



# Global Foresight: Anticipatory governance and the making of geo-cultural scenarios

## Program of the Project launch

Date: Friday, August 19th 2016

Location: Score, Stockholm University main campus  
Nobel Building, Seminar room

### Program

9.00–9.30am Welcome coffee and tea

9.30–10.05am **Anticipatory governance and the making of  
geo-cultural scenarios**

Introduction by

Torbjörn Eng, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond

Astri Muren, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Stockholm  
University

Presentation of the research project

Christina Garsten, Anette Nyqvist, Mikkel Flyverbom and Mark  
Maguire

Film presentation: Klaus Salminen

10.15–11.15am **Looking Into the Future: Organizations,  
Global Challenges and Utopias**

Panel discussion:

Kristina Persson (former Minister of Strategic Development,  
Government of Sweden),

Johan Hassel (CEO of the think tank Global Utmaning),

Jan Sturesson (World Economic Forum delegate, formerly  
senior executive at PwC),

Nicklas Bergman (advisor to the TechCast Technology Think  
Tank in Washington DC),

Douglas Holmes, (professor of Social Anthropology, University  
of Binghamton).

Mats Lewan, moderator

11.15–11.30am Coffee and tea break

11.30–12.30pm **Global Futures Seminar**

Douglas Holmes

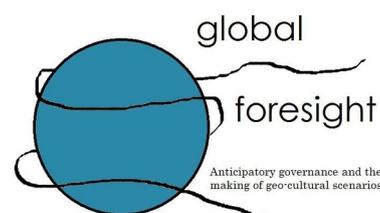
*How Central Banks Fashion the Future*

This project investigates how global foresight organizations attempt to anticipate the future, how scenario models are produced, and what they tell us about proposed solutions for tackling urgent global challenges.

The project aims to investigate the practices of future foresight in five selected organizations to advance knowledge on the underlying cultural assumptions and forms of knowledge that make up the basis for scenarios for anticipatory governance.

Key questions are: What types of foresight and scenario models are created in organizations geared to proposing models for anticipatory governance? Who are the professionals generating, legitimating and disseminating these models and what cultural rationalities and epistemic assumptions shape their professional practices? What are the social practices involved in creating, shaping, and diffusing the scenario models? What role does the organizational context play in the production and distribution of scenario models? What forms of knowledge are produced in models for global foresight?

By way of ethnographic comparative analysis the project aims to contribute to mapping out a new field of research at the intersection of theories of globalization processes, epistemic communities of foresight, and theories of governance - the study of anticipatory governance. The project also seeks to respond to questions about the role of theories of social science and humanities in the making of global foresight models.



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