

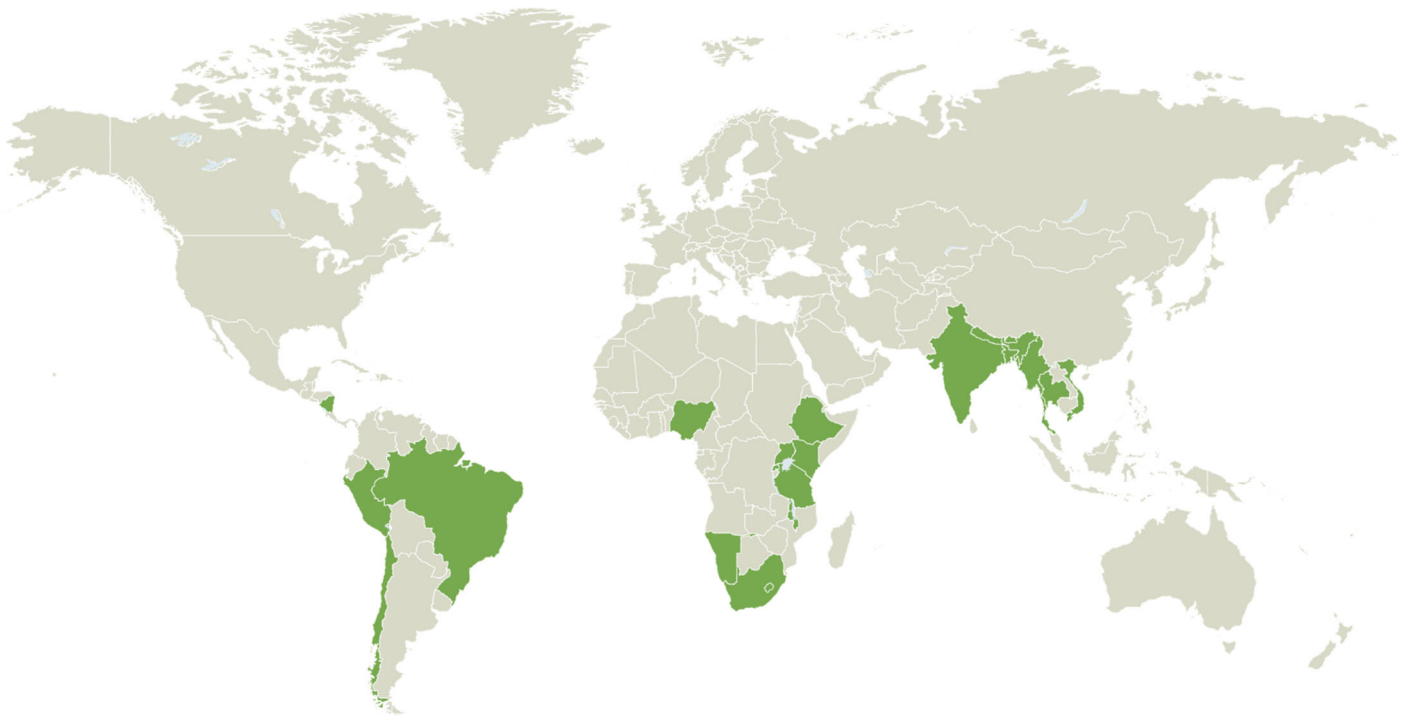


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Rural Development in the Global South

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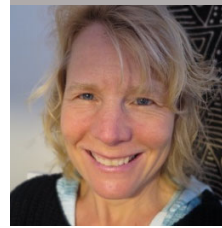


