Chair: **Kenneth Hermele**. Organized in collaboration with School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg. Venue: Anedalseminariet, Seminariegatan 1. Aulan, vån 5, Gothenburg.

October 8, 2008. *Chiapas efter zapaistaupproret: paramilitärer och folkligt motstånd*

Presentation by representatives of the Mayan organization Las Abejas from San Pedro Chenalhó, Mexico. **José Alfredo Jiménez Pérez** showed his video “*Acteal: 10 años de impunidad – y cuantos mas?*” Venue: CSD Uppsala, Uppsala University.

October 23, 2008. *African Cities in a Globalized World: Water as Commodity, Public Good, and Human Right*

Workshop organized by the Nordic Africa Institute, with DevNet support for public lectures within the workshop.

November 6, 2008. *Refugees and Transnational Migration*

Lectures with **Stef Jansen**, Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of Manchester, and **Dawn Chatty**, Dr in Social Anthropology and Deputy Director at Centre for Refugee Studies, Oxford University. Organized by DevNet in collaboration with Ceifo, the Centre for Research in International Migration and Ethnic Relations at Stockholm University.

December 4, 2008. 14.00-17.00. *Slaves of Water: indigenous Knowledge and Experience of Hindu Fishermen on the Floodplain of Bangladesh*

Lecture by Dr. **Mahub Alam**, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Independent University Bangladesh (IUB), Dhaka. Venue: CSD Uppsala, Villavägen 16 (Geocentrum), Uppsala. Organized in cooperation with the School of Global Studies at University of Gothenburg and SASNET, the Swedish South Asian Studies Network.

April 15, 2009. *DevNet National Scientific Committee*

Planning conference with the DevNet secretariat, held at CSD Uppsala, Uppsala University.

May 14-15, 2009. HIV and AIDS, Political Mobilization and Democracy

Conference at Uppsala University organized by DevNet together with Forum Syd and Sida Civil Society Center.

Speakers: **Alan Whiteside**, Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; **May Chazan**, Carleton University, Canada and HEARD, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; **Veriano Terto Jr**, ABIA, Brazilian Interdisciplinary AIDS Association, **Brian Lariche**, Ozanam House Batu Arang, Malaysia, and **Maj-Lis Follér**, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg.

Download conference program at:

http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/old/dokument/Program,_HIV-conference.pdf

and conference report at:

http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/old/dokument/Briefs,_HIV-conference.pdf

October 14, 2009. Climate Change, Power and Poverty

Conference in Uppsala organized by DevNet, with 110 registered participants.

Keynote lectures by **Larry Lohmann**, author of Carbon Trading; **Jimin Zhao** from the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford, UK, and **Kumi Naidoo**, Director General of Greenpeace International. The program also included presentations by researchers based in Sweden.

The conference report is available at:

http://www.cemus.uu.se/cefo/dokument/Climate_Change_Conference_Report.pdf

October 15, 2009. Biofuels and Africa: Opportunities and Challenges – the Role of Research

Afternoon conference organized by NRML (Natural Resource Management & Livelihoods) Research School, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and DevNet. Invited speakers: Dr. **Yona Baguma** and **Nuwamanya Ephraim**, National Crop Resource Research Institute, Kampala, Uganda.

March 15, 2010. Liberal Peace in Question: Politics of Devolution and Development in Sri Lanka

Seminar at Frescati, Stockholm University, with **Kristian Stokke**, professor at the Department of Sociology and Human Geography, Oslo University. Organized by DevNet in cooperation with Podsu: The Politics of Development Group at Stockholm University. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

April 27, 2010. AIDS, Civil Society, Aid and Poverty

Conference 13:15 – 17:15 at the School of Global Studies (SGS), University of Gothenburg organized by SGS in cooperation with Gothenburg Centre of Globalization and Development (GCGD) and DevNet.

Keynote speakers: Professor **Tim Allen**, London School of Economics, Development Studies Institute: *HIV/AIDS policies in Africa: What works and what doesn't?* Professor **Francisco Inácio Bastos**, Fiocruz – Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Rio de Janeiro: *All that is solid melts into air: The management and care of people living with HIV/AIDS in a period of permanent change*. Panel discussion with the speakers and AIDS researchers from University of Gothenburg.

