

Rurality, Livelihoods, and Gender (LU0096)

01 September - 02 November 2025

Department of Urban & Rural Development

SLU, Uppsala

Updated: 31 July 2025

Schedule is subject to changes - please check Canvas for latest information

Course leaders: Gwen Varley and Margarita Cuadra

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
36	01 Sep	02 Sep	03 Sep	04 Sep	05 Sep
	11.30-12.30				
	Location: Sal V, Ulls hus				
	Roll call for Rural Development and Natural Resource Management Master's program led by directors of study				
		13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00		
		Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Zoom		
		Lecturer: Margarita Cuadra	Lecturer: Gwen Varley		
		Title: Course Introduction	Title: What is rurality and rural development?		

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
37	08 Sep	09 Sep	10 Sep	11 Sep	12 Sep
			Submit initial self reflection (due at 18.00)	10.00-12.00	
				Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	
				Lecturer: Jonathan Rahn	
				Title: Forestry and rural development in Sweden	
	14.00-16.00		Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
	Location: Sal Y, Ulls hus			Location: Sal R, Ulls hus	Location: Sal R, Ulls hus
	Lecturer: Gwen Varley			Lecturer: Gwen Varley	Literature Seminar 1
	Title: Academic citation and avoiding plagiarism			Title: What does it mean for rural livelihoods to be sustainable?	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
38	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep	18 Sep	19 Sep
					9.00-10.00
	10.00-12.00				Location: Room Grimsö, 4th floor Ulls hus
	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus (ZOOM)				Lecturer: Margarita Cuadra
	Lecturer: Flora Hajdu				Title: Info about the master's program in Rural Development and Natural Resource Management
	Title: Livelihoods and rural development: Cases from Africa				
	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00		13.00-15.00	
	Location: Sal R, Ulls hus	Location: Sal R, Ulls hus		Location: Sal R, Ulls hus	
	Lecturer: Gwen Varley	Lecturer: Malin Persson		Lecturer: Gwen Varley	
	Title: Does ethical AI exist? + How is the tech industry shaping rural places and development spaces?	Title: To find, use, and handle information	Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00	Title: Are rural areas more sociopolitically conservative than urban areas?	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
39	22 Sep	23 Sep	24 Sep	25 Sep	26 Sep
			Agri4D Conference	Agri4D Conference	
	13.00-15.00				13.00-15.00
	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus				Location: Sal U, Ulls hus
	Lecturer: Gwen Varley				Literature Seminar 2
	Title: How are agricultural livelihoods gendered? What role does gender inequality play in rural development?		Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00		

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
40	29 Sep	30 Sep	01 Oct	02 Oct	03 Oct
Mid-Term Assessment					
	Office hours	Writing Assignment due at 9am	Complete mid-term reflection form (due 9am)	Individual feedback sessions	Individual feedback sessions

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
41	06 Oct	07 Oct	08 Oct	09 Oct	10 Oct
	10.00-12.00			10.00-12.00	
	Location: Sal O2, Undervisningshuset			Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	
	Lecturer: Johanna Bergman Lodin			Lecturer: Linley Chiwona Karlton	
	Title: Gendered access to agricultural resources			Title: Concepts and understandings of food and nutrition security	
	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00		13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
	Location: Sal O2, Undervisningshuset	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus		Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Sal R, Ulls hus
	Lecturer: Gwen Varley	Lecturer: Patrik Oskarsson		Lecturer: Gwen Varley	Literature Seminar 3
	Title: What is empowerment and how do we measure it in agriculture?	Title: Fluctuating livelihoods among India's extractive peasants	Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00	Title: What roles do nutrition and food security play in rural development?	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
42	13 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct	16 Oct	17 Oct
				10.00-12.00	
				Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	
				Lecturer: Johanna Bergman Lodin	
				Title: Household behavior and intra-household bargaining	
	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00		13.00-15.00	
	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus		Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	
	Lecturer: Linley Chiwona Karlton	Lecturer: Thomas Norrby		Lecturer: Gwen Varley	
	Title: Addressing food security and health via multiple strategies	Title: Agricultural extension and rural development	Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00	Title: Who decides how to do rural development?	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
43	20 Oct	21 Oct	22 Oct	23 Oct	24 Oct
	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00		10.00-12.00	
	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus		Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	
	Lecturer: Maximilian Isendahl	Lecturer: Marien Gonzalez Hidalgo		Lecturer: Ildiko Asztalos Morell	
	Title: La Via Campesina, rurality, and agriculture	Title: Forestry, fires, livelihoods, and gender		Title: Migration, ageing, welfare regimes, and gender	
	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	Gwen's office hours: 16.00-17.00	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Sal U, Ulls hus		Location: Sal U, Ulls hus	Location: Sal R, Ulls hus
	Lecturer: Alin Kadfak	Lecturer: Margarita Cuadra		Lecturer: Margarita Cuadra	Literature Seminar 4 (+ Course evaluation)
	Title: NGO actors and global development on labour migrations in Thailand	Title: Agroecology for sustainable food security: Examples from Sweden and Chile		Title: Environmental evaluation of tropical crops. Case studies from Nicaragua	

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
44	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct
Finals Week					
	Office hours (TBD)	Office hours (TBD)	Office hours (TBD)	Submit final writing assignment (due at 17.00)	Complete final self-assessment form (due at 17.00)