



UNIVERSITY OF AGDER



The Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU)

Annual Conference 2009

Call for Abstracts

The New Global Setting: Development Challenges and Alternatives

University of Agder, 23-24 November 2009

The NFU Annual Conference 2009 will raise issues on the complexity of the new global situation and discuss its challenges and alternatives. Special attention will be given to development in a time of financial and economic turmoil, large-scale unemployment, climate changes, shifting geo-political alliances as they all represent different challenges to local and global development agendas. Consequently, researching, rethinking and practicing development are facing huge challenges. In this conference we aim to stimulate debate and reflections on these issues including existing and new theoretical perspectives, methodologies, approaches and practices that can address the challenges.

We hereby call for abstracts for the NFU Annual Conference 2009

Deadline: 2 October 2009

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For further information: <http://www.uia.no/nfu>

Organising institute:

Centre for Development Studies

University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway

Keynote speakers (in alphabetical order)

Mirjam de Bruijn, Professor of Contemporary History and Anthropology of West and Central Africa at the Faculty of Arts, University of Leiden.

Paul Collier, Professor of Economics, Director of the Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Department of Economics, University of Oxford and Professorial Fellow of St. Antony's College.

Johan Galtung, Professor, Peace Researcher and a principal founder of the discipline of Peace and Conflict Studies. Currently the Director of TRANSCEND, an international Peace and Development Network.

Nils Petter Gleditsch, Research Professor at the Centre for the Study of Civil War (CSCW) at the International Peace Research Institute (PRIO), Oslo.

Uma Kothari, Professor at Institute for Development Policy and Management, School of Environment and Development, University of Manchester.

Mohamed Salih, Professor of Politics of Development at the Institute for Social Studies (ISS), The Hague and the Department of Political Science, University of Leiden.

In addition to plenary sessions, the NFU-conference features a **roundtable conference** and **parallel thematic sessions**:

Roundtable conference

A roundtable with representatives from public authority, academia, NGOs, public and private sector discussing:

“Development challenges and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)”

Chair: Jon P. Knudsen, Dean, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Agder.
Coordinator: Karen Landmark, Advisor Dale Bang

Sessions

Papers will be organised in thematic sessions. Detailed information on the thematic sessions will soon be available at the conference website www.uia.no/nfu

The following sessions have been approved:

1. Climate change, conflict and livelihoods

Coordinator: Christian Webersik, United Nations University's Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)/University of Agder
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2. Bio-fuel – development for whom?

Coordinator: Kjell Havnevik, Nordic Africa Institute/University of Agder.

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3. Global challenges and emerging diseases

Coordinator: Svein Gunnar Gundersen, Sørlandet Hospital HF/University of Agder.

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4. Environmental hazards: Catastrophes only for the poor?

Coordinator: Arne Olav Øyhus, University of Agder.

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5. Development in the context of the current economic crisis

Coordinator: Rune Skarstein, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU).

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6. The impact of the new global powers

Coordinator: Lars Harald Bockman, Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo.

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7. Cultural flows in a globalized world

Coordinator: Oddvar Hollup, University of Agder.

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8. Urbanization

Coordinator: Jonathan Baker, University of Agder.

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9. Repairing neo-liberalism? Rights, social inclusion and environmental sustainability in Latin America

Coordinator: Benedicte Bull, Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), University of Oslo.

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10. Social movements and the new left in Latin America

Coordinator: Hanne Haaland, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA) /University of Agder.

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11. Corporate social responsibility and development

Coordinators: Bjørn-Tore Blindheim, University of Stavanger and Ragnhild Madland, University of Agder.

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12. Dynamics of development policies through private sector and government interaction

Coordinators: Tewodros A. Kebede and Anne Hatløy from Fafo Institute for Applied International Studies (AIS).

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13. Microfinance as a development strategy

Coordinators: Titus Tenga and Øyvind Aadland, Strømme Foundation.

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14. The impact of globalized security discourses on local development in post-conflict areas

Coordinator: Ingrid Nyborg, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Noragric).

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15. War, conflict and development: The role of military actors in the current development setting

Coordinator: Arne Strand, Chr.Michelsen Institute (CMI).

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16. Researching gender and welfare in Africa

Coordinator: Hege Wallevik, Agder Research.

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17. Mobility and indigenous rights

Coordinator: Smita Mishra Panda, Human Development Foundation, Orissa, India.

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18. ICT and sustainable development

Coordinator: Devinder Thapa and Janis Gailis, University of Agder.

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19. Global access to education

Coordinators: Anne Marie Støkken and Ståle Angen Rye, University of Agder.

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20. Media and Development: New technologies, old issues?

Coordinators: Oddgeir Tveiten, University of Agder and Terje Skjerdal, Gimlekollen School of Journalism and Communication.

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21. Critical perspectives on the construction of development discourses

Coordinators: Hans Kjetil Lysgård, University of Agder and Jørn Cruickshank, Agder Research.

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22. De-colonising research: power, methodology and ethics

Coordinator: Anne Ryen, University of Agder.

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23. Safety, security regimes and humanitarian operations

Coordinators: Bjørn Ivar Kruke and Odd Einar Olsen, University of Stavanger.

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24. Education for sustainable development

Coordinator: Anders Breidlid, Oslo University College.

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Abstract requirements

Paper abstracts should include the following:

- ✚ The title and an abstract of about 500 words
- ✚ The session considered most relevant
- ✚ The name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of the author(s)
- ✚ Nationality and gender
- ✚ Full contact information

Abstracts should be submitted electronically to the contact person for the session considered most relevant. Please send your abstract (or a full draft of the paper) to **SESSION COORDINATOR** with a copy to camilla.michalsen@uia.no

A Conference Proceedings will be published. Those participants who wish their paper to be considered for publication will have their submission evaluated by an editorial group prior to publication.

Please send your complete paper to camilla.michalsen@uia.no by 2 November 2009:

- ✚ Complete paper (maximum 25 pages, double-spaced including abstracts, paper, tables, appendices, and references).

Timetable

- + Deadline Abstracts: 2 October 2009**
- + Communication of acceptance: 14 October 2009**
- + Deadline full paper: 2 November 2009**