

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR EPIDEMIOLOGY & POPULATION HEALTH

Participatory Scenarios as a Tool for Planning Climate Change and other Adaptation

A Master Class for Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Students

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Thursday 7 May 2009, 12noon - 5pm
Drawing Room, University House, ANU

THE PROGRAM

The use of scenario exercises for helping decision makers to design robust strategies in the face of multiple uncertainties has been growing across a variety of settings and issues. This half-day master class will introduce participants to a number of issues involved in appropriately using scenarios. Dr Ericksen will lead participants through two different scenario exercises relevant to addressing the question "How should the decision making processes relevant for managing food systems best embrace the additional climate change dimension in what is already a complicated planning process?" The scenarios developed in research programs in Southern Africa and the Caribbean will be used to identify alternative adaptation options for progressing environmental management in parallel with food systems management. The examples will be used to discuss which adaptation options favour ecosystem services and why; and which favour food security outcomes and why. Discussion will focus on the possibility of identifying options which favour both equally.



THE LECTURER

Dr Polly Ericksen holds degrees in History (BA), Economics (MSc) and Soil Science (PhD). She has spent the past 17 years doing research (and some development practice) on agriculture, environmental management, poverty alleviation and food security in low-income countries and regions of Latin America, Africa and South Asia. Most of her career has been spent in interdisciplinary and international research teams and settings. She currently works with the Global Environmental Change and Food Systems (GECAFS) project, based at the University of Oxford. Most recently she has become interested in pathways for adaptation to climate change, and she is searching for useful tools and approaches to help work with a range of stakeholders on these issues.

THE FEE

There is no charge. A light lunch and afternoon tea are included.

TO APPLY

The course is restricted to 25 participants. Selection will be on a combination of first-come-first-served and ensuring representation of a diversity of disciplinary backgrounds.

Only registered ANU students are eligible. **Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, 1 May 2009.**
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