Seminar on Development Research, RUC, 12 March 2009

All RUC personnel with an interest in development research are invited to take part in the seminar. The seminar completes the work that was initiated in September 2008, where it was decided to create an overview of RUC's activities in the field of development studies and research - with the goal of creating a profile paper that can be used to promote RUC towards external partners in the field. In September it was decided to set up a working group with representation from all areas. The group was given the following tasks:

- Use the mapping to create an overview of the many activities at RUC and the many contacts that exist.
- Invite all interested personnel to a seminar on RUC's activities in development research with the purpose of creating a profile that can distinguish RUC from other players in the field, i.e. the other Danish universities primarily and possibly create new and exiting collaborations within RUC.
- Create a profile paper that can be used to show the outside world what RUC can offer in this field.

Participants in the the working group:

- Lars Jensen, CUID
- Thomas Tufte, CBIT
- Signe Arnfred, ISG
- Henrik Secher Markussen, ISG
- Kristine Juul, ENSPAC
- Søren Lund, ENSPAC
- Torben Lund, NSM

Programme, 12 March 2009, 12-16 hrs, Theory room 01

Chair: Signe Arnfred

• 12.00 - 13.00:

Lunch. Please note it is necessary to sign up for the lunch

• 13.00 - 13.15:

Welcome and introduction by Thomas Tufte and Henrik Secher Markussen

• 13.15 - 14.15:

Presentations: Cultural Encounters, Communication, TEKSAM, and Geography

• 14.15 - 14.30:

Coffee break

• 14.30 - 15:00:

Presentations: ISG, NSM

• 15.00 - 16.00:

Discussions and summing up by Thomas Tufte and Henrik Secher Markussen

Input from the areas

In order for the working group to be able to complete the profiling of RUC's activities in development research it is crucial that the different scientific areas make their final

contribution. The purpose of this half-day seminar is to be able to finalise the mapping of the activities and get an idea of where the development research at RUC is heading. Each area should prepare a short written presentation (max 3 pages) of their activities and their future plans: Number of presentations: Cultural Encounters, Communication, TEKSAM, Geography, and NSM, 1 each; ISG 2.

The written presentations must:

- Be in English
- Relate to the mapping of the activities of the area. What does the mapping show, what are the focus areas and strengths of the area?
- Where is the area heading? What are the future plans of the area?
- Examples of activities with a focus on best practise. How has the group working in the area been successful?
- Focus on organization and processes not on specific issues within the field.

Each area will make a 10 minutes presentation of their written contribution (se programme above).

Please mail the written presentations to ghd@ruc.dk no later than 9 March. Please remember to sign up for the lunch no later than 9 March.

This invitation goes out to the persons who participated in the seminar in September together with the people who have signed up for the list since then. The people who are on the list will also have received access to the BSCW folder where all relevant documents are made available. Others with an interest in development research are of course also welcome. Please forward this invitation to the relevant people.

Yours sincerely,

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NB: List of participants attached.

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