

Who is who in the SCAR ARCH strategic working group



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Niels Fold - My research addresses the relationship between economic-geographic globalization processes and local responses, primarily examined through the analytical lens of global value chains (GVCs). I have specialized in agro-industrial value chains that connect producers in the Global South and consumers in the Global North. I aim to understand rural development and agrarian transformation by combining structural (GVC) analysis with livelihood studies. This approach is applied to the study of settlement development and rural-urban relations in rural areas dominated by particular crops. Furthermore, my research encompasses broader patterns of regional development in the Global South such as the dynamics in rural hinterlands of rapidly growing metropolitan areas.

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Susanne Johansson holds a PhD in agronomy from the Swedish university of agricultural sciences and is a senior research officer at the Swedish research council Formas. As such her main focus areas are working with international research and innovation collaborations on agricultural sciences. At present Susanne is a national expert for the EU Mission A soil deal for Europe, as well as Vice Chair of the Governing Board of the EU partnership AGROECOLOGY – Accelerating farming systems transition through agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures. In addition to SCAR ARCH, she is also member of SCAR WG on agroecology and represents Sweden in SCAR Steering Group. Relevant to SCAR ARCH's areas, Susanne was a Senior research advisor at the Swedish development agency Sida during 2020-2022.

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