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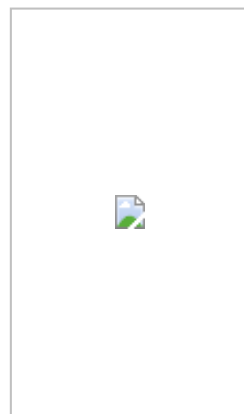


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November 2014

Dear (Contact First Name),

We are pleased to bring you the fullest SCORAI newelstter yet this year! For the SCORAI community, October was packed with events and this newsletter reflects your many initiatives, accomplishments, and planned activities. Wonderful work, everyone--see you next month with more!

All the best,

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Catie, Debbie, & Maurie

Latin American Research and Practice Forum for Sustainable Consumption and Production



Researchers, practitioners and consultants from Latin America create the first multi-stakeholder network in the region for expanding and exchanging knowledge and experience on SPaC issues and solutions.

Jeffrey Barber and Philip Vergragt of the SCORAI Board and the GRF-SPaC Executive committee co-organized and participated in the first regional Latin America GRF workshop in Arequipa, Peru on October 22, 2014.

Representatives from academia, NGOs, state departments, Parliaments, and consultancies based in Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Peru, and the United States launched the Latin American Research & Practice Forum on SPaC/Fórum Latinoamericano de Investigación y Prácticas sobre Consumo y Producción Sostenible (FLIP-CPS).

This unique regional, multi-stakeholder network was founded during the first GRF-SPaC regional workshop: Strategies for Sustainable Production and Consumption Research in Latin America, hosted by the Arequipa Lawyers Association in the city of Arequipa, Peru on October 19, 2014. Over forty area experts and professionals gathered to discuss and take stock of existing research and practice on SPaC in the region, which led to the creation of a community of researchers and practitioners in Latin America with connections to the global GRF-SPaC community. The multi-sectorial, interdisciplinary composition of the Latin American Forum will be instrumental in effectively addressing obstacles for progress like fragmented topic information and duplication of research efforts in order to improve understanding of the challenges and alternatives toward a sustainability-driven society.

Maite Cortés, co-founder of the Forum, notes that "governments, organizations, and consumers from Latin America confront new challenges and opportunities, highly similar, in the pursuit of redressing the social and environmental drawbacks of the current unsustainable path to development." And she adds, "The multi-stakeholder composition of this unique regional Forum will enable a better articulation of ongoing efforts by different players to address those problems derived from unsustainable choices."

Fabián Echegaray, co-founder of the Forum, stresses that "this unique network has the advantage of counting with the first-hand experience of committed members working within NGOs, state offices, and legislative bodies in implementing sustainability policy and initiatives, and relying on the knowledge-based differentials provided by the community of researchers associated to GRF-SPaC." According to Echegaray, "Such capabilities facilitate an effective mapping of pathways and

alternatives for designing smooth transitions towards sustainable consumption and production solutions."

The Forum board of directors is composed by:

Maite Cortés (Colectivo Ecológico Jalisco, México)
 Fabián Echegaray (Market Analysis, Brazil)
 Luis Flores (Consumers International & PERL, Chile)
 Renato Godoy (Instituto Alana, Brazil)
 Mario Silva (Colectivo Ecológico Jalisco, México)

For more information click [here](#) or contact [Fabián Echegaray](#).

SCORAI Colloquium Series on Consumption & Social Change



The October session of the SCORAI Colloquium on Consumption and Social Change featured a presentation by Juliet Schor (Professor of Sociology at Boston College) entitled "The New Sharing Economy: Paradoxes of Openness and Distinction." A video of the seminar can be accessed via the [SCORAI website](#) and there are also links to a paper prepared in connection with the event (part of the Tellus Institute's Great Transition Initiative) and a commentary by Ethan Goffman (Associate Editor of Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy).

The next speaker in the colloquium will be Doug Holt, CEO and co-founder of the Cultural Strategy Group on November 19. Dr. Holt will describe the cultural marketing of brands and ideas in relation to different cultural-social-economic groups and the emergence of cultural icons.



Videos and other material from prior sessions of the series featuring David Snow, Claus Offe, and John Sterman are available on the [SCORAI website](#). A full schedule of upcoming colloquium sessions in 2015 is also posted.