May 4, 2010. Ship Dismantling – Current Problems and Ways Forward

Seminar 9.15-12 at Geocentrum, Uppsala University.

Despite that the majority of the international ship fleet is registered within the EU and the US, less than 1% of the ships are currently being dismantled in these countries once they are ready for scrapping. Instead, they are “beached” in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, where poorly paid unskilled workers dismantle the ships under circumstances that are extremely hazardous for both workers and the environment. Still, the ship dismantling industry represents work opportunities in these countries and almost everything from the ships are recycled and reused. Is there scope to improve the existing practices so that ship dismantling could continue in the current countries in a more environmentally and socially sustainable way?

The workshop began with a lecture by Prof. **Shyam R. Asolekar**, Centre for Environment Science and Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, followed by a discussion on possible solutions. A broad range of actors were invited to the workshop, including academics, NGOs, political actors and the business community. Organized by DevNet.

May 6-8, 2010. A Brief Environmental History of Neoliberalism

Conference at Lund University, and part of a project that seeks to contribute to a new understanding of the rise, and ongoing crisis, of neoliberalism.

Conference themes included: The agro-food system; Agro-fuels and the new “energy question”; Ecological imperialisms; Constructing neoliberal spaces; Climate change and neoliberalism. Extended panels address the topics: Appropriation for Appreciation: Exploring the changing nature of neoliberal conservation for Nature-Society interactions, and Environmental Histories of the Neoliberal Present: Managerial, Recreational & Political Ecologies.

Participants included: **Harriet Friedmann**, University of Toronto; **Deborah Bryceson**, University of Glasgow; **Eric Vanhaute**, Ghent University; **Scott Prudham**, University of Toronto & **James McCarthy**, Pennsylvania State; **Bram Büscher**, Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus U, Rotterdam; **Ulf Jonsson**, Stockholm University; and **Jason Moore**, Lund University, Umeå University.

Organized by the Research Working Group on World Ecology, Lund University, and sponsored by DevNet and LUCID, Lund University Center of Excellence for Integration of Social and Natural Dimensions of Sustainability. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

May 10, 2010. Tillväxt och konsensus? Utvecklingsteorier i dagens bistånd

Seminarium och workshop om vilka utvecklingsteorier som påverkar dagens policydiskussioner inom svenskt och internationellt utvecklingsarbete. Organiserat av DevNet tillsammans med Sida.

Föreläsare: **Eva Friman**, idéhistoriker, ekologisk ekonom och programdirektör för Cemus vid Uppsala centrum för hållbar utveckling. **Staffan Löfving**, antropolog med erfarenhet av tvärvetenskaplig forskning på temat fattigdom och utvecklingsteori samt flera konsultuppdrag för Sida. Moderator: **Viveka Persson**, Teamchef Globforsk Tid: Måndag . 13.00-14.00 Föreläsning och diskussion. 14.00-14.30 Kaffe. 14.30-16.00 Workshop för specialintresserade. Plats: Sida, Valhallavägen 199. Rum: Hörsalen (föreläsning, kl. 13-14), Djenné (workshop, kl. 14.30-16).

May 10, 2010. Localizing Development: Has the Participatory Approach Worked?

Two-hour seminar with **Ghazala Mansuri**, Senior Economist, Development Economics Research Group, the World Bank, at Frescati, Stockholm University.

The idea that fostering citizen participation is central to resolving problems of good governance and development is one that has acquired tremendous force in recent times. It is the unifying theme which underlies many different approaches towards localizing development whether in the form of community based/driven projects or the decentralization of government decision making. In this seminar, the conceptual foundations of this approach are discussed and an analytical framework in which civic participation is viewed as a potential solution to specific civil society, market, and government failures is proposed. The evidence on the efficacy of participatory approaches to problems of development is reviewed and the ways in which policy choices for inducing participation is identified as intimately shaped and constrained by the historical, socio-cultural and political context.

