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## “Men, Where Are the Women?”

### Swiss Agriculture ‘Under’ Gendered Eyes



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“**Men, where are the women?**” was the outcry of the Swiss Union of Female Farmers and Rural Women (USPF) in a press release in December 2010 that critiqued eight years of agricultural policies in Switzerland. Female farmers were upset that their contribution to farms’ agricultural revenues, and their role in the agricultural sector more broadly, was going largely unrecognized.



What lessons can be drawn from the Swiss case in view of a **global comparative perspective** on **gender, agriculture** and **food security**?

Dr. Reysoo will discuss the mechanisms that make **women’s role largely invisible when it comes to agricultural policies**, and the lack of recognition of women’s substantial **economic, social and cultural contributions to food production** and the **provision of ecological and social services** that serve the collective interest.

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### Selected publications:

- *'Mother at one blow, and yet not'* Research into demographic and socio-economic characteristics and motives of women who surrendered their child for adoption between 1998 and 2007 in the Netherlands (2011, with P. Bos and A. Wermuller). Den Bosch: FIOI (in Dutch)
- *Coopération internationale et renouveau de l'islam au Burkina Faso* (2011, with F. Samson and I. Cissé), Leiden: IRP-project research report
- N'est pas mère qui veut. Le paradoxe de l'adoption internationale, *Nouvelles questions féministes*, 30/1, numéro spécial sur "La production d'enfants: une injonction ambivalente", (2011, with P. Bos)
- Commodification of the female bodies in Bamako, Mali. Gender, globalization and the trap of the incentive for continuous consumption *Tijdschrift voor Genderstudies* 12(4), 2009 (in Dutch)
- "Reproductive rights violations: A comparison of export-oriented industries in Mexico and Morocco", in T. Davids and F. Van Driel (eds.), *The Gender Question in Globalization. Changing Perspectives and Practices*. London: Ashgate, 2005.

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