

Official external seminar

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Frederiksborgvej 399, 4000 Roskilde

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Venue: K1.36, AU East

Title: “Towards a Sustainable Future Earth”

Challenges and Research Agendas Internationally and in Brazil

Speaker:

Myanna Lahssen, Anthropologist, Senior Associate Researcher,
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Abstract:

This presentation evaluates current knowledge production and science-policy interface structures in place internationally and in Brazil to support a transformation to sustainability, with central focus on efforts to redesign research agendas and institutions to better support a transition towards sustainability. Highlighting both accomplishments and continued challenges such efforts face, it identifies powerful resistances favoring habitual rather than innovative lines of research – resistances that need to be recognized and countered in both international and national scientific institutions to nurture the needed knowledge and action for a transformation to a more environmentally sustainable and just world. Draws on two decades of observant participation in environmental research communities in the United States, Europe, Brazil, and internationally, including the Visioning Process that led to Future Earth, the presentation discusses research implications of climate- and water-related risks generated by agricultural expansion in the Brazilian Savanna, including needed contributions from the environmental social sciences and humanities.

Host:

Pia Frederiksen, Head of Section, Senior researcher, Emission modeling & environmental geography, Department of Environmental Science, Aarhus University

External guests interested in attending the presentation should email

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