



Inaugural lecture by Douglas C. K. Wilson

Douglas C. K. Wilson has been appointed professor MSO in fisheries sociology at IFM, Department of Development and Planning.

You are hereby invited to the inaugural lecture on Thursday 3 May at 15.00 in CWO Huset, Skibbrogade 5, Aalborg, room C1.12.

The Department will host a small reception after the lecture.

Registration is required at the latest 27 May 2012 at Doodle <http://www.doodle.com/23w2w6463ayqtybv>

See the below abstract of the lecture:

At Play in the Intersection of Worlds: Lessons about Problem Oriented Practice and Marine Governance

My official baptism as a professor MSO in fisheries sociology provides the opportunity for this lecture. I have spent the past 23 years practicing fisheries sociology; living in two worlds that come together in the life projects of a total of perhaps 30 people. Many social scientists study marine governance, lots of economists and political scientists, a good number of anthropologists and geographers, and a few sociologists. This last group distinguishes itself by its obsession with the application of lesser known theories and philosophies to governance problems. This attribute makes us perhaps more circumspect than our more directly practical social science colleagues in how we go about marketing our added value to the activists, fishers, natural scientists, and professional managers who make up the vast bulk of the marine governance networks we inhabit. Now this unusual perch I inhabit has precipitated into an official job title and I am to reflect on this, to me delightful, reification to an audience that itself is an interesting crossing of social worlds: people who care about marine governance from the viewpoint of many disciplines; perhaps some other people who know more about sociology than they do the wet world; some students interested in the governance of biodiversity; and my family and friends who must not be subjected to 45 minutes of technical sociology. So in this time I am going to share some lessons, some serious, some less so, that I have learned about practicing fisheries sociology. They are lessons about how to keep going in, and how to contribute from, one of the unlikely intersections of worlds where these days a great many of us find ourselves standing.

All are welcome!

Best regards
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