“Men, where are the women?” was the outcry of the Swiss Union of Female Farmers and Rural Women (USPF) in a press release in December 2010 that critiqued eight years of agricultural policies in Switzerland. Female farmers were upset that their contribution to farms’ agricultural revenues, and their role in the agricultural sector more broadly, was going largely unrecognized.

Dr. Reysoo will discuss the mechanisms that make women’s role largely invisible when it comes to agricultural policies, and the lack of recognition of women’s substantial economic, social and cultural contributions to food production and the provision of ecological and social services that serve the collective interest.

What lessons can be drawn from the Swiss case in view of a global comparative perspective on gender, agriculture and food security?

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