

## **DDRN General Assembly 2009**

### **Board candidate:**

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My research field is economic geography in a development perspective. Thematically, I have worked on the international division of labour, industrialisation processes, agro-industrial linkages and regional development (rural-urban linkages). Recently, I have started to work on small-scale mining within the framework of the centre for Sustainable Artisanal Small-scale Mining' (SASMin). Regionally, I have primarily worked in West Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso) and Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Malaysia). I intend to continue the efforts to strengthen the links between the DDRN board, the DDRN secretariat and DGG, the present host institution. I will also work for more cross-disciplinary cooperation between research groups from the DDRN member institution – if possible in terms of coordinated research activities and systematic exchange of results. Finally, I wish to initiate and promote discussion about funding opportunities and conditions for development research at Danish institutions.