Organized by Podsu: The Politics of Development Group at Stockholm University in cooperation with DevNet. *An event supported with DevNet-grant*

May 19, 2010 at 14.15-17.00. Small scale community-based biogas development in rural areas. With examples from China, Nepal and Indonesia

Worldwide, more than three billion people depend on traditional solid fuels (wood, dung and agriculture residues) to meet their basic energy needs, contributing to levels of indoor air pollution well above international standards. Also, Black carbon (soot) emissions from the burning of traditional biomass for household cooking are responsible for an estimated 18 percent of global GHG emissions. Accordingly, biogas development has been put forward as a solution to sustainable energy provision in rural areas. The household biogas system, in particular, has a potential to offer significant health, economic, and environmental benefits to millions of households. However, despite the multiple benefits of biogas and, in case of China for instance, favorable policies and subsidies, biogas development in rural

areas has encountered a variety of technological, social, and economic barriers. Hence, it witnessed a rather slow growth in development and considerable resistance from households.

In this workshop, three presenters shared different experiences of biogas projects in rural areas across Asia. The following discussion focused on assessing both the potential and the challenges of biogas development in the search for more sustainable solutions to rural energy needs. The workshop was organised at the initiative of master's students at the Master's Programme in Sustainable Development at Uppsala University.

Presenters: **Dilip Khatiwada**, PhD Candidate, Energy and Climate Studies, KTH; **Isak Stoddard**, Educational Coordinator, CEMUS, Uppsala University; **Yi Yang**, Master's Candidate, Sustainable development, Uppsala University Venue: room Skåne, Geocentrum, Uppsala.

Organized by DevNet.

May 19-20, 2010. Studying the Agency of Being Governed

Workshop at University of Gothenburg organized by School of Global Studies with GCGD, University of Gothenburg and with the support of DevNet.

This high level international multidisciplinary workshop on methodology dealt with the question of how to approach empirical research from the perspectives of governmentality and biopolitics. International guests: **Akhil Gupta**, **Veronique Pin-Fat**, **Christine Sylvester**, **Christina Masters**, **Vikki Bell**, **Arun Agrawal**, **Sarah Radcliffe**. On May 20: Open panel debate on Global Governance with the same speakers. *An event supported with DevNet-grant*

May 31, 2010. The Global Firestorm of Law and Order – On Neoliberalism and Punishment.

Open lecture with Loïc Wacquant, 18.00-20.00. Hall X, The University Main Building, S:t Olofsgatan/Ö. Slottsgatan, Uppsala.

Loïc Wacquant is Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, and researcher at Centre de sociologie européenne, Paris. A student and close collaborator of Pierre Bourdieu for two decades, he is the author of *Body and Soul: Notebooks of An Apprentice Boxer* (2004), and *The Mystery of Ministry: Pierre Bourdieu and Democratic Politics* (2005). His most recent books include *Urban Outcasts: A Comparative Sociology of Advanced Marginality* (2008), *Punishing the Poor: The Neoliberal Government of Social Insecurity* (2008), and *Prisons of Poverty* (2009). The discussant, **Magnus Hörnqvist**, is Associate Professor in the Department of Criminology, Stockholm University, and author of *Risk, Power and the State: After Foucault* (2010).

This lecture was organized by DevNet and sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundations and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

June 1, 2010. *The Criminalization of Movement: A Symposium on Emergent Forms and Politics of Poverty.*

Symposium 10:00 – 14:00 at Uppsala University, with **Loïc Wacquant**.

The first decade of the millennium witnessed an accelerating process of securitization by which states fortified their borders and augmented their law-enforcement machineries while simultaneously relocating (or “outsourcing,” as the idiom goes) their mandate to discipline and penalize; a displacement of accountability amidst aggressive reforms for system transparency. This took place in conjunction with the deepening of disparity spawned in both North and South. Whereas the issue of poverty alleviation/reduction became confined to discourses of individual empowerment and responsibility and evolved, as practice, within the fields of policy and development management of international financial institutions, the state approach to disparity emerged most prominently within the administration of justice. The criminalization of the livelihood strategies and of the social presence of the poor (i.e., the criminalization of the consequences of poverty) have become an integral part of the securitization of the life-worlds of the non-poor.

This symposium gathered papers on people’s exposure to and contestation of securitization in different settings but within a context of neoliberal globalization. It explored ways to assess, and to grapple analytically with the interconnections between: the criminalization of certain political and social movements, and the legalization of others; the criminalization of certain migratory movements, and the legalization of others; and the social and political responses provoked by such reconfigured and vitalized penal policy mechanisms of the contemporary state.

