

List of research projects and outcomes – Flora Hajdu

Reverse chronological list of projects and the publications and outcomes resulting from them. Note links between projects - some follow up previous projects.

13. Papers written outside of projects

1. **Hajdu, F.**, Rigg, J., Bergman-Lodin, J., Fischer, K., Marquardt, K., Khatri, D., Leder, S., Varley, G., Chiwona Karlton, L., Sandström, E., Bartholdsson, Ö., Engström, L., Beckman, M., & Alarcón, C. 2024. Rendering smallholders social: Taking a social relations approach to understanding the persistence of smallholders in the rural Global South. *Journal of Rural Studies*. 111, 103432.
2. Alarcón C, Lodin, JB, **Hajdu F** 2022. Agricultural Livelihoods, Rural Development Policy and Political Ecologies of Land and Water: Exploring new agrarian questions. The Routledge Handbook on Livelihoods in the Global South. 284-301. Available online: www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003014041-30/agricultural-livelihoods-rural-development-policy-political-ecologies-land-water-cristi%3%A1n-alarc%3%B3n-johanna-bergman-lodin-flora-hajdu
3. Gonda, N, Leder, S, González-Hidalgo, M, Chiwona-Karlton, L, Stiernström, A, **Hajdu, F**, Fischer, K, Asztalos-Morell, I, Kadfak, A. & Arvidsson, A. 2021. Critical Reflexivity in Political Ecology Research: How Can the Coronavirus Pandemic Transform Us into Better Researchers? *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*, 3, 41. DOI: [10.3389/fhumd.2021.652968](https://doi.org/10.3389/fhumd.2021.652968)
4. **Hajdu, F** 2015 Lokala perspektiv kring hållbar försörjning på landsbygden i södra Afrika. *Ymer 2014 - Resurser och politik i Afrika: Lokala perspektiv på globala processer*. Svenska sällskapet för antropologi och geografi (SSAG).

12. Carbon offsetting – Swedish discourses & local effects in Africa

Title: "We are planting trees in Africa" – Swedish discourses and local effects of carbon forestry projects in African localities.

Project leader and main applicant: Flora Hajdu.

Other project participants: Klara Fischer, Linda Engström, Ronald Ndesanjo, David Tumusiime

Time frame: 2020-2025

Funded by: Formas with 3,2 million SEK from the National Research Programme for Climate

Follow up - on previous project 8.

Four journal publications and dissemination activities are planned.

Publications: (still in progress)

1. Lund Christiansen K., **Hajdu F.**, Planting Mollaoglu E., Andrews A., Carton W., Fischer K. 2023. "Our burgers eat carbon": Investigating the discourses of corporate net-zero commitments. *Environmental Science & Policy*, 142, 79-88. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsci.2023.01.015>
2. **Hajdu, F**, Fischer, K, Engström, L, Engvall, T, Linse, L. 2024: "Vi planterar träd i Afrika": Om målkonflikter i klimatkompensationsprojekt. In Arora-Jonsson, S, Waldenström, C, Sandström, E, (eds.) *Hållbarhetens dimensioner*. Stockholm: Verbal förlag. Pp. 311-332.

Popular science publications:

3. Engvall, T. **Hajdu, F.** Engström, L. 2024. Är klimatkompensation genom trädplanteringsprojekt verkligen bra för lokalbefolkningen? *Ikaros*. Tema Växter. vol 2. pp. 36.41.
https://www.tidskriftenikaros.fi/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Ikaros-02-2024_Web-Artikel06-Engvall-mfl.pdf
4. Skelton, A; Ringsmuth, A; Greiser, C; McLaren, D; Huss, E; Hajdu, F et al. (23 researchers), 5th Dec 2020 Vilseledande och falska myter om klimatkompensation. Opinion piece in Swedish Newspaper: Dagens nyheter (DN debatt), www.dn.se/debatt/vilseledande-och-falska-myter-om-klimatkompensation/
5. Final reply to comments on the piece above: [Vi kan inte kompensera bort fossila utsläpp](#)

11. Tool for assessing carbon offsetting project's local effects

Title: Towards more sustainable consumption of carbon emissions: A tool for assessing social dimensions of carbon forestry in low-income countries.