SCORAI China Working Group

The SCORAI Executive Board, in collaboration with colleagues at Renmin University in Beijing and the Environmental Policy Group at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, has organized a SCORAI China Working Group to explore the potential of establishing a sister SCORAI network in China. An initial public meeting was convened to consider this initiative at the Second Biennial Meeting of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption in June at Fudan University in Shanghai. The success of these discussions led to a decision to organize a workshop jointly coordinated by SCORAI and the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Renmin University that will be held on November 15-16, 2014 in Beijing. The workshop will include a plenary discussion to establish SCORAI China.



Professors Lei ZHANG and Ma ZHONG of the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Renmin University are hosting and coordinating the workshop (which will also include a forum for PhD students to present their research). The workshop is convened with the support of the Chinese Environmental Sociology Committee of the Chinese Sociological Association. Important assistance

has also been provided by Professors Arthur Mol and Gert Spaargaren.

Questions regarding the event can be directed to Lei ZHANG at LLLLL63@hotmail.com.

Management Revue Call For Papers: Perspectives on Sustainable Consumption

management revue

The problem of sustainability has received serious attention since the Club of Rome pointed to the limits of growth in 1972. Addressing ecological, economic and social issues, it is still a major--perhaps the biggest--challenge humanity faces. The problem demands attention by actors from all social levels. On the micro-level, sustainable consumption is often regarded as the major way how individual consumers can contribute to sustainable development. By now a growing number of people are aware that many consumption habits have to be changed because they are in conflict with the goal of sustainable development. Yet, there is a gap between knowledge and action. Much research has been done in the last thirty years on sustainable consumption, exploring the motivations, practices, opportunities, and drivers for sustainable consumption from economic, psychological, and sociological perspectives. Despite this multidisciplinary effort and the often interdisciplinary nature of research on sustainable consumption, there is room for broadening the perspectives further. In particular, the link between political participation and sustainable consumption as a political statement as well as the link between various forms and objectives of political consumption deserves more attention. Further, the impact of societal inequality on sustainable consumption has not gained much attention. Especially research on the interaction between inequality, issues of security and precariousness, political participation and consumption behavior is lacking.

In the special issue and the [corresponding seminar](#), we would like to discuss our topic in an adequately broad and interdisciplinary way. We are particularly interested in questions such as: **Inequality (e.g., precariousness) and sustainable consumption; Citizenship and consumption; Sustainable consumption as a political statement; Quantitative and qualitative empirical studies on these issues.** This is not an exhaustive list.

Deadline for abstracts is January 31, 2015.

More information available [here](#).

GAIA Masters Student Paper Award Deadline Extended!

Have your work awarded and published in a renowned scientific journal.

The international journal [GAIA - Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society](#) invites Masters students to participate in the GAIA Masters Student Paper Award. Masters students are encouraged to publish their results from research-based courses or Masters theses in the field of **transdisciplinary environmental and sustainability science**.

Each year, one article will be selected by a jury and **published in GAIA as the winning article** of the GAIA Masters Student Paper Award. The winner will be granted a **prize money of EUR 1,500** endowed by the Andrea von Braun Stiftung, as well as a **free one-year subscription to GAIA**,



including free online access.

If your research has led to outstanding findings and/or holds relevance for important societal transformations, if you have developed new paths of inter- and transdisciplinary environmental or sustainability research, you are strongly encouraged to elaborate a scientific article based on GAIA's guide for authors and the manual provided for the [Masters Student Paper Award](#). Together with your article, please submit the name of an experienced mentor who is prepared to guide you through the process of writing a scientific article. We suggest that your mentor accepts co-authorship for your article.

Further information on the journal click [here](#).

Submission: Please submit your article to [Ulrike Sehy](#).

Submission date: **DEADLINE EXTENDED to November 17, 2014.**

Publication date: May 2015.

Social Practices Project: The Built Environment & Sustainability Thinking Notes



The 'Practices, the Built Environment and Sustainability' (PBES) network has been established and organized by Dr Chris Foulds from the Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, and by Dr Charlotte Louise Jensen from the Center for Design, Innovation and Sustainable Transitions (DIST) at the Aalborg University Campus Copenhagen. The PBES network is constituted by 18 outstanding early career researchers who met the criteria of the Call and Review process, for which there was overwhelming interest with over six applications per network position.

Over the summer, the network has produced a collection of nine Thinking Notes exploring the usefulness as well as the potential gaps of theories of practices in relation to exploring studies of the built environment and sustainability, and the network recently came together to present the Thinking Notes. The Notes have received feedback from Prof. Susse Georg, Dr Russell Hitchings, Dr Yolande Strengers, Prof. Elizabeth Shove, Dr Tom Hargreaves and Dr Dan Welch, and the network is supported by GSI, DIST AAU and BSA Climate Change Study Group.

