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If the Answer is Sustainable Practices, what are the Questions about Public Learning, Understanding, and Use of Science?

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The scale and complexity of the issues confronting us due to global changes are unprecedented. Communities and individuals all over the globe must learn to understand, overcome, adapt to, or even just survive, these changes. Science and technology provide us with the indicators of changes in the climate and environment, but changing society to deal with the anthropogenic and natural global changes is not amenable to a purely technical fix. It requires changing behaviors of the world's communities and individuals.

My talk is framed by a new initiative in the International Human Dimensions in Global Environmental Change (IHDP) network on "Knowledge and Social Learning for Societal Change to Sustainability." Starting from that broad context, I will discuss two research and intervention projects underway in the Göteborg Center for Public Learning and Understanding of Science: 1) communication of science in the governance of the Baltic Sea fisheries and 2) the relevance and use of science in the jobs, environment, health, and education of Chinese migrant workers and their children.

Prof Ilan Chabay is conducting research on how the public's ideas about science and technology are learned, processed, used, and changed. He is the founding director of the Göteborg Center for PLUS ([gcPLUS](http://gcPLUS.org)) hosted jointly at Chalmers University of Technology and Göteborg University. Dr. Ilan Chabay is a member of the International Scientific Committee overseeing the International Human Dimensions Programme for Global Environmental Change (IHDP.org - sponsored by UN University, ICSU, and ISSC). He co-chairs the organization and development of the new initiative in IHDP to establish a long term research network on "Knowledge and Social Learning for Societal Change to Sustainability."

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