Project leader and main applicant: Flora Hajdu.

Other project participants: Linda Engström

Time frame: 2020-2022

Funded by: Formas with 1,1 million SEK, from "Research into Practice" call

The outcomes of the project are practically implementable tools for assessing local social dimensions of carbon forestry. **Follow up on previous project 8.**

Workshop with stakeholders conducted November 2022. Launching of final tool February 2023.

Tool available here: <https://www.slu.se/carbonguide/>

10. Cash transfers – material and social effects in South Africa

Title: Can cash transfers have long-term effects on rural livelihoods poor countries: Learning lessons from the effects of the child grant in South Africa.

Project leader and main applicant: Flora Hajdu.

Other project participants: Stefan Granlund (PhD student, main supervisor: Flora Hajdu), David Neves, Tessa Hochfeld

Time frame: 2015-2020

Funded by: Formas with 3,7 million SEK, "Young research leaders" grant

Follow up - on previous project 1. New project applied for in 2024.

Publications:

1. **Hajdu F**, Granlund S, Neves D, Hochfeld T, Amuakwa-Mensah F, and Sandström E. 2020. Cash transfers for sustainable rural livelihoods? Examining the long-term productive effects of the Child Support Grant in South Africa. *World Development Perspectives*. DOI: [10.1016/j.wdp.2020.100227](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wdp.2020.100227)

2. **Hajdu F**, Neves D, Granlund S. 2020. Changing livelihoods in rural Eastern Cape, South Africa (2002-2016): Diminishing employment and expanding social protection. *Journal of Southern African Studies*. 46 (4) DOI: [10.1080/03057070.2020.1773721](https://doi.org/10.1080/03057070.2020.1773721)
3. Granlund, S and Hochfeld, T. 2019. 'That Child Support Grant Gives Me Powers' – Exploring Social and Relational Aspects of Cash Transfers in South Africa in Times of Livelihood Change. *Journal of Development Studies*. DOI: [10.1080/00220388.2019.1650170](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2019.1650170)
4. Granlund, Stefan. 2022. "‘They Are Not Leaving Without Their Money’: Exploring Encounters With the State Through Cash Transfers in the Rural Eastern Cape, South Africa". *Southern African Journal of Social Work and Social Development* 34 (1). <https://doi.org/10.25159/2708-9355/9052>.

Final stakeholder seminar of the project held at ECSECC, East London, South Africa, November 2018.

PhD student Stefan Granlund (main supervisor: Flora Hajdu) published his dissertation connected to the project in March 2020: <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10406/> . The thesis was later developed into a Development Dissertation Brief: [Here](#)

9. Cash transfers and generational relations, Lesotho & Malawi

Title: Social cash transfers, generational relations and youth poverty trajectories in rural Lesotho and Malawi.

Project leader and main applicant: Nicola Ansell, Brunel University

Other project participants: Flora Hajdu, Lorraine van Blerk, Elsbeth Robson, Evance Mwachunga, Thandie Hlabana.

Time frame: 2015-2020

Funded by: ESRC/DFID, UK.

Project report published: Ansell N, van Blerk L, Robson E, **Hajdu F**, Mwachunga E, Hlabana T and Hemsteede R 2019 "Social cash transfers, generational relations and youth poverty trajectories in rural Lesotho and Malawi", Brunel University London, available at https://internt.slu.se/globalassets/ew/org/inst/_sol/lag/lagdocs/socialcashtransfer_report.pdf

Final stakeholder seminars from the project held in Lilongwe, Malawi, June 2018, Maseru, Lesotho, April 2018, and London, UK, January 2019.

Follow up - on previous project 2.

