



## Research and PhD seminar:

# RESPONSIVE AND DELIBERATIVE GOVERNANCE IN NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND POLICY

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Joensuu, University of Eastern Finland 16th and 17th of April, 2015

Thursday at 12-18 (+ social event starting at 18:30) and Friday at 9-15

Organized by Institute for Natural Resources, Environment and Society (LYY), University of Eastern Finland in cooperation with Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UNIPID)

**REGISTRATION:** <https://elomake.uef.fi/lomakkeet/11070/lomake.html>

During this two days research seminar, we aim to discuss the various approaches to deliberative and responsive governance and analyse various cases where the deliberation over rights and responsibilities in natural resources management and policy takes place. The seminar seeks to bring together researchers and research that engages with questions related to responsive and deliberative governance of natural resources management and conservation as well as research studying environmental conflicts and various environmental planning interventions and impact assessment.

The responsive and deliberative governance aims to empower local citizens to influence the natural resources management and policy. The goal of responsive natural resources governance is to include wide range of actors and differing visions into local and regional natural resources management and conservation. The responsive and deliberative approach argues for development and social change that is strongly influenced by the local population in interaction with the companies, authorities, or other relevant actors. Usually deliberation refers to debate and discussion aimed at producing reasonable, well-informed opinions in which participants are willing to revise preferences in light of discussion, new information, and claims made by fellow participants. Responsive governance model emphasizes a government that is open and responsive to civil society and the private sector, one that is more accountable, and better regulated by external watchdogs and the law. Governments or corporations to be seen as responsive and deliberative, must adopt a governance model that focuses on articulating, aggregating, and incorporating in an active way the interests of the citizens in the policy making process, instead of seeing them as customers who would consume whatever policy or programme that the government offers.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

*Jens Friis Lund* is an associate professor at the Department of Food and Resources Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark. His research focuses on natural resources governance in developing countries, in particular participatory or decentralized approaches to forestry and wildlife management in Tanzania and Nepal. He has also done research on the political economy of timber governance in Ghana. Lastly, in a Danish context, he has done research on economic and social issues of hunting and other recreational uses of forests and natural landscapes. His current research interests include: relations between knowledge and power in participatory processes; impacts of participatory policies on conservation, livelihoods and social equity and; the political economy of natural resources management.

Jens is presently involved in a number of research activities in Nepal, Tanzania, Kenya and Denmark. Find more information from: <http://ifro.ku.dk/english/staff/?pure=en/persons/267381>

*Daniel Franks* is a deputy director of the Strategy and Mineral Policy at the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRM), University of Queensland, Australia. His research interests lie across the sustainability of the extractive resource industries with a particular focus on the social and environmental change associated with mining and energy developments. Daniel serves as a co-chair for Social Impact Assessment at the International Association for Impact Assessment and is a member of the Good Governance of Extractive and Land Resources Thematic Group of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He has field experience at more than 40 mining and energy sites internationally and has authored publications on topics such as mining policy, resource governance, social impact assessment, cumulative impacts and company-community relations. Find more information related to his research and institute from: <https://www.csr.uq.edu.au/people/daniel-franks>

*Irmeli Mustalahti* is an academy research fellow at Department of Geographical and Historical Studies. She is currently leading an Academy of Finland funded research project called "REDD+: The new regime to enhance or reduce equity in global environmental governance? A comparative study in Tanzania, Mexico and Laos". In 2012-2014, she was a leader of Academy of Finland funded research project called "Towards Responsive Governance in Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation? Comparative case study in Tanzania and Nepal". The main aim of her current research is to analyse forest governance as an environmental governance mechanism that can lead to expected and unexpected impact in the local communities and through it, distribution of benefits, risks and opportunities of land use and forest management. Currently, she is studying, proposing funding and involved theoretical debates on responsive governance in forest based bio-economy in Finland. You can find a short introduction related to her research from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ-2NvDT6ZM>

#### **PROGRAMME & VENUE:**

The seminar is organized by the Natural Resources, Environment & Society Doctoral Programme and LYY Institute from the University of Eastern Finland. More information available: <http://www.uef.fi/fi/lyy/doctoral-programme>).

Researchers and doctoral students are requested to propose papers for presentations until 27th of 2015. If you are interested in presenting, send your abstract (max 500 words) to Paula.Inkeroinen@uef.fi. The detailed programme will be developed according to these proposed papers. The final deadline for the accepted paper will be 10th of April (max 8000 words).

The venue of the seminar is Olympia, 3B-building (5th floor) in Science Park of Joensuu (Thu at 12-18 and Fri at 9-15). And on Thursday, you are welcome to have a social event and sauna at University of Eastern Finland Joensuu Campus.

The seminar is free of charge, however, participants are responsible for their travelling and accommodation.

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