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Young forest owners and the concept of responsabilization

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18 interviews, voice recording, transcription

Thematic narrative analysis

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Three strategic narratives



Forest owners in Finland

600,000 forest owners in Finland, average age 62 years

18,400 young forest owners, 16 –30 years of age;
3.5% of all forest owners. (Source: Finnish Forest Centre)

1302 young forest owners (female 36%, male 64%) are resident
in Pohjois-Karjala or Pohjois-Savo regions

18 young forest owners selected randomly for an interview



Responsibilization

“means treating some individuals or groups of people (e.g. clients and workers) as having certain responsibilities and making efforts to get them to act according to these responsibilities” *Juhila et al., 2017.*

Health – should public resources be used to combat lifestyle-related diseases?

See, Rebecca Brown, 2012, Moral responsibility for (un)healthy behaviour



Recommended reading:

Responsibilization in Natural Resources Governance

Mustalahti, I., Agrawal, A. (Eds.), 2020, Special Issue

Forest Policy and Economics, 10 articles





responsibilization

vastuullistaminen – vastuuttaminen

demanding

persuasive
vastuullistaminen



forced responsibility
vastuuttaminen



Conclusions

- Inheritance of forest estates – intergenerational obligations.
- Shared responsibility with co-owners.
- Knowledge transfer through nature walks, forestry work.
- Decision-making transferred to experienced persons (father, older brother, mother, forestry experts).
- Generational differences in values and interests.
- Imposing “superior knowledge” leads to forced responsabilization.
- Needed: dialogue, collaboration and peer support.



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