Five publications are planned

Publications (still in progress):

1. **Hajdu, F.**, van Blerk, L., Ansell, N., Hemsteede, R., Mwachunga, E., Hlabana, T., & Robson, E. 2024. Livelihood Trajectories of Rural Young People in Southern Africa: Stuck in Loops? *Development and Change*. 55 (3) 465-92. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dech.12826>
2. Ansell, N, E Mwachunga, E, **Hajdu, F**, Robson, E, Hlabana, T, van Blerk L, Hemsteede R. 2022. Ethical Principles, Social Harm and the Economic Relations of Research: Negotiating Ethics Committee Requirements and Community Expectations in Ethnographic Research in Rural Malawi. *Qualitative Inquiry*. Published online: doi.org/10.1177/10778004221124631

3. Robson, E & Ansell, N; **Hajdu, F**; Hemsteede, R; Hlabana, T; Mwathunga, E; & van Blerk, L. 2020. 'Questions about compensation' in P. Alderson and V. Morrow (2nd edition) *The Ethics of Research with Children and Young People: A Practical Handbook* SAGE, London. Pp. 84-85.

8. Swedish agriculture in transition

Title: The prospects for Swedish farming: Agrarian change and household strategies.

Project leader: Flora Hajdu

Other project participants: Cecilia Waldenström, Camilla Eriksson, Erik Westholm (main applicant)

Time frame: 2016-2020

Funded by: Formas with 3 million SEK.

Published (one still in progress):

1. Waldenström, C. 2024. Kunskapsbildning i jordbruket: ökade klyftor och nya behov. I Arora-Jonsson, S, Waldenström, C, Sandström, E, (eds.) *Hållbarhetens dimensioner*. Stockholm: Verbal förlag. Pp. 311-332.
2. Eriksson, C. & **Hajdu, F**. 2021. "You have to focus all your energy on being a parent": Barriers and opportunities for Swedish farmers to be involved fathers. *Journal of Rural Studies* (83) 88–95.
3. Waldenström, C. Institutional erosion and new strategies: changing contexts for learning in agriculture in Northern Sweden. *Sociologia Ruralis*.

Project report: **Hajdu F**, Eriksson C, Waldenström C and Westholm E. 2020. Sveriges förändrade lantbruk – Lantbrukarnas egna röster om förändringar sedan 1990-talet och strategier inför framtiden. SLU Future Food Reports 11, Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet, SLU Future Food. https://www.slu.se/globalassets/ew/org/centrb/fu-food/publikationer/future-food-reports/slu-futurefood_rapport_11.pdf

Stakeholder online meeting May 29th 2020, organised by Future Food, SLU.

7. Swedish-Norwegian carbon forestry in Uganda

Title: Conservation for carbon or communities? Swedish carbon forestry in Uganda

Project leader and main applicant: Flora Hajdu

Other project participants: Klara Fischer

Time frame: 2013-2016

Funded by: Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council) with 2,6 million SEK

Follow—up: Project followed up by two new projects (see project 12 and 13 above)

Publications:

Fischer, K., Gieretta, F., & **Hajdu, F**. (2019). Carbon-binding biomass or a diversity of useful trees? (Counter) topographies of carbon forestry in Uganda. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*. 2 (1) 178-199 DOI: [10.1177/2514848618823598](https://doi.org/10.1177/2514848618823598)

Fischer K, **Hajdu F** 2018_The importance of the will to improve: how ‘sustainability’ sidelined local livelihoods in a carbon-forestry investment in Uganda. *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning*. 20 (3) 328-341 DOI: [10.1080/1523908X.2017.1410429](https://doi.org/10.1080/1523908X.2017.1410429)

Hajdu F, Fischer K, Penje O 2016 Questioning the use of ‘degradation’ in climate mitigation: A case study of a forest carbon CDM project in Uganda. *Land Use Policy*. 59 (31) 412–422. Available Open Access. DOI: [10.1016/j.landusepol.2016.09.016](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2016.09.016)

Fischer K, **Hajdu F**, Cavallin Gierdda F 2016 Commentary on the paper by Lyons and Westoby “Carbon colonialism and the new land grab: Plantation forestry in Uganda and its livelihood impacts”, *Journal of Rural Studies*. (47) 267-268. DOI: [10.1016/j.jrurstud.2016.06.014](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2016.06.014)

Hajdu F, Fischer K 2017. Problems, causes and solutions in the forest carbon discourse: A framework for analysing degradation narratives. *Climate and Development*. 9 (6) 537-547 DOI:[10.1080/17565529.2016.1174663](https://doi.org/10.1080/17565529.2016.1174663)

Project report:

Hajdu F and Fischer K 2016. Conservation for Carbon or Communities? Swedish carbon purchases through forest plantations in Uganda. Final report from a research project funded by the Swedish Research Council. SLU, Ultuna.

https://internet.slu.se/globalassets/ew/org/inst/_sol/lag/lagforskning/final_report.pdf

Final stakeholder seminar of project held in Stockholm Dec 2016.

