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From: "Cohen, Maurie" <mcohen@njit.edu>

Date: 08/10/2017 01:50 PM

To: Robert Orzanna <orschiro@gmail.com>

Here is the December **2016** newsletter!

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From: **Constant Contact** <support@constantcontact.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 6:13 AM

Subject: Your campaign SCORAI Newsletter (Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative) has been sent

To: mcohen@adm.njit.edu



Dear SCORAI Maurie Cohen,

Your campaign '**SCORAI Newsletter (Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative)**' was sent on 12/5/2016 around 6:12 AM EST.

Below is a copy of the message your subscribers received. See how your campaign is doing by visiting Reports [in your account](#) to get real-time results and stats.

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Dear SCORAI,

Happy December! Those in academia may be in the midst of preparing course materials for 2017. If so, see the section update from the teaching committee. There are excellent resources available to you, from classroom exercises to multimedia.

Cheers,

Catie, Darcy & Emily

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**SCORAI Welcomes Your Tax-Deductible
Contributions**

As we begin to approach the end of 2016, the SCORAI Board would like to encourage you to consider a contribution to help support the network. On the homepage of the [SCORAI website](#) you will find a link that enables you to make a tax-deductible donation. The recommended annual amount is US\$50 (US\$25 for students and retired professionals). While we run an extremely

streamlined operation (based exclusively on volunteer effort), expenses are incurred to maintain the website, to distribute the newsletter, and to organize events. Your financial assistance helps to defer these costs and is essential to SCORAI's ability to continue to operate. Please visit <http://www.scorai.org/donate> to make a donation. It only takes a few moments to complete the transaction and contributions can be billed to a major credit card. The SCORAI Board thanks you in advance for your support!

SCORAI Website News

Updates from [scorai.org](http://www.scorai.org) in November:



- [Sustainable Consumption in Poland: an Oxymoron?](#)
- [De-constructing Degrowth by Nicholas Ashford](#)
- [Teaching About Sustainable Consumption: Reflections on A Classroom Exercise](#)
- [Climate Change and the U.S. Election](#)
- [PhD in 3S at UEA: Sustainable Waste Systems and Practices](#)
- ["Is It Time to Abandon GDP"?](#)

Be sure to check out the many [new resources available from the SCORAI teaching committee](#). This includes fantastic tools like a [teaching materials table](#) touching on issues from social practice theories to sustainable housing. See also [Gordon Walker's video](#) about teaching sustainable consumption and energy justice.



For submissions, or questions about the website, please write to Robert Orzanna at: orschiro@gmail.com.

SCORAI-EU and Partners Receive ENERGISE Project Funding

Congratulations to members of SCORAI-EU and their partners in Europe on their new H2020 funded research project: **ENERGISE: European Network for Research, Good Practice and Innovation for Sustainable Energy.**

ENERGISE is an innovative pan-European research initiative to achieve a greater scientific understanding of the social and cultural influences on energy consumption. Funded under the EU Horizon 2020 programme for three years (2016-2019), ENERGISE develops, tests and assesses options for a bottom-up transformation of energy use in households and communities across Europe.

Led by the National University of Ireland, Galway, the ENERGISE consortium includes seven partner universities as well as research institutes, enterprises and NGOs from Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Slovenia, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The project is further supported by agencies such as Energy Cities, SCORAI Europe, the Hungarian Business Council for Sustainable Development, Community Energy England, E.ON Hungary and the Sustainable Energy Agency in Ireland.

Contact and further information

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Future Earth Knowledge-Action Network on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production Receives Funding from SYSNEC

The Future Earth Knowledge-Action Network on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production (FE KAN on SSCP) has received its first tranche of funding from the National Socio-environmental Synthesis Center (SESNYC).



Based at the University of Maryland (United States) and funded through an award from the National Science Foundation, SESNYC is in its own words "a unique resource for the scholarly management and policy communities. SESNYC brings together diverse groups in new, interdisciplinary collaborations to identify solutions to society's most challenging and complex environmental problems."



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Funding will be used to support a workshop in the first half of 2017 to facilitate formulation of the KAN's Research and Engagement Plan (REP) and will involve a series of multi-day meetings of its Working Groups on ecological macroeconomics and political economy of a transition to sustainable lifestyles (co-chaired by Sylvia Lorek and Magnus Bengtsson), urban provisioning systems and well-being (chaired by Patrick Schröder), and social change beyond consumerism (co-chaired by Anna Davies and

Maurie Cohen). Upon completion the REP will be submitted to the Future Earth secretariat for review and, if accepted, will lead to the formal credentialing of the KAN under the auspices of the wider network.

The KAN on SSCP is hosted and administratively supported by the Regional Centre for Future Earth in Asia based at the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature in Kyoto, Japan. For further information about current and developing activities please visit <http://www.futureearth.org/asiacentre/sscp-kan>. Questions about the KAN can be directed to Maurie Cohen at mcohen@njit.edu or by contacting the support team at sscp_kan@futureearth.org.

