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The Nordic countries have in different ways impacted on Development Policy, Aid and Research. The Nordic model(s) emphasising social policies, the key role of public governance and the fight against poverty and inequalities are by some seen as prominent perspectives alongside e.g. the Washington Consensus. Nevertheless, the foot prints on the global agenda have been modest. Additionally, the complexity and challenges of development issues keep growing, including financial crises, climate and growing inequalities. The need for timely, relevant, critical and stimulating research is as big as ever. What can the Nordic perspective(s) contribute with? First, there is need to take a step back and investigate the Nordic approach(es) more closely. What are the similarities - and what are the differences? Second, there is a need to discuss the Nordic Development Research vis-a-vis global Development Research. What are the trends? Who are setting the directions? Where is the renewal needed to respond to the present challenges?

Keynote speakers:

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