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Seminar 22 September 2010: Mobilising Swedish Social Science Research on Sustainability

Location: “New York” at the World Trade Centre, Stockholm

Time: 10.00–16.30

Language: English

The aim of the seminar is to initiate the discussion on elevating the position of social science research on sustainability in Sweden.

The first part of the seminar focuses on the future of social science research on sustainability in relation to the outcome and conclusions of the evaluation *Mobilising Swedish Social Science Research on Sustainability* that has been carried out by the main Swedish funders of research on sustainability. Researchers are invited to comment and reflect on the evaluation – where should we go and what should we do?

The second part of the seminar brings together researchers and users of the research to discuss the nature and relevance of social science research for sustainability. The discussion explores the dynamics of the relevance concept by presenting different perspectives.

Agenda:

9.30–10.00 Registration and coffee

The Future of Social Science Research on Sustainability

10.00	Welcome	Moderator: Rolf Annerberg, Formas
	Presentation: Conclusions of the Evaluation	Johan Eellend, Formas
10.30	Commentaries: the Future of Research on Sustainability	Victor Galaz, Stockholm University and Stockholm Resilience Centre Åsa Löfgren, University of Gothenburg Magnus Ljung, The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Cecilia Fredriksson, Lund University
11.45	Questions and Discussion (panel) Break	Panel and moderator

The Relevance of Social Science Research on Sustainability

Moderator: Göran Blomqvist, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

12.00	Presentation: the uses and users of social science: a critical discussion of policy relevance	Elizabeth Shove, Lancaster University
12.45	Lunch	
14.00	Commentary on: the uses and users of social science: a critical discussion of policy relevance	Daniel Tarschys, Chairman, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond
Order of presentations to be decided	Dialogue	Sverker Sörlin, Royal Institute of Technology, Mikael Karlsson, The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
15.00	Coffee	
15.30	Questions and Discussion (panel)	
16.15	End of seminar	Representatives of the research funding organisations: Rolf Annerberg, Formas, Göran Blomqvist, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond and Lars-Erik Liljelund, Mistra