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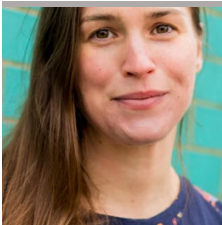
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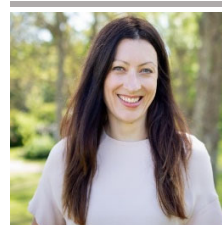
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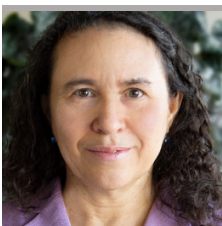
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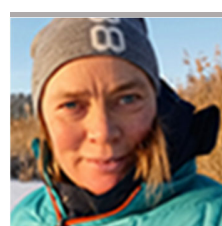
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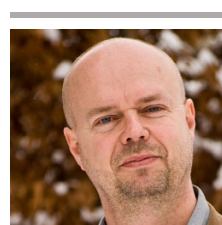
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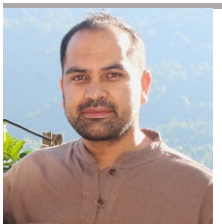
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Research projects



Who caught my fish?: Can traceability systems stop labour rights violations in fisheries?

2024-2027

The project's objective is to investigate the potential of the EU mHREDD directive - Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence - for addressing labour rights in Vietnam's current fisheries reform. It will answer the question, 'who is really paying the price for cheap seafood?' entering the EU market.

Alin Kadfak

<https://www.slu.se/who-caught-my-fish> and www.justseafood.org



Tracing the double negative: Marine ecologies and worker precarity in Southeast Asian trash fish supply chains

2024-2027

The project investigates how trash fish supply chains impact marine resource depletion and worker precarity in Southeast Asia.

Alin Kadfak

<https://www.slu.se/tracing-the-double-negative> and www.justseafood.org



GOAT POWER: Can top-down intensification of goat production for climate resilience empower women in Zambia?

2024-2027

The project critically evaluates the assumption that goat intensification programs in Zambia contribute to women farmers' empowerment through a mixed methods research approach.

Johanna Bergman Lodin, Gwendolyn Varley

<https://www.slu.se/goatpower>



The Future of Agrarian Mountain Livelihoods (FAML): Youth Aspirations and Irrigation Modernisation in Nepal

2024-2027

This study will provide valuable insights into the ways in which youth can participate in decision-making processes on water resource governance to ensure just agrarian futures in Nepal.

Stephanie Leder-Büttner, Marien Gonzalez-Hidalgo, Gitta Shrestha

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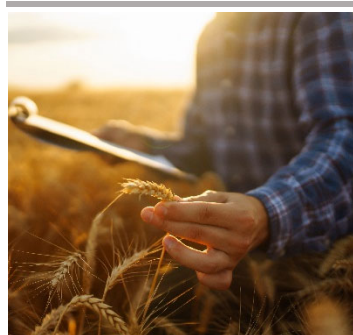
Living with uncertainty in South Asia Mountains

2023-2024

This 2 year network project aims to generate research and practice around local resilience, as well as promote a debate on policy strategies to deal with insecurity for the poorest in the mountain areas of Bhutan, India and Nepal.

Kristina Marquardt, Adam Pain, Dil Bahadur Khatri

<https://www.slu.se/uncertainty>



FoodAct: Action Research for Sustainable Food Security in times of Crisis - Agroecology in Sweden, Italy and Chile

2023-2025

The project aims to describe, analyze and develop agroecological transformation processes, in order to propose measures for sustainable food supply in times of crisis based on these results. This takes place through change-oriented collaboration between researchers and farmers.

Cristián Alarcón Ferrari, Margarita Cuadra, Johanna Bergman Lodin

<https://www.slu.se/food-act>



Reimagining land futures for Sustainable Development in India

2023-2025

The aim of this project is to explore the possibilities of returning land currently occupied by coal to communities in central-eastern India in support of just and sustainable livelihoods.

Patrik Oskarsson, Sarthak Shukla

<https://www.slu.se/land-futures>



Secondary forests, commodity frontiers and the micro-politics of land claims: Struggling to build smallholder forest futures

2023-2025

How do specific commodity frontiers reshape smallholder secondary forestry and with what effects? How do different social actors understand what secondary forest areas should be used for? The project examines how the cultivation of cocoa and maize in Peru drives interconnected processes.

