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Announcement

Seminar on Investigating the relation between natural resources and conflict – the ‘doing’ of social science in a context of struggle

- Objectives**
- To reflect on the ‘relevance’ and ‘doing’ of applied social science as ‘phronesis’
 - To discuss the dynamics of natural resource conflicts
 - To outline the setup of the Conflict and Cooperation over Natural Resources (CoCooN) research and action programme (the Netherlands, 2010-2016)
 - To look back on the fisheries research project REINCORPFISH (2010-2016) and its relevance for public governance

- Resource Persons**
- **Professor Maarten Bavinck**, Professor coastal resource governance, Department of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Contents**
- Social science as Aristotle’s phronesis
 - Interactive governance theory and the handling of hard choices
 - Natural resources and conflict – an overview
 - Discussing the CoCooN research programme
 - Looking back on the ‘Reincorporating small-scale fisheries’ (REINCORPFISH) project

- Target group**
- **Academics and Final year students**

- Intended Learning Outcomes**
- At the completion of the programme, participants should:
 - ✓ Have reflected on the incidence, motives, and dynamics of conflicts over natural resources, as well as on their addressal;
 - ✓ have an understanding of the intentions and performances of the CoCooN research programme;
 - ✓ Position these within a perspective of social sciences as ‘phronesis’ (Aristotle);
 - ✓ Inquire into the contribution social sciences can make to public governance, as dealing with hard choices and political intransigence;
 - ✓ Obtain new insights on a natural resource struggle taking place right around the corner.

- Method of registration**
- Please register for this workshop by filling the online form at <http://www.unit.jfn.ac.lk/sdc/> **on or before 26.09.2017.**

- Date & Time:**
- **27.09.2017(Wednesday), 12:05 – 13:05**

- Venue**
- **Seminar Hall, Union Complex (Above UTA’s office)**

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