



Development Research Conference

Theme: Global Visions and Local Practices *Development Research in a Post-2015 World*

Stockholm, August 22-24, 2016

www.su.se/devres2016

Call for abstracts - deadline March 21

AIM

The aim with this conference is to provide a multi-disciplinary forum for networking and intellectual exchange among scholars who conduct research in and of relevance to low-income countries and/or engage in capacity-building collaborations. Researchers and research students will present ongoing and completed research, including projects funded by Sida and the Swedish Research Council. The conference also intends to offer a platform for dialogue and strengthen the relation between development research and policy makers.

THEME

Development visions have gained momentum with the setting up of a new global agenda. While significant international consensus was attained around a set of normative goals (the SDG's), their materialization calls for serious reflection. One critical set of challenges relates to bridging global goals and visions, on the one hand, and local practices, realities and conditions, on the other. Ultimately, the outcomes of this global agenda depend upon the processes through which it is implemented and embedded in concrete settings. Global visions are modified by local contexts, producing a range of unintended and diverse outcomes. Local settings are characterized by an immense diversity in modes of life, physical environments and technical systems, which invites a consideration of a diversity of paths towards improved futures. Actors at the local level may embrace, appropriate or resist global agendas. Opportunities and risks for marginalized and vulnerable groups – the key targets of the new global agenda – are of particular concern. Also important is how their own innovations and everyday practices in a wide range of spheres (environmental, health, social and other practices) can be harnessed, their capacities and knowledges mobilized and how they can influence strategies and interventions seeking to materialize global development goals.

An emphasis on the encounter between current global visions and local contexts does not, however, entail that the great global-local challenges of our time can be solved at one specific scale. It rather actualizes long-standing questions about processes, structures and relations at multiple scales that work against, or alternatively open new avenues towards more just and sustainable futures.

There is an acute need for reflection concerning the role of knowledge production in the new policy context. How can the competences of a broad and diverse Swedish academic community be mobilized and shape Swedish global policies and interventions? Can opportunities for critical independent research be secured? Researchers may contribute to the development of indicators, to the assessment of opportunities, risks and impacts relating to the new global agenda, but they may also reflect upon the assumptions and notions of progress underlying their own work and the new agenda and its implementation.

Prominent keynote speakers will be invited to address this thematic area.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS – deadline 21 March 2016

Abstracts are invited from all disciplinary backgrounds to the panels listed at the end of this call and at www.su.se/devres2016. Please submit only one abstract to the conference. Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail both to the panel convener/s and to devres2016@humangeo.su.se. Abstracts should have a maximum length of 250 words, in plain text, and be saved in Word format. Name the file by stating the number of the panel you are submitting to, followed by your surname, ex 12_Surname.docx. Please adhere to the following format:

- Name of the panel
- Title of the abstract (lowercase letters)
- Author's name and e-mail
- Author's institutional affiliation
- Body of the abstract

The selection of abstracts will be made by the panel convener/s and the organizing committee. Abstract authors will be notified during the second half of April and accepted abstracts will be published on the conference webpage. Panel Conveners will organize their sessions and coordinate the submission of full papers.

Some limited travel funding will be available for researchers from a selection of countries – list available at www.su.se/devres2016. It can be applied for in connection with the abstract submission, by stating this in the abstract and by enclosing your CV and a letter of motivation (including whether the applicant has other funding available). Successful applicants will be notified during the second half of April.

REGISTRATION – deadline 15 June 2016

Registration is to be done through the conference web page. Registration will open in mid-April. There will be no registration fee, but the participants have to cover their own costs of travel and lodging. The conference starts on the 22nd August at 13.00 (please note that registration is to be done before that) and ends on the 24th August at 16.00.

NETWORKING SPACE – deadline 15 June 2016

There will be an opportunity for organizing meetings aimed at developing networks, as well as other events, during the last day of the conference. Propositions of such a meeting or event should be sent to devres2016@humangeo.su.se by 15 June and state the theme and purpose (between 50-150 words), the potentially interested audience at the conference, as well as the name and institutional affiliation of the initiators. These meetings and events will be announced in the conference program and website.

VENUE

The Conference will be held at Stockholm University Campus, not far from the center of Stockholm, in the Aula Magna and the Geo Sciences Building.

LANGUAGE

English.

FURTHER INFORMATION & CONTACTS

On the conference web page there will be suggestions concerning accommodation and other important information: www.su.se/devres2016

Conference administration:

Questions concerning registration, technical arrangements and logistics should be sent to devresreg@konf.su.se, Conference Services at Stockholm University.

For inquiries relating to the conference program, content and sessions:
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LIST OF PANELS

Panel descriptions and contact details for conveners are available at www.su.se/devres2016

1. Starting from the local: avoiding, accommodating and/or overcoming global visions for science and development
2. Where are we now? The past and the future of Swedish development research collaboration
3. Environmental migration and governance in Africa
4. Is "Precarity" a useful concept for understanding development in Asia?
5. Infrastructure and the political ordering of development
6. Antibiotic resistance and measures to control its consequences – need for a multidisciplinary approach
7. Contested urban visions in the Global South
8. Land and resource tenure rights in the context of new global development agendas
9. The sustainable development goals: from global to local governance
10. Establishing participatory processes in ecosystem-based agricultural management strategies
11. From the failures of anti-politics to the promise of cash transfer: James Ferguson and the development encounter
12. The donor-recipient relationship: national ownership and extensive donor presence
13. Looking for opportunities and creating new urbanism in the developing countries: local dynamics and policy implications
14. Vaccine production from bench to market using novel and appropriate technologies
15. Migration and development
16. Pneumonia in children below the age of five and their mothers
17. Transformation of knowledge to enhance local capacity for sustainable water development
18. How can research on links between ecosystem services and human wellbeing support poverty alleviation?
19. Traditional knowledge and biodiversity: sustainable development, rights and equity
20. Air quality and climate effects in low income countries: from observations to policy in a post-COP21 world
21. Ecosystem services and disservices from a farmer's perspective in agro-ecological landscapes
22. Everyday practices in global development institutions: process and power
23. The politics of hybridity in everyday Africa: informalization and security and development
24. The rural household – an energy and food security nexus of global importance
25. Violence as a threat to mental health, economic growth and social stability, with intergenerational effects
26. Understanding behaviour and choice in context: accessing local knowledge to enhance energy access and sanitation interventions
27. Democracy and development revisited

28. Seeking assistance: inequalities in accountability and service provision
29. Food security and improved nutrition for the poor – a multidisciplinary research task
30. Peacebuilding amidst violence – localizing the security-development nexus
31. Global challenges for development research: lessons from North-South collaborations
32. Aid in local contexts
33. Climate information for food security in developing countries
34. Bridging the gap between water, sanitation and food production for improved food and nutrition security
35. Air quality and well being in cities
36. Food and water security via viable business models
37. Culture & media for development
38. Combining outreach and academia - understanding the role of religion in development
39. One health
40. Sheltering and development
41. Prediction and preparedness against emerging zoonotic infections
42. Disaster and health
43. Improving school education outcomes: evidence, knowledge gaps, and policy implications