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**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: 21 September 2009**

**Contact e-mail:** [nfu-konferanse@uia.no](mailto:nfu-konferanse@uia.no)

**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**, Senior Lecturer in Social Development, Institute for Development Policy and Management, 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](http://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**

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

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

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## **13. Microfinance as a development strategy**

Coordinator: 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**

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

Coordinator: 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

Coordinator: 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

Coordinator: Bjørn Ivar Kruse and Odd Einar Olsen, University of Stavanger

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## 24. Education for development

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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](mailto:camilla.michalsen@uia.no)

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

## **Timetable**

- ✚ Deadline Abstracts: 21 September 2009**
- ✚ Communication of acceptance: 14 October 2009**
- ✚ Deadline full paper: 2 November 2009**