Organized by DevNet and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

August 30, 2010. *Writing Workshop on Development, Climate, Environment and Society.*

10.15 – 16.00, at Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, Uppsala University

For PhD students and young researchers working, with critical and encouraging feedback from scholars working in the same field. Guest resource persons for the workshop included: **Tania Li**, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Canada, **Francois Fortier**, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa, Canada, **Michael Eilenberg**, Department of Anthropology, University of Aarhus, Denmark, **Jason Morris-Jung**, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California at Berkeley, USA. Coming from different disciplines within the social sciences, resource persons have expertise in fields of environmental conservation, development, climate change, policy making, civil society movements, agrarian expansion, and land reform issues. Their primary geographic focus is Southeast Asia (participation of persons with another geographical focus is nevertheless encouraged!). More information here (pdf).

The event was organized by DevNet and CEFO at CSD Uppsala and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at Uppsala University.

August 31, 2010. *Climate Change, Environment and Society in Southeast Asia.*

Symposium, 09.15-16.00 at Uppsala University.

What happens when the consequences of climate change and environmental crisis are felt in Southeast Asia? Highlighting cases from Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia, this symposium raised important issues with respect to the politics of climate change, international development, agrarian expansion and civil society. Guest speakers: **Tania Li**, University of Toronto, **Pamela McElwee**, Arizona State University, **Francois Fortier**, University of Ottawa, **Michael Eilenberg**, University of Aarhus, **Jason Morris-Jung**, University of California at Berkeley. Students, researchers, development practitioners, policy makers and other persons with an interest in Southeast Asia or the general themes of this symposium are warmly welcomed to participate in the discussion. Participation in the symposium is free of charge, but space is limited.

The event was organized by DevNet and CEFO at the Uppsala Centre for Sustainable Development, and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

September 23, 2010. *The Failures of Growth and the Degrowth Proposal.*

Lecture with **Giorgos Kallis** at Uppsala University. In this lecture, which attracted an audience of around 130, Kallis addressed the emergence of the research field “sustainable degrowth” and the advancements made in this field. Sustainable degrowth is defined as an equitable downscaling of production and consumption that increases human well-being and enhances ecological conditions at the local and global level, in the short and long term. Degrowth researchers criticize GDP accounting and the growth paradigm as unsustainable, and state that human progress without economic growth is possible. They distinguish between depression, i.e. unplanned degrowth within a growth regime, and sustainable degrowth, a voluntary, smooth and equitable transition to a regime of lower production and consumption.

Dr. **Giorgos Kallis** is researcher at the Institute of Environmental Science and Technology, Autonomous University of Barcelona. Kallis is currently doing interdisciplinary research on droughts and adaptation and coevolutionary ecological economics. In March 2010 he was part of organizing the 2nd Degrowth conference in Barcelona, Spain. Organized by DevNet.

Thursday, October 21, 2010. *Beyond Dysfunctional Readings of African Cities*

Public lecture at the University Building, Uppsala University by Professor **AbdouMalig Simone**, University of London and Professor **Garth Myers**, University of Kansas. The lecture was co-organized by DevNet and the Nordic Africa Institute.

Thursday, October 21, 2010. *Africa’s Informal Workers: Collective Agency, Alliances and Transnational Organizing in Urban Africa*

Book Launch at the University Building, Uppsala University. Comments by: Professor **Carole Rakodi**, University of Birmingham. The book: **Ilda Lindell** (ed), *Africa's Informal Workers: Collective Agency, Alliances and Transnational Organizing in Urban Africa*. Zed Books & The Nordic Africa Institute. The book launch was organized by the Nordic Africa Institute. The editor is a member of the National Scientific Committee of DevNet.

November 24, 2010. DevNet National Scientific Committee

Planning conference with the DevNet secretariat, CSD Uppsala, Uppsala University.

