

Rural Development and Social Movements

This area of specialization focuses on the dynamics of agrarian and rural change in the era of globalization. It is concerned with understanding the roles played by, and the interactions between, structures, institutions and actors, and how they (re)shape each other.

This research area is also concerned with understanding the changes and challenges in the theories and practices of rural development and agrarian movements. Scholarly research and practice in this area at the local, national and international levels seek to understand how the processes at these various levels influence one another. This area of specialization covers several contemporary rural issues in developing countries: rural poverty, rural-urban links, agrarian reform, land property rights, forest policy and politics, agricultural development, among others.