Download the Thinking Notes [here](#).

Prix Pictet Photography Contest Consumption Theme

The [Prix Pictet](#) is the world's leading prize in photography and sustainability. The theme of the fifth

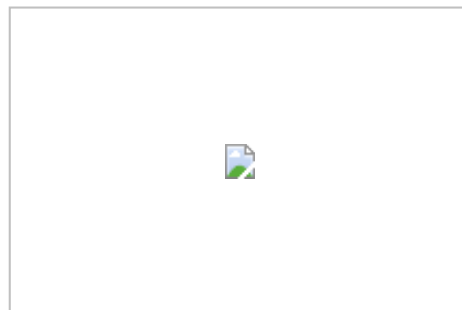


cycle of the Prix Pictet is Consumption. Consumption lies at the heart of the Prix Pictet's mission to bring global attention to what we believe is the greatest challenge facing humankind today: the issue of environmental sustainability.

It is a multi-faceted theme that is rich with creative potential. We are all consumers. We have invented new forms of building, industrial production, farming and energy; we have emptied the seas and ravaged the land in our relentless drive to satisfy our unquenchable desires. We have built vast empires based on luxury goods, creating demand for essentials that we didn't know we

needed. We have sustained this through the sometimes thoughtless exploitation of the world's poorest people.

The Shortlist of eleven artists selected for the Fifth Cycle of the Prix Pictet, was announced at the Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville in Paris on November 13, 2013. The winner was announced on May 21, 2014 at the opening of an exhibition of works by the shortlisted artists at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London. German photographer **Michael Schmidt** was named as the fifth laureate of the Prix Pictet for his series *Lebensmittel* by honorary president, Kofi Annan. Three days after the announcement was made Michael Schmidt sadly passed away aged 68.



Prix Pictet Consumption will now tour globally, for more information on upcoming events visit this [link](#).



European Environment Agency 2014 Environmental Indicator Report



The [European Environment Agency](#) has published its Environmental indicator report 2014, with a focus on environmental impacts of production-consumption systems in Europe. Using the examples of food, electrical and electronic goods and clothing, the report illustrates the sophistication of production-consumption systems, the environmental and social impacts and benefits that they generate, the trade-offs involved in effecting change, and the associated challenges and opportunities to make them sustainable.

The report is available for download [here](#).

Free paper copies can be ordered via the same link, and graphs and illustrations in the report, including metadata, are available for download from the EEA website (see 'related content').

Job Announcements

Tenure-track Faculty Position in Food Studies

Middlebury

Middlebury College seeks a scientist working in Food Studies to spearhead the development of a Food Studies program that incorporates both curricular and co-curricular components. Hiring will be at the associate or full professor rank. We seek a leader in the field who will contribute to the establishment of a Food Studies curriculum that addresses food systems at local, regional, and global scales. The successful candidate will teach an introductory, interdisciplinary course in Food Studies, and upper-level courses in his or her area of expertise. Successful candidates must be eager to engage the unique learning opportunities available at a liberal arts college, including incorporating undergraduate students in research. Areas of focus of teaching and/or research may include (but are not limited to): agroecology, aquaculture, soil science, biotechnology and food, food production and nutrition, landscape-level processes in agricultural ecosystems, sustainable food systems, sustainable agricultural practices (organic agriculture, integrated pest management), and agricultural adaptations to global change. Review of applications will begin **November 1, 2014**, and continue until the position is filled. More information on the position can be found [here](#).

Tenure-track Faculty Positions in Human Behavior and Sustainable Development and Sustainability Economics



LEUPHANA
university

Guided by the values of a humanistic, sustainable, and proactive university, Leuphana University of Lueneburg has set a course for research and education that is unique in the German academic landscape. To address central questions facing civil society in the 21st century, the university has established four faculties: Business & Economics, Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, and Sustainability. The Faculty of Sustainability investigates conditions and opportunities for sustainable development. It presently hosts approximately 25 professorships from the human and natural

sciences, and has a strong focus on inter- and transdisciplinarity. Leuphana University of Lueneburg seeks to further develop its profile through new appointment for the following professorships:

1) Human Behavior and Sustainable Development

The successful candidate (m/f) represents the domain of Human Behavior and Sustainable Development through the application of a specific academic perspective investigating human behaviors and actions in the context of sustainable development. Potential fundamental research foci may include individual and social behavior in the context of human-environment interactions, including cooperation and altruism, information processing and communication, complexity and decision, emotion and action, values and societal transition processes. Applied research foci may include (sustainable) consumption and lifestyle, work and sustainability, perception of nature, or mobility and energy behavior; including intercultural comparisons. Applications should be submitted preferably by **November 3, 2014**. More information on the position can be found [here](#).