Kristina Marquardt, Adam Pain, Céline Marie Scülfort, Örjan Bartholdson

<https://www.slu.se/commodity-frontiers>



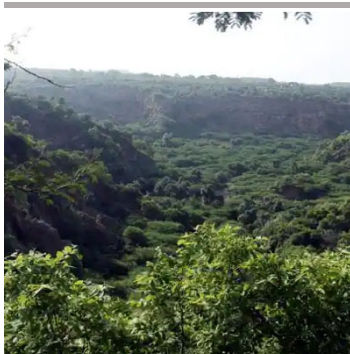
Can community forest governance improve rural prosperity and well-being from forest restoration?

2023-2026

The project aims to contribute to development of a model for just forest restoration that can link global environmental priorities with diverse societal benefits in support of a broader vision of human thriving.

Harry Fischer

<https://www.slu.se/community-governance>



Building synergies between biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and rural prosperity through community forest governance

2023-2026

How, and under what conditions, can community forest governance lead to improvements in human well-being, carbon sequestration, and biodiversity from forest restoration?

Harry Fischer, Dil Bahadur Khatri

<https://www.slu.se/building-synergies>



Bridging the metabolic rift: an epistemic justice perspective on land use conflicts in Kigoma, Tanzania

2023-2025

Taking a political economy and epistemic justice perspective, conflicts between farmers and agro-pastoralists in Kigoma, Tanzania are explored in collaboration with the local community by making a movie about the conflicts together.

Karolina Wallin Fernqvist

<https://www.slu.se/land-conflicts-movie>



Planning for a just coal energy transition from the ground up: Engaging coalfield communities in India for a fossil-free future

2022-2024

This research project engages coalfield communities in India to develop a replicable framework for a just energy transition that is participatory, bottom-up and socially inclusive.

Patrik Oskarsson

<https://www.slu.se/just-transition>



Wild animals – biodiversity or pest? Creating local dialogues for dealing with farming-wildlife conflicts in rural Himalayan landscapes

2022-2026

Interdisciplinary project investigating the links between conflicts of interest and the socio-economic dynamics of agricultural decline and forest expansion in multicultural mountain communities in Nepal.

Dil Bahadur Khatri, Kristina Marquardt, Binod Adhikari

<https://www.slu.se/wild-animals>



Dead deals? Exploring property making and land inequality in a post-investment setting

2022-2025

This project explores the effects of cancelled large-scale agricultural projects on land use, access and livelihoods for small farmers and pastoralists in Tanzania. By studying six cancelled investments and applying access theory and social justice perspectives, the project produces knowledge about property making in a context of uncertainty.

Linda Engström

<https://www.slu.se/towards-land-equality>



Gendered perspectives on Hydroponics fodder Technology in Rural Rwanda

2022-2026

This PhD study investigates the gendered perspectives on the adoption of hydroponics fodder technology and how the adoption of this technology shape the gendered relations within rural households in Eastern Rwanda.

Patrick Mugiraneza, Linley Chiwona Karlton, Linus Rosen

<https://www.slu.se/gendered-hydroponics>



The potential of smallholder poultry farming in transforming rural livelihoods in Rwanda

2022-2026

This PhD Research project investigates how smallholder poultry farming can enhance rural household food and nutrition security, and promote gender equality in Rwanda.

Marie Christine Dusingize, Linley Chiwona Karlton, Kristina Marquardt

<http://www.slu.se/smallholder-poultry-farming>



What is secondary about secondary forest? Building smallholder forest futures in Peru's Amazonian frontier

2021-2023

The project investigates what forest futures can be built, by whom and how, at the forest frontiers in the Peruvian Amazon, and what the role of forest conservation policies are in this.

Kristina Marquardt, Adam Pain, Céline Marie Scülfort, Örjan Bartholdson

<https://www.slu.se/secondary-forests>



Sweatshops at Sea: Labour reform in the Thai seafood supply chain via hybrid global governance

2020-2022

The project investigated the implementation of hybrid global governance in the Thai seafood supply chain focusing on labour standards.

Alin Kadfak

<https://www.slu.se/sweatshops-at-sea>



Towards a more Sustainable Consumption of Carbon Credits

2020-2023

The project aim was to develop a publicly available online tool for assessing social dimensions of tree planting for carbon sequestration in low-income countries. The online 'carbon guide' is now published on SLU's website.

