

**Comments on Ongoing Research Projects except for those  
subject to Mid-term or Final Evaluation**

Project Year	PR	
Project Title	Fair for whom? Politics, power and precarity in transformations of tropical forest-agriculture frontiers	
Abbreviated Title	Fair Frontiers Project	
Project Leader	WONG, Grace	
Project Period	5 years Full Research	
Affiliated Program	Research Program 2 : Fair Use and Management of Diverse Resources	

**General advice and comments of the EREC:**

The project addresses the important but complex issue of the transformation of swidden systems in Southeast Asia and Central Africa. The approach to power and politics and the eventual results may be of considerable relevance to research on other issues as well.

The Committee noted that unfortunately project preparations have been hampered and delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the description of the project structure and plans is generally quite clear, the project is very broad in scope and the proposal at this stage employs numerous “big” concepts which in the absence of context and concrete detail still make it relatively hard to see where the project will be heading. It is expected that the Pre-Research phase will be used to further develop the framework conceptually and practically and relate it to the relevant literatures. This should include elaboration of the dimensions of cross-site comparison and of the concept of fairness.