6. Large-scale agricultural investments in Tanzania

Title: Large scale agro investments in Africa – impacts on smallholder land access and food security.

Project leader and main applicant: Kjell Havnevik (retired), Flora Hajdu project leader since 2015

PhD student in project: Linda Engström (main supervisor: Flora Hajdu)

Time frame: 2012-2016

Funded by: Swedish Research Council and Formas

Publications: (*Several other papers published by other project participants*).

Engström L, **Hajdu F** 2018 Conjuring ‘Win-World’ – Resilient Development Narratives in a Large-Scale Agro-Investment in Tanzania. *Journal of Development Studies*. Published online 1 March 2018. DOI: [10.1080/00220388.2018.1438599](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2018.1438599)

PhD student Linda Engströms PhD defended her thesis in September 2018, available here: <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/15590/> and later published it also as a development dissertation brief: <https://eba.se/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/DDB-2020-01-Engstr%C3%B6m-webb-1.pdf>

5. Impacts of AIDS on rural livelihoods in Uganda

Project main applicant: Janet Seeley, Medical Research Council of Uganda. I was invited in 2013 as first co-supervisor and co-author, later main supervisor in 2014.

Other project participants: Jovita Amurwon, Dominic Bukenya Yiga, Flora Hajdu

Publications:

Amurwon J, **Hajdu F**, Bukenya Yiga D, and Seeley J 2017 "Helping my neighbour is like giving a loan..." –the role of social relations in chronic illness in rural Uganda. *BMC Health Services Research* 17:705 Available Open Access: [DOI 10.1186/s12913-017-2666-5](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-017-2666-5)

Amurwon J, **Hajdu F**, Seeley J 2015 The relevance of timing of illness and death events in the household life cycle for coping outcomes in rural Uganda in the era of HIV. *International Journal for Equity in Health* 14:105 DOI: 10.1186/s12939-015-0253-0. Available Open Access: <http://www.equityhealthj.com/content/14/1/105>

Amurwon J. "It's Like I Never Had a Child of My Own": Care and Support for the Elderly in a Changing Socioeconomic Context in Rural Uganda. *J Gerontol B Psychol Sci Soc Sci.* 2019 Oct 4;74(8):1483-1491. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gby094. PMID: 30124930.

PhD student Jovita Amurwon, (Flora Hajdu, main supervisor), defended her thesis including the three papers above in October 2019, available here: <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10406/>

4. Agricultural development interventions in South Africa

Title: *Global Patterns of Production and Consumption: Current Problems and Future Possibilities*

Project leader and main applicant: Torbjörn Rydberg

Other project participants: Flora Hajdu, Klara Fischer, Christian Alarcón, Eva Friman, Gloria Gallardo, Daniel Bergquist, Lennart Salomonsson, Charlotta Lagerberg-Fogelberg, Otavio Cavalett

Time frame: 2008-2011

Funded by: Swedish Research Council/ Development research

Publications:

Fischer K, **Hajdu F** 2015 Does raising maize yields lead to poverty reduction? A study of the 'Massive Food Production Programme' in South Africa. *Land Use Policy* 46, 304-13. DOI:10.1016/j.landusepol.2015.03.015

Hajdu F, Jacobson K, Salomonsson L, Friman E 2012 "But tractors can't fly": A transdisciplinary analysis of neoliberal agricultural development interventions in South Africa. *International Journal of Transdisciplinary Research* 6 (1) 24-51.