November 24, 2010. The Epistemic Violence of Landmarks and Binaries in the Making of History in Post-War El Salvador

Seminar with **Ainhoa Montoya**, from at the University of Manchester, at CAMPUS Engelska Parken, Uppsala University

Widespread uncritical periodisation and binary notions of violence have led to the concealment of much of the violence in both wartime and peacetime El Salvador. An examination of the events that occurred prior to the official beginning of the war in 1980 and after the signing of the 1992 Peace Accords, challenges conventional periodisation. This challenge has implications not just for historiography but also for efforts that shed light on the pervasiveness of violence in El Salvador in wartime and peacetime. In addition, while widely used concepts of war and peace – along with related categories of violence invoked in public discourse (e.g. political violence/social violence or crime) – support triumphalist views of transition, they simultaneously render violence highly unintelligible. The notion of ‘transition’ is likewise critiqued for its inability to reflect the continuities and discontinuities that have characterised post-war transformations. Based on long-term fieldwork in a Salvadoran municipio, this paper ultimately intends to yield an understanding of the violence involved in history-building practices and in the language deployed to account for both wartime and peacetime violence as well as the transformations that have occurred in the country’s ‘transition’ from war to peace.

The seminar was organized by DevNet in cooperation with the Forum for Latin American Studies and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University.

November 24, 2010. Nature as Calamity and Development as Triumph: Is the Idea of Progress Sustainable?

Lecture with **Rohan D’Souza** at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Ultuna, in Uppsala.

Dr. Rohan D’Souza is Assistant Professor at the Centre for Studies in Science Policy at the Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. He was awarded his PhD from the Centre for Historical Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University. His recent publication includes *Drowned and Dammed: Colonial Capitalism and Flood control in Eastern India (1803-1946)*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006. His concerns range

from issues dealing with environmental history, the political economy of nature conservation and history of technology. He has held postdoctoral fellowships at Yale University, University of California (Berkeley) and was a Senior Research Associate at the Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex. More about Dr. Rohan D'Souza [here](#).

The lecture was organized by DevNet together with The Natural Resource Management and Livelihoods Research School (NRML) at the Swedish University of Agricultural Science

November 25-26, 2010. *Nature, Poverty and Power: Assessing Challenges to Sustainable Development*

DevNet conference at Geocentrum, CSD Uppsala, Uppsala University

This inter-disciplinary conference explored the interrelationship between natural resource use, poverty and power, and the challenges that conflicts of interests and power pose to globally sustainable development.

People in poverty are often identified as exposed and vulnerable to environmental degradation and disasters, but the power-related aspects of this condition are less frequently discussed. In countries with high levels of poverty, access to natural resources are commonly structured by unequal patterns of ownership, production and trade, in turn largely determined by processes of decision-making on global arenas beyond local control or influence. Furthermore, poor people in the South are especially affected by the process of climate change induced in large part by the consumption and production patterns of the highly industrialized and globally powerful countries. This conference addressed the institutions and the social, political and economic dynamics that influence the unequal access to resources and the various effects this has on people living in poverty.

The conference focused furthermore on how people in poverty strive to ensure livelihood security and access to natural resources, while facing local, national and global power structures. This included the strategies used by people in poverty to increase their power in political and economic decision-making on different levels, as well as the institutional options available to them for political participation and impact.

Keynote speakers: **Amita Baviskar**, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University Enclave, **Mohamed A.R. Salih**, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam and, Department of Political Science, University of Leiden, and **Kiran Asher**, International Development, Community and Environment, Clark University. The concluding plenary discussion with a panel of chairs of parallel sessions was chaired by **Susan Paulson**, University of Lund.

Find conference invitation at:

www.csduppsala.uu.se/devnet/conferences/DevNet_%20Conference_invitation.pdf

Program:

www.csduppsala.uu.se/devnet/conferences/DevNet_Conference_Program.pdf

Keynote speakers information:

www.csduppsala.uu.se/devnet/conferences/Keynote-speakers.pdf

Parallel sessions descriptions (with abstracts of presentations):
www.cemus.uu.se/cefo/devnet/DevNet%20parallel%20sessions.pdf

March 14, 2011. *Principled Governance for Poverty Alleviation in Small-Scale Fisheries: A global perspective*

Open seminar at 14.00-16.00 with Dr. **Ratana Chuennpagdee**, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.

Small-scale fisheries play a significant role in alleviating global poverty. They employ millions of people around the world and are major providers of food to a growing human population. Still, small-scale fisheries harbour a lot of poor people, with different realities of poverty. Poverty alleviation requires, first and foremost, the understanding of what poverty is and what it means to the fishing people and their families, in their own context. Secondly, poverty in fisheries may be originated outside of the sector; thus a broad perspective is needed to alleviate poverty. Finally, bold but principled governance initiatives may be necessary to address poverty, especially in extreme cases, and to prevent small-scale fishers from being trapped in a vicious circle of poverty. These conclusions are drawn from 15 empirical studies of poverty in small-scale fisheries around the world.