2) Sustainability Economics

The successful candidate (m/f) has a proven track record in economics and sustainability science. She/he focuses on concepts of sustainability, patterns of unsustainable development, as well as regulatory, policy and other tools to solve these sustainability problems. Research and teaching in the field of Sustainability Economics is at an outstanding level. Further, the successful candidate has skills in specific analytical and solution-oriented approaches. She/he has tangible experience with

sustainability transformations in areas such as energy, biodiversity, climate, mobility, consumption, organizations, trade in international comparisons or post-growth economics. A specific focus on behavioral Sustainability Economics is possible. Applications should be submitted preferably by **November 3, 2014**. More information on the position can be found [here](#).

Sustainability Research Institute, Faculty of Environment, University of Leeds, UK



5-year Academic Research Fellow posts--food or energy & sustainability:

1. Sustainability in Food Systems: This Fellowship will analyse the sustainability management practices of large food retailers and manufacturers that control the majority of both European consumer choice and global agricultural methods.

Closing Date November 16, 2014. More information [here](#).

2. Sustainable Energy Systems: The aim of this fellowship is to enhance our research on the quantitative understanding of the linkages between energy, climate, economy and society.

Closing Date November 16, 2014. More information [here](#).



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Sustainability Science Program

Sustainability Science Fellowships at Harvard University: Doctoral, Post-doctoral, and Mid-career Fellowships

The Sustainability Science Program at Harvard University invites applications for resident fellowships

in sustainability science for the academic year beginning in September 2015. This year's competition is focused on three thematic areas related to energy and sustainability. We are seeking applications focusing on: 1) decarbonizing energy systems in the European Union; 2) designing, developing, and/or implementing sustainable energy technologies and policies in China; and 3) the impacts of fossil fuel subsidies on economic, environmental, and health indicators and the actions that can be taken to reduce them. The fellowship competition is open to advanced doctoral and post-doctoral students, and to mid-career professionals engaged in research or practice to facilitate the design, implementation, and evaluation of effective interventions that promote sustainable development. The thematic areas are led by Professors Henry Lee and Joseph Aldy. The Program is also open, however, to strong proposals in any area of sustainability science. In addition to general funds available to support this fellowship offering, special funding for the Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowships in Sustainability Science is available to support citizens of Italy, China, or developing countries who are therefore especially encouraged to apply. For more information on the fellowships application process click [here](#). Applications are due **February 2, 2015** and decisions will be announced in March 2014.

Spotlight on SCORAI Affiliate: Steven Moore

Steven Moore, Bartlett Cocke Regents Professor of Architecture and Planning, has been selected as a finalist for the 2014 [Thomas Ehrlich Civically Engaged Faculty Award](#). The award is given annually by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to senior faculty who have demonstrated a career-long commitment to teaching through civic-engagement. A core criteria for the award states:

"As we move into a turbulent century, our nation's democracy and our



interdependent global community require a more informed, engaged, and socially responsible citizenry. Both educators and employers agree that personal and social responsibility are core elements of a 21st century education."

Moore will receive the honor at the annual meeting of the AAC&U in Washington, DC in January.

New Publications



Middlemiss, Lucie. 2014. "Individualised or Participatory? Exploring Late-Modern Identity and Sustainable Development." *Environmental Politics*, August, 1-18.

Abstract

The *idea* of individualisation is powerful: in late-modern society, people's sense of identity is based on their individual experience rather than their relationships with others. This is problematic for sustainable development because it conflicts with the *ideal* of participation enshrined in its theory and practice. It is also unclear how the idea plays out in this field, with emerging evidence that some sustainable development policy and practice is individualising. The *realities* of individualisation are more complex. Empirical studies outside sustainable development have shown that individualising policy does not necessarily have individualising effects.

Considering how the *idea* and *realities* of individualisation cast new light on subjectivities imagined in sustainable development theory and practice, I argue that sustainable development scholars and practitioners need to consider a range of late-modern subjectivities, and be critically aware of how individualisation is potentially reproduced in policy and practice.

