

World agriculture – how it works, globally and at farm level

Seminar about a new international textbook With Carin Martiin, Paul Brassley, Janken Myrdal, Shanshan Zhang and Cecilia Waldenström

Time	Thursday 17 October, 12:30 – 16:30 ca. (Lunch is served from 12:30. The seminar begins at 13:30)
Place	The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, Drottninggatan 95 B, Stockholm
Registration	No later than Monday 14 October (klick here). Questions: jimmy.lyhagen@ksla.se (Please note that registration is required, as well as deregistration if you are unable to attend)
Price	Free of charge!

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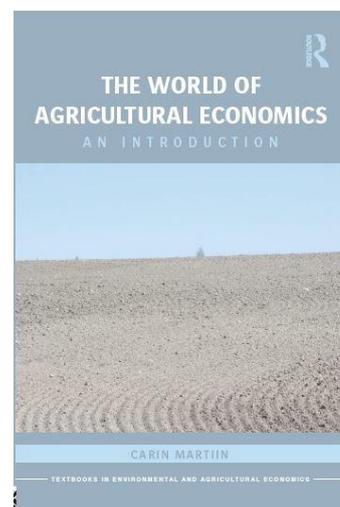
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World agriculture includes many differences – but also many similarities. The climate differs as well as economic, social and political conditions, but all farmers depend on the weather and are engaged in biological production. How farming works in different parts of the world is the core issue of the international textbook on agriculture that forms the basis of the seminar. The book title, *The World of Agricultural Economics: An introduction*, is to be understood in its wide international meaning that, among other things, includes farm production, farm management, resource use, food trade, food security, food safety, and rural development.

The book is primarily written as an introduction for agronomy students in different parts of the world, but also for students in fields such as: demography, human geography, international relations, natural resources, environment, rural development, rural sociology, and veterinary medicine. Additionally the book is interesting for professionals, such as journalists and people engaged in varying parts of the food chain.

At the seminar, the author **Carin Martiin**, agronomist and agrarian historian at Agrarian and Rural History at SLU, Ultuna, tells about the book contents; efforts to find a functioning platform for readers with different backgrounds; about the process of writing; and the contacts with the publisher.



The panel also includes: **Janken Myrdal**, Professor in Agrarian and Rural History at SLU, Ultuna; **Paul Brassley**, Exeter University and the British Agricultural History Society; **Shanshan Zhang**, PhD student at SLU, Umeå and Xi'an, China; **Cecilia Waldenström**, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Rural Development, SLU, Ultuna. The panel will discuss the book from varying perspectives.



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Programme

- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
13:30 **Welcoming**, Carl-Anders Helander, Academy secretary and VD
13:35 **Global agriculture – global history**, Janken Myrdal, Professor, SLU
13:50 **World agriculture in 21 chapters: Organising, writing and publishing**, Carin Martiin, Associate Professor, SLU, and book author
14:20 **Managing the farm in the world economy: Reflections and thoughts with reference to the book**, Shanshan Zhang, PhD student, SLU
14:35 **A rural development perspective**, Cecilia Waldenström, Associate Professor, SLU
14:50 Questions
15:00 Coffee
15:30 **Reading, writing and reflecting on agriculture**, Paul Brassley, Exeter University, England
16:00 Questions and discussion
16:25 Concluding comment, Janken Myrdal

The World of Agricultural Economics: An introduction has recently been published at Routledge, a global publisher in academic books and journals in humanities and social sciences. Routledge was established in England in 1851 and is now part of the Taylor & Francis Group.

Book contents:

Part I, Ways into agriculture: 1. Agricultural economics, a common ground 2. Fundamentals of agriculture 3. Market and subsistence oriented agriculture 4. The food chain; *Part II, World agriculture:* 5. World population and food 6. Areas and crops 7. World animal production 8. Agricultural production of non-foods; *Part III, In need of land and soil:* 9. Access to farmland 10. Farms and fields 11. Soils, the world beneath the surface 12. Water and plant nutrients; *Part IV, The many faces of farming:* 13. The growing season 14. Weeds, seeds and other crop issues 15. Animal production, resources and strategies 16. Animal feeding, health and breeding; *Part V: Managing the farm and the market:* 17. Managing the farm 18. Working with agriculture 19. Beyond the farm gate 20. International agricultural trade 21. Making food as safe as possible.

Welcome!

Carl-Anders Helander
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