Venue: Room 105 Frescati Backe, Department of Systems Ecology, Stockholm University, Svante Arrhenius väg 21 A. The seminar was organized by DevNet and the Department of Systems Ecology, Stockholm University.

March 15, 2011. Closed workshop with Dr Chuennpagdee and a small group of researchers and PhD students at the Dept. of Systems Ecology and the Dept. of Political Science at Stockholm University.

Two events supported with DevNet-grant.

March 23, 2011. *Faith and Development: The Role of Religion in Changing Societies*

Att religion spelar en stor roll i världen i dag uppmärksammas alltmer av politiker, beslutsfattare, forskare och företrädare för olika organisationer. För att förstå politiska, ekonomiska och sociala skeenden menar många att det är nödvändigt att även förstå vilken roll religion och religiös tro spelar för människor i olika samhällen och kulturer. Seminariet utgick från frågan om religionens roll i världen i dag och vilken roll trosbaserade organisationer spelar i utvecklingssamarbetet. Kan vi fortsätta att exkludera religion när vi gör analyser av landsituationer och politiska skeenden? Vilken påverkan har religion på arbete för jämställdhet?

Medverkande: **Katherine Marshall**, Georgetown University, tidigare Världsbanken; **Gerrie Ter Haar**, professor Religion and Development of Social Studies, Nederländerna; **Lisette van der Wel**, handläggare religion och utveckling, ICCO, Nederländerna; **Jan Henningsson**, Senior Advisor, UD; **Elisabeth Gerle**, professor i etik vid Uppsala universitet och verksam i Svenska kyrkan; **Björn Andersson**, biträdande enhetschef, UD. Med reservation för ändringar

Lokal: Grilliska Huset, Stortorget 3, 2 tr, Stockholm Tid: 23 mars kl 09.30-16.00

Find video recordings of speakers at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x8F9Rfeyf08>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-OctZc3LHE>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHaOpkwwPMk>

April 11, 2011. *DevNet Workshop on Rural Livelihoods Research in Sub-Saharan Africa*

9.15-16.00. Venue: Norrland II, Geocentrum, Villavägen 16, Uppsala

A one-day workshop on rural livelihoods research in Sub-Saharan Africa. The workshop was open to researchers and PhD students interested in or currently involved in livelihoods-related research in Sub-Saharan Africa. The workshop had a specific networking focus, where we met to get to know more about each other's work and to discuss collaboration and co-operation.

While rural livelihoods in poor countries constitute a well-known interdisciplinary research field internationally, researchers in this field in Sweden and the Nordic countries have not had much contact with each other. In this workshop, current topics in livelihoods research in Sub-Saharan Africa will be discussed, and an aim is to create contacts between Swedish and Nordic livelihoods researchers in this field.

Livelihoods can be defined as 'the capabilities, assets (stores, resources, claims and access) and activities required for a means of living' (Chambers and Conway, 1992:7). Rural livelihoods research encompasses studies in/about a broad range of topics, such as rural agriculture, rural natural resource use, and labour migration from rural to urban areas. The workshop welcomes discussions on a broad range of topics, focusing on rural people's need to support themselves and their families, and how various types of livelihoods, together with socio-economic factors, policies and spatial and temporal factors affect their chances of securing sustainable rural livelihoods for themselves. Organized by DevNet.

June 15, 2011. *The "Weakness of Strong Ties" and the "Meaning of the (Remitted) Gift" – Rethinking Sociality in the Anthropology of Migration and Transnationalism*

Open lecture, 14.15-16.00. Lecturer: **Stephen C. Lubkemann**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs, The George Washington University: Dr Lubkemann's most recent book, *Culture in Chaos: An Anthropology of the Social Condition in War* (University of Chicago Press 2008), re-conceptualizes displacement and proposes a new approach to the study of social transformation and political mobilization in war-torn societies. The lecture was presented by The Development Research Network on Nature, Poverty and Power (DevNet), and co-sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundations and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. Venue: Engelska Parken Campus, Uppsala University, room Eng2-1077. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