Flora Hajdu, Linda Engström, Theresé Engvall

<https://www.slu.se/sustainable-consumption>



"We are planting trees in Africa": Swedish discourses and local effects of carbon forestry projects in Africa

2020-2025

The project explores how Swedish consumers and actors perceive carbon compensation-motivated tree planting projects in African localities, and how imagined local social impacts relate to the realities in host countries.

Flora Hajdu, Klara Fischer, Linda Engström, Theresé Engvall

<https://www.slu.se/trees-in-africa>



Governing Climate Resilient Futures: Gender, justice and conflict resolution...

2019-2024

By expanding the conceptualization of resilience to include a theory of change that embeds resilience within social-political relations, conflicts, and struggles over authority and rights, this project conceptualizes resilience as a sustainability outcome rather than a state; probing the causes of conflict in environmental governance; and generating methodologies to tackle development challenges.

Andrea Nightingale, Noémi Gonda

<https://www.slu.se/governing-futures>



The Practice of Resilience in Mountain Landscapes: Exploring risk and landscape investments in rural Nepal

2019-2025

This project investigates long-term landscape investments in order to understand how people's landscape use and economic and social structures are mutually constituted with very different outcomes for different social groups in a hierarchical society such as Nepal I.

Kristina Marquardt, Dil Bahadur Khatri, Örjan Bartholdson,

<https://www.slu.se/practice-of-resilience>



Exploring Governance Regimes through Agricultural Land Grabbing Dynamics

2019-2024

This project investigates to what extent agricultural land grabbing processes are inserted in broader governance struggles over power relations and identities. It explores the linkages between the development of authoritarian regimes and environmental governance based on field study in Nicaragua and Hungary.

Noémi Gonda

<https://www.slu.se/land-grabbing>



Revitalizing community-managed irrigation systems in the context of out-migration in Nepal

2019-2025

This project studies how gender and social relations revitalize collective natural resource management and improve food security in rural households of the Global South.

Stephanie Leder-Büttner

<https://www.slu.se/revitalizing>



Coal Conflicts: Participatory resource governance for improved sustainability and conflict resolution in India and Mozambique

2018-2020

The project explored the possibilities for a sustainable use of carbon through local resource management in two poor/poverty-stricken regions with major carbon assets, in the state of Jharkhand in East India and the Tete Province in northwestern Mozambique.

Patrik Oskarsson

<https://www.slu.se/coal-conflicts>

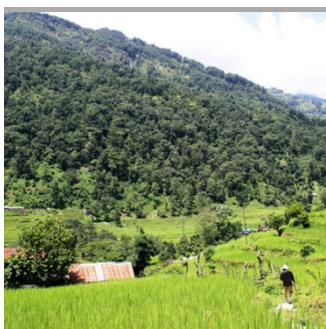


Gender relations in Rwanda's agriculture - continuity or change?

2018-2025

This project studies how gender relations are reproduced, challenged and changed through agricultural practices in Rwanda. By taking a feminist political ecology perspective, the overarching objective of the research is to understand how agriculture - practiced and governed - can lead to emancipation for marginalized people engaged in agriculture.

Katarina Pettersson, Karolin Andersson, Johanna Bergman Lodin



Forest and Agrarian Transition, Smallholder Practices and the New Forms of Land Governance

2018-2020

This project investigated forest and agrarian transitions models and how they are equipped (or not) to explain complex interactions of forest conservation initiatives and local smallholder practices in Brazil, Nepal and Peru.

Adam Pain, Kristina Marquardt, Dil Bahadur Khatri, Örjan Bartholdson

<https://www.slu.se/transition/>



Can Cash Transfers have Long-term Effects on Rural Livelihoods in Poor Countries?

2015-2020

Long-term material and social relational effects of cash transfers on rural livelihoods were explored in two villages in rural South Africa with the aim to generate evidence on the recent turn towards social protection in development policy. A new application aims to investigate effects of a Covid-19 distress grant.

Flora Hajdu

<https://www.slu.se/cash-transfer>

The Rural Development in the Global South group in Uppsala on 22nd May 2024

