



### Fellow's Individual Project

| Fellow | Host Institution | PhD enrolment | Start Date | Duration  |
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| ESR 9  | SLU              | Y             | Month 9    | 36 months |

**Project title and related WP(s):** Transformation of small-scale fishing communities (WP3, WP7).

**Objectives:** The ESR will look at the global crisis in small-scale fisheries due to interconnected ecological and social processes. The focus will be on the pressures experienced by small-scale fishing communities due to the decline in European fish stocks, including the collapse of the in-shore herring fishery in Scotland, the decline in North Sea cod stocks, and a major collapse of Mediterranean fish stocks. Individual transferable quotas, which have been implemented in several EU countries, has led to the consolidation of fish industry in the hands of a few large boats/enterprises undermining the ability of local communities to sustain small-scale enterprises. The research will take a FPE look at efforts towards commoning in coastal communities including guilds that have taken their fishing quotas out of speculation markets and formed alternative markets, and labelling to source fish back to particular boats and fishing techniques. These community efforts will be examined in relation to networking activities such as that of LIFE (Low Impact Fishers of Europe) a lobbying organisation based in Brussels, the Inshore Fisheries Federation in Scotland, and Slow Fish (an international NGO group) and in particular how they have helped to support fisheries communities through sharing information and alternative marketing ideas.

**Expected results:** The ESR will set out how efforts at commoning are able to help transform subjectivities and help to create a sense of community and commitment to collective fishing practices, as well as transform market rationalities to alternative ideas of sustainable livelihoods.

**Planned secondments:** II (3 months) to participate in advocacy campaigns with fishing communities IDS (3 months) to look at studies on local communities and small-scale enterprises.

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