August 31, 2011. *Participating in Extraction? Indigenous Peoples and the Ambiguities of Natural Resource Governance in Latin America*

Lecturer: **John-Andrew McNeish**, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway. In the seminar, critical consideration was made of the current status and controversies of indigenous participation in Latin American extraction and infrastructure projects. John-Andrew McNeish is the author of *Flammable Societies: Studies in the Socio-Economics of Oil and Gas* (Pluto Press, 2011). Venue: 15-17, F702, House F, 7th floor, Department of Political Science, Stockholm University. The seminar was organized by DevNet and The Politics of Development Group at the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

September 6, 2011. Green Futures – from Utopian Grand Schemes to Micro-Practices

The “light greening” of the current societal and urban structures is not deep-reaching enough to handle the threats posed by climate change, uneven global development, and growing socio-economic segregation. They call for visions of alternative futures and more deep-reaching approaches. At the same time, in the wake of the “triple crisis”, social movements are growing that challenge the predominant social order and open up for new ideas on green futures. This one day symposium discussed utopian thought and experimental approaches to the organisation of society and the built environment. Speakers: **Erik Swyngedouw, Lucy Sargisson, Katherine Gibson, Alexander Vasudevan, Constantin Petcou, and Doina Petrescu**. Introduction by **Karin Bradley** and **Johan Hedrén**. Venue: Arbetets Museum, Norrköping. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

October 20, 2011. Environmental Struggles, Colonial Legacies and the Construction of Identity

Presentations: **Susan Paulson**, University of Lund, *Land, bodies and racial identification in Latin America*; **Libby Robin**, KTH, Stockholm, *From the deserts the prophets come: Science, Deserts and Identity in Australia*; **Heather Goodall**, University of Technology, Sydney, *Environment, ethnic diversity and power on the Georges River, Sydney*.

October 21, 2011. Land Grabbing in Africa: Global Resource Scarcity and Competition for Survival

One-day workshop at Geocentrum, Uppsala University. To secure future access to food and biofuels, private and state actors in wealthy countries (including the oil states) are increasingly buying or leasing farmland in the Global South, primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa. Some argue that this is recreating old colonial patterns of land ownership and distribution of power, threatening livelihoods of the rural poor. Others hold that such agricultural investments provide much needed means for economic development. In this one-day workshop, we explored the phenomenon of land grabbing from theoretical and practical perspectives.

Presentations: **Philip McMichael**, Cornell University, *A food regime analysis of the land grab*; **Kenneth Hermele**, Lund University, *Land grabbing in relation to*

energy, climate and the current resource crises; **Patrick Bond**, University of KwaZulu Natal, *Land grabbing in practice, experiences from Africa*; **Atakilt Beyene**, Stockholm Environment Institute, *Land rights and corporate social responsibility*; **Michael Ståhl**, Steelfox Consulting, Concluding observations. Moderators: **Mats Hårsmar**, Nordic Africa Institute and **Susan Paulson**, Lund University.

Find workshop report at:

<http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/devnet/workshops,%20seminars/DevNet,%20Land%20Grabbing.%20Workshop%20Report.pdf>

March 9-10, 2012. Emergent cities: Conflicting Claims and the Politics of Informality

Symposium, March 9, at 9-17, Uppsala University. More than ever, cities are sites of conflicting demands on space, resources and membership. In the politics of the urban space, structures of informality, legality and illegality are used by official authorities to plan and define legitimate claims and the space of the city. However, there are also different forms of counter-politics. This symposium addressed the various processes through which marginalized people are creating space in the city; sometimes manifesting an emergent insurgence that challenges existing hierarchies and whereby people claim new forms for urban and national development.

Presentations: **James Holston**, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley: *The Right to the City and Urban Citizenship*; **Ananya Roy**, Department of City and Regional Planning Education, University of California, Berkeley: *Making Postcolonial Futures: The "Slum-Free" Cities of the Asian Century*; **Edgar Pieterse**, African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town: *Knowledge Imperatives of Southern Urbanisms*

Workshop, March 10, at 9-16.30, Uppsala University. Closed session with paper presentations.

