

Scott Drimie
South Africa

Scott Drimie has over two decades of facilitation, research and teaching expertise related to food systems and food security. Taking a largely political economy lens, he focuses primarily on food systems in different contexts, interrogating the power relations that affect and shape them. Scott's academic work pivots on his role as Professor (adjunct) in the Department of Global Health, Faculty of Health and Medicine Sciences at Stellenbosch University. This work includes the development of modules, teaching at masters-level, supervision and examination of PhD and master's candidates, and participation in faculty related processes. He has published over one-hundred peer-reviewed papers including journal articles and book chapters and co-edited a recent book (details available on request).

He was a founding member and part of the leadership collective of the Southern Africa Food Lab (www.southernafricafoodlab.org) since 2009. This is a multi-stakeholder initiative that brings together actors in the regional food system to identify and pilot innovative means to achieve longterm,

sustainable food security. The Lab has successfully facilitated collaboration and dialogue, effectively catalysing action to foster innovations and experimental action.

In addition, Scott leads a research and facilitation consultancy focused on sustainable development with a particular emphasis on southern Africa. Working with associates, the company consults for various public and private sector organisations. Apart from experience across the African continent, Scott works on global issues for the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). Scott has been the lead academic consultant for the IPC since 2018,

expanding IPC training to form the basis of academic courses relevant for graduate-level students in sub-Saharan Africa, South-East Asia, and Latin America. He also convenes learning for the Global support Unit of the IPC to ensure the organisation's relevance and applicability.

His previous experience includes working for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) between 2007 and 2011 as a Research Fellow. His responsibility was to coordinate the Regional Network on AIDS, Livelihoods and Food Security - RENEWAL (www.ifpri.org/renewal) – facilitating research on the interactions between HIV and food and nutrition security and the implications for policy and practice.

In 2000, Scott completed his PhD at Cambridge University, UK, focusing on South African land policy in

the period 1994-1999.