Alarcón C, Bergquist D, Bjureby E, Friman E, Gallardo G, **Hajdu F**, Jacobson K, Johansson S, Lagerberg Fogelberg C, and Rydberg T 2008 Understanding Global Patterns of Production and Consumption: Prospects of an Interdisciplinary Approach. In B. Frostell, Å. Danielsson, L. Hagberg, B.-O. Linnér, E. Lisberg Jensen, (eds). *Science for Sustainable Development - The Social Challenge with Emphasis on Conditions for Change*. Proceedings from the 2nd VHU Conference Linköping 6-7 September 2007, VHU.

Final stakeholder report:

Hajdu F, Friman E, Jacobson K, Salomonsson L. 2010. *Governmental Interventions in Rural Agricultural Livelihoods in Eastern Cape, South Africa. Stakeholder Report*.

Final stakeholder seminar in East London, South Africa, Oct 2010.

PhD student Klara Jacobson (Fischer), (Flora Hajdu co-supervisor), published her dissertation connected to the project in June 2013: <https://pub.epsilon.slu.se/10406/>

3. Gendered effects of employment in factories in Lesotho

Title: Trading Out of Poverty? The Socio-Spatial Impacts of Lesotho's Garment Industry

Project leader and main applicant: Nicola Ansell

Other project participants: Seroala Tsoeu, Flora Hajdu,

Time frame: 2008-2009 **Funded by:** HSRC/DFID, UK.

Publication: Ansell N, Tsoeu S, **Hajdu F** 2015 Women's changing domestic responsibilities in neoliberal Africa: a relational time-space analysis of Lesotho's garment industry. *Gender, Place and Culture* 22 (3) 363-382 **DOI:** 10.1080/0966369X.2013.855712

2. AIDS effects on rural young people's livelihood opportunities

Title: Averting 'New Variant Famine' in Southern Africa: Building Food Secure Rural Livelihoods with AIDS affected Young People

Project leader and main applicant: Nicola Ansell

Other project participants: Flora Hajdu, Lorraine van Blerk, Elsbeth Robson, Lucy Chipeta

Time frame: 2007-2008

Funded by: ESRC/DFID, UK

Follow—up: Project followed up by new project (see project 10 above)

Project report to Stakeholders:

Ansell N, Robson E, van Blerk L and **Hajdu F**. 2009. *Averting 'New Variant Famine' in Southern Africa: Building Food-secure Rural Livelihoods with AIDS-affected Young People. Stakeholder Report.* https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/57a08b83ed915d622c000d1d/60434_Full_Research_Report.pdf

16 Publications (no further planned publications, see new follow-up project above):

Ansell N, **Hajdu F**, van Blerk, L and Robson, E 2018 'My happiest time' or 'my saddest time'? The spatial and generational construction of marriage among youth in rural Malawi and Lesotho. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 43(2) 184-199. Available Open Access. [DOI:10.1111/tran.12211](https://doi.org/10.1111/tran.12211)

Ansell N, **Hajdu F**, Van Blerk L and Robson E 2017 Fears for the future: The incommensurability of securitisation and in/securities among southern African youth. *Social & Cultural Geography* Pages 1-27, Published online: 14 Jul 2017 Available Open Access: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/14649365.2017.1344871>

Ansell N, **Hajdu F**, van Blerk L, Robson E, 2016 AIDS-affected young people's access to livelihood assets: exploring 'new variant famine' in rural southern Africa. *Journal of Rural Studies* (46) 23–34. [DOI:10.1016/j.jrurstud.2016.05.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2016.05.008) Available Open Access.

Ansell N, Robson E, **Hajdu F** and van Blerk L 2014 Learning from young people about their lives: using participatory methods to research the impacts of AIDS in southern Africa. In Porter G, Townsend J and Hampshire K *Children and Young People as Knowledge Producers*. London: Routledge.

Ansell N, **Hajdu F**, Robson E and van Blerk L 2014 Reconceptualizing temporality in young lives: Exploring young people's current and future livelihoods in AIDS-affected southern Africa. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 39 (3) 333–475 DOI: 10.1111/tran.12041

Hajdu F, Ansell N, Robson E, van Blerk L 2013 Rural young people's opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in globalised southern Africa: The limitations of targeting policies. *International Development Planning Review* 35 (2) 155-174.

