

# UNRISD SEMINAR SERIES

Thursday **12 JAN** ■ 9:30–11:30  
Room IX ■ Palais des Nations ■ Geneva

# Innovation and Sustainable Development

**W**ith the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals, world leaders have committed to “transforming our world” and leaving no one behind. What needs to happen to enable the 2030 Agenda to deliver on its transformative promise? In its 2016 Flagship Report, UNRISD has identified a wide range of innovations – policy, institutional, social, technological and conceptual – that can provide solutions to the complex and interrelated challenges that countries are facing.

Panellists at this seminar will discuss some of the key policy, institutional and technological innovations that can be harnessed to realize the 2030 Agenda. Guest speakers from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences will share their first-hand expertise and insights on innovation and sustainable development in China.

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Zhang Yuyan**, Director-General, Institute of World Economics and Politics, CASS

**Paul Ladd**, Director, UNRISD

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**Katja Hujo**, Senior Research Coordinator, UNRISD  
—Innovations for Transformative Change: Implementing the SDGs

**Dunja Krause**, Associate Expert, UNRISD—Eco-Social Policies and the 2030 Agenda

**Paul Conneally**, Head of Corporate Communications, ITU—Technological Innovation

**Yang Dian**, Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology, CASS

**Huang Yanghua**, Research Fellow, Institute of Industrial Development, CASS

## Q&A, Open Discussion

## Closing Remarks

**Zhang Xiaojing**, Research Fellow, Institute of Urban and Environment Studies, CASS