Get the full article [here](#).

Smith, Adrian. 2014. "Technology Networks for socially useful production." *Journal of Peer Production*, April 23.

Abstract

Though largely forgotten now, Technology Networks were community-based prototyping workshops supported by the Greater London Council from 1983 until 1986. They emerged out of a movement for socially useful production. Recalling the radical roots and conflicted experiences of the workshops brings to the fore issues still relevant today: tensions between prototyping activities for business development as distinct from more critical technological agit prop for political mobilisation; working at equitable relations between codified, formal expertise versus tacit, experiential skills; and the influences of broader political and economic changes and wider movements for alternatives. After careful historical contextualisation, lessons are drawn for workshops today, but which will inevitably play out differently, hopefully after learning from the past.

More information available [here](#).

JOURNAL OF
PEER PRODUCTION

Dedeurwaerdere, Tom. 2014. *Sustainability Science for Strong Sustainability*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar.

Description

The dynamism of science has been catalytic for human prosperity in recent history. Conventional perspectives of the ivory tower model of modern science are, however, rivalled by the failure of humanity to tackle global crises of an economic, environmental and social nature. Operational solutions to these pressures have grown and exposed pitfalls of modern science to date.

Sustainability Science for Strong Sustainability investigates core concepts, tools and institutional strategies of transdisciplinary sustainability science. Prominent research programs within heterodox

economics, the environmental sciences and transition theory are explored through diverse case studies, revealing challenges and advancements for transdisciplinary research. In this book, the reform of modern science is facilitated by the consideration of action points to overcome the institutional barriers of putting sustainability science into practice. Researchers, students and policy practitioners will benefit from up to date knowledge on the practice of transdisciplinary research for sustainability.



Get the book [here](#).

Upcoming Conferences



EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Call for Papers for European Society of Ecological Economics 2015 Conference ESEE 2015: Transformations

June 30-July 3, 2015, Leeds, United Kingdom

The conference topics include: post-growth economics; natural resources, ecosystem services and environmental quality; development, consumption and well-being; power, politics, institutions and the reality of achieving change; new business models and understandings of human behaviour. We would like to invite proposals for special sessions (deadline 15 October 2014) and abstracts for papers (deadline 30 November 2014) relating to these topics.

[Visit the conference website](#)



PERL International Conference: A Decade of Responsible Living: Preparating, Engaging, Responding and Learning

March 10-11, 2015, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

The conference will focus on the future and its challenges using the experience of a decade of dedicated activity by PERL partners. The goal of the conference is to encourage a new decade of

innovative initiatives about responsible living.

The PERL international conference will be retrospective, showing what has been accomplished by the CNN/PERL networks in relation to the development of policies about sustainable lifestyles; the creation of awareness about consumer citizenship, civic involvement and environmental stewardship; the adaptation and implementation of teaching methods and materials; and research, projects and publications about education for responsible living. The conference will also be interactive and illustrative providing insights/case studies/best practices through presentations, exhibitions, world café, round tables, etc. Additionally, the conference will examine ways of contributing to processes leading to a more just and sustainable world for all.

[Visit the conference website.](#)



Global Cleaner Production & Sustainable Consumption Conference: Accelerating the Transition to Equitable Post Fossil-Carbon Societies
November 1-4, 2015, Sitges, Barcelona, Spain

Elsevier will host this conference to celebrate more than two decades of the Journal of Cleaner Production, with an international scientific team drawn from more than fifty regional and global sustainability networks. The conference is being designed to be holistic, integrative, trans-disciplinary, and trans-sectorial in nature. It will focus on strategic, and preventative concepts and approaches, which are being implemented to speed up the great transition to post-fossil carbon societies, and that are ecologically, ethically, socially, culturally, and economically sustainable. methods, tools, policies, and examples being applied in different contexts (e.g. global warming, chemical pollution, deforestation, loss of biodiversity, water and food security, erosion of social systems, human population growth, and other sustainability challenges).

[Visit the conference website.](#)

New SCORAI Affiliates

A warm welcome to the following new SCORAI affiliates joining us during the past month which brings our total number to 695.

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Alison Browne
Debra Butler
Ian Clarke
Shannon Davis
Christi Electris
Shmuel Eliad
Vera Fricke
Nicole Gaetjens
James Graham
Thomas Janvier
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