Ansell N, van Blerk L, Robson E, **Hajdu F** 2012 The spatial construction of young people's livelihoods in rural southern Africa. *Geography* 9 (3) 135-140.

Ansell N, Robson E, **Hajdu F**, van Blerk, L 2012 Learning from young people about their lives: using participatory methods to research the impacts of AIDS in southern Africa. *Children's Geographies* 10 (2) 169-186.

Ansell N, **Hajdu F**, Robson E, van Blerk L and Marandet, E 2012 Youth policy, neoliberalism and transnational governmentality: A case study of Lesotho and Malawi In Kraftl P, Horton J and Tucker F (eds.) *Critical Geographies of Childhood and Youth: Contemporary Policy and Practice*. Bristol, The Policy Press.

Ansell, N, van Blerk, L **Hajdu F**, Robson, E 2011 Spaces, times and critical moments: A relational time-space analysis of the impacts of AIDS on rural youth in Malawi and Lesotho *Environment & Planning A* 43 (3) 525-544.

Robson, E, Chipeta L, Ansell N, Hajdu F, van Blerk L 2012 'Averting 'New variant famine' in Malawi: Building Food-Secure Livelihoods with AIDS-affected young people' in Kaluwa, B (ed) *University Research and Progress: Windows on Malawi Proceedings of Chancellor College Research Dissemination Conference*, Chancellor College: Zomba, Malawi; pp. 246-265.

Hajdu F, Ansell N, Robson E and van Blerk L 2011 Income generating activities for young people in Southern Africa: Exploring AIDS and other constraints. *Geographical Journal* 177 (3) 251–263

Ansell N, Robson E, **Hajdu F**, van Blerk L and Chipeta L 2009 The 'new variant famine' hypothesis: moving beyond the household in explaining links between AIDS and food insecurity in southern Africa. *Progress in Development Studies* 9 (3) 187-208.

Hajdu F, Ansell N, Robson E, van Blerk L and Chipeta L 2009 Socio-economic causes of food insecurity in Malawi. *Society of Malawi Journal* Vol. 62, (2) 6-18.

van Blerk L, Ansell N, Robson E, **Hajdu F** and Chipeta L 2008 Youth, AIDS and rural livelihoods in southern Africa. *Geography Compass* 2 (3) 709-727.

Robson E, Ansell N, van Blerk L, Chipeta L and **Hajdu F** 2007 AIDS and food insecurity: 'new variant famine' in Malawi? *Malawi Medical Journal* 19 (4)

1. Rural Livelihoods in South Africa - PhD project 2001-2006

Title: Local Worlds – Rural Livelihood Strategies in Eastern Cape, South Africa

PhD Student: Flora Hajdu (my own PhD project)

Time frame: 2001-2006

Funded by: Uddeholms forskarstipendium (research time), SSAG (fieldwork)

Follow—up: Project followed up by project 11 above)

Publications:

Hajdu F 2009 Questioning homogenous degradation narratives in Transkei: Livelihoods and natural resource use in two Pondoland villages. In Guyot S and Dellier J (eds) *Rethinking the Wild Coast, South Africa. Eco-frontiers vs livelihoods in Pondoland*. VDM-Verlag

Hajdu F 2006 *Local Worlds: Rural Livelihood Strategies in Eastern Cape, South Africa*. Linköping Studies in Arts and Science No 366. Linköping University. ISBN 91-85523-25-9. **(PhD Thesis)**

Haag F and **Hajdu F** 2005. Perspectives on Local Environmental Security, Exemplified by a Rural South African Village. *Environmental Management* 36 (4) 483-494

Hajdu F 2005 Relying on Jobs Instead of the Environment? Patterns of Local Securities in Rural Eastern Cape, South Africa. *Social Dynamics* 31(1) 235-260

Hajdu F 2003. Relying on Jobs Instead of the Environment? Patterns of Local Securities in Rural Eastern Cape – An Example from Lusikisiki District. *Fort Hare Institute of Social and Economic Research Working Paper Series*. Working Paper 9.