Organized by DevNet and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University. The symposium was part of URBANITY WEEK, focusing on the dynamics of city-making from below in the urban South. URBANITY WEEK was organized in cooperation with the Nordic Africa Institute and the Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University.

Access videos of keynote lecturers:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/CSDUppsala/videos>

Monday April 16, 2012. Political Ecology as the Study of Resource Extraction Conflicts and Waste Disposal Conflicts

Seminar, 14-16, at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, with **Joan Martinez-Alier**, Professor at the Department of Economics and Economic History at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. Joan Martinez-Alier's has over the past 20 years gained recognition as Europe's foremost scholar of and spokesperson for the new field of "ecological economics." His current research

focuses on ecological economics and languages of valuation, political ecology, environmental history, environmental justice and the environmentalism of the poor. He is the author of *Ecological Economics: Energy, Environment and Society* (1987) and *The Environmentalism of the Poor: A Study of Ecological Conflicts and Valuation* (2002). Currently he is the President of the International Society for Ecological Economics. Organized by DevNet and The Politics of Development Group at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

April 19, 2012. *Informed Consent? Evidence of the Substantial Dimension of Prior Consultations from Bolivia and Peru*

Seminar, 14-16, at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, with **Almut Schilling-Vacaflor**.

The right to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) is not only a procedural right, but it also has a substantial dimension. It should help to protect all kinds of human rights of the affected local populations and the environment. But, which has been the real incidence of the consulted groups and persons in shaping the planned legislative and administrative measures? Did the consultations result in designing more human rights- and environmental-friendly legislation or projects? For assessing and discussing these questions the presentation draws on data about the recent participatory elaboration of the regulating norm of Peru's new Consultation Law (pre-legislative consultation) and about the procedure and results of prior consultations in Bolivia's hydrocarbon sector.

Almut Schilling-Vacaflor has a Ph.D. in Cultural and Social Anthropology from the University of Vienna, Austria. Her current research focuses on constitutional changes in Bolivia, natural resource governance and rights of indigenous peoples. Schilling-Vacaflor has published extensively on indigenous people's rights, natural resource governance and participation of peasants and indigenous people. She is currently working on a project concerning the implementation of free, prior and informed consent in hydrocarbon sector in the Andean countries. Organized by DevNet and The Politics of Development Group at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University. *An event supported with DevNet-grant.*

April 27, 2012. *Grasping Sustainability. A debate on Resilience Theory versus Political Ecology*

Friday, 27 April 2012, 14.15-17.00, Hambergssalen, Geocentrum, Uppsala University.

Sustainability is a contested concept, of acute relevance to current debates on how to ensure human and broader biological survival with limited earthly resources. Resilience theory and political ecology are two influential analytical approaches. Both address the connection between environmental and societal conditions, but in quite different ways. **Resilience theory** aims to analyze the capacity of socio-ecological systems to withstand shocks from phenomena such as ecological degradation and climate change, and to rebuild and renew themselves afterwards.

Political ecology sees inherent conflicts in the quest for sustainability, since socio-ecological systems at all levels are highly unequal. Conflicting interests and power relations must therefore, according to this approach, be a key focus of the analysis.

Debaters: **Garry Peterson**, Stockholm Resilience Centre, and **Alf Hornborg**, Human Ecology Division, Lund University. Moderator: **Eva Friman**, CSD Uppsala.

Access video of the debate:

<http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/2012/video-and-slides-from-grasping-sustainability/>
or at YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D_NCSQ1qNac

May 31, 2012. *Democracy and Development: A Disputable Pair*

International symposium, May 31, 2012, at 10-17 hours, Hambergssalen, Geocentrum, Villavägen 16, Uppsala University.

The symposium addressed the meanings and realities of democracy and development and their linkages to globalisation and power. What meanings are assigned to these concepts? How do they connect?

Such difficult questions and possible answers were illuminated and debated by experienced and concerned scholars of various generations and backgrounds:

Neera Chandhoke, University of Delhi; **Yusuf Bangura**, UNRISD, Geneva; **Beppe Karlsson**, University of Stockholm; **Seema Arora-Jonsson**, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences; **Lars Rudebeck**, DevNet, Uppsala University; **Olle Törnquist**, University of Oslo, (chair)

Find call at: <http://www.csduppsala.uu.se/2012/democracy-development/>