LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD
Land, agriculture and society in East Africa
Seminar and launch of a Festschrift for Kjell Havnevik

Is Africa rising? Many countries in sub-Saharan Africa experience remarkable growth. Afro-optimists claim that an economic transformation is imminent, while critics argue that growth is mainly in the extractive sectors, with little improvement being noted among the rural and urban poor.

The Festschrift is a collection of essays focusing on East Africa, with an emphasis on Tanzania. It is published as Professor Kjell Havnevik retires from the Nordic Africa Institute. He has carried out research, taught and supervised students, and participated in policy debates on agriculture, the environment and development policies in Africa.

The book chapters review the challenges that agricultural producers have faced in the past and risk facing today and tomorrow; customary and individual land tenure regimes; the character of current growth; and policy dialogue between the donor community and the Tanzanian government. Several contributions converge on the drive for large-scale land acquisitions, their potential and shortcomings, as well as on the policy alternative – investment in small-scale farming. The book also includes essays on religion and education.

PROGRAMME:
Welcome by Terje Oestigard, Senior Researcher and Cluster Leader, the Nordic Africa Institute
Launch of the book
The editor, Michael Ståhl, and contributors Deborah Fahy Bryceson, Andrew Coulson, Bertil Odén, Rune Skarstein, Prosper Matondi, Tekeste Negash, Terje Oestigard, Atakilte Beyene, Herman Musahara, highlight their research results related to the chapters in the book.

We invite participants to give short comments.
Response by Kjell Havnevik
Reception

DATE: Tuesday 15 September 2015
TIME: 14.15 –16.30 hrs.
Reception: 16.30 -17.30 hrs.
VENUE: The Nordic Africa Institute,
Villavägen 6, Uppsala

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