SCORAI Policy and Action Working Group

From the recent SCORAI Conference in Maine (June 2016), we formed the SCORAI Policy and Action Work Group. The Group aims to facilitate action and policy implementation on sustainable consumption research. As part of that work, **we are asking you to identify where sustainable consumption research is already being translated into action** and we would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to share what you know by responding to the following question:

What efforts are you involved in to advance sustainable consumption policy?

Reply directly by email to [Jean Boucher](#) or [click this link](#) to respond with a couple sentences of description including any organization(s) involved, your role, the stage and anticipated impact and a link if available.

We plan to use this information for refining our work-plan and the development of a SCORAI workshop.

Thank you very much,

Jean Boucher and the SCORAI Action and Policy Working Group

Reminder About New Routledge-SCORAI Book Series

Routledge-SCORAI Studies in Sustainable Consumption

Series Editors: Maurie J Cohen, Halina Szejnwald Brown, Philip J Vergragt

Website: <https://www.routledge.com/series/RSSC>



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The past decade has seen a remarkable increase in academic and policy interest in the notion of sustainable consumption, particularly as the implementation challenges associated with a

substantive international agreement on climate protection have become apparent.

Comprising edited collections, co-authored volumes and single author monographs, Routledge-SCORAI Studies in Sustainable Consumption aims to continue this process of intellectual consolidation, while simultaneously advancing conceptual and empirical contributions to this new and important field of study. In particular, this series will explore key issues such as the emergence of new modes of household provisioning, the evolution toward post-consumerist systems of social organization, novel approaches to consumption governance and innovative business models for sustainable lifestyles.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please contact Annabelle Harris, Editor for Environment and Sustainability: Annabelle.Harris@tandf.co.uk

Everyday Futures Essay Collection



With this message, we would like to draw your attention to the 'Everyday Futures' essay collection that we edited as part of the Everyday Futures Network. The collection is now available online at <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/everydayfutures/essay-collection/>.

The Everyday Futures Network was established in July at an inaugural workshop at the Lancaster Institute for Social Futures, in collaboration with the Industrial Design Department of Eindhoven University of Technology. The online essay collection is the outcome of our discussions at the workshop, and subsequent collaborative writing projects. A second workshop on 'Making Everyday Futures' is being planned for July 2017 in Eindhoven.

If you wish to join the everyday futures network please sign up to our jiscmail list here: <https://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?A0=EVERYDAY-FUTURES>

CfP: Theorising Sustainability Interventions: Practice, Consumption, Technology and Organization



This is a call for papers to the working group "Theorising sustainability interventions: practice, consumption, technology and organization" at the 13th Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference (NESS) University of Tampere, Finland, 6 - 8 June 2016.

The general theme of the conference this year is HopefulNESS, read more about this on the conference website: <http://www.uta.fi/jkk/en/ness2017/index.html>

Authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to provide full papers, and must be prepared to serve as dedicated discussants to another paper.

Key practical info:

- Abstract submission: https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/ness2017_callforpapers
- Abstract submission deadline: January 15th, 2017
- Notification of acceptance: Jan 31st, 2017
- Full paper due: 30 April 2017

Theorising sustainability interventions

All societies face an increasingly complex mix of environmental challenges, at scales from the household to the global. Climate changes, resource depletion and de-forestation are three obvious examples, but many others are equally relevant. Across the world, various interventions are now being carried out in the form of experiments, trials, pilots, policies etc. New technologies are introduced, new forms of organization are tested, new actor-constellations are forged, new types of information are provided. This occurs top-down, bottom-up and "middle-out", driven by grassroots, big corporations, municipalities and others, all with the aim of making modes of existence more sustainable.

This working group aims to elicit empirical, theoretical and conceptual discussions addressing intervention, experimentation and critique. What emerging ideas about society, human rationality, future expectations and socio-technical change are revealed by experimentation? What are the competing and/or catalysing ideas about what constitutes a sustainable life: "smart", "eco" and "slow" are three examples. Do interventions lead to changes in entitlement, expectations and social excesses? What are the relationships between the rationales of such concepts, the kinds of interventions that are crafted in their names, and the practice changes emerging from such interventions?

We are interested in contributions that consider the outcomes, or potential outcomes of

interventions. What kinds of expected and un-expected practice changes arise? For example, do interventions targeting consumption lead to expected changes in consumption practices, or are rebound effects empirically common? Do interventions affect different groups in different ways? As an example, do interventions privilege certain groups over others, or do they serve to exclude weaker groups. Thus, while trials, pilots and experiments are often framed as "neutral", we are also interested in the implicit and explicit political potential in the (re)negotiation and (re)production of sustainable societies.

This session will bring together a variety of empirical projects using interventions and transitions methods. Some examples of potential questions to be addressed include, but are definitely not limited to:

- What are the assumptions, goals and rationales underpinning current sustainability interventions? Which discourses are they part of, and how are they justified?
- What can be learned from studying multiple interventions comparatively, and how do lessons learned translate across different localized contexts?
- How do new digital technologies designed to change consumption patterns become interwoven in emerging or existing practices? How do they enable change, or why do they not work as intended?
- How do social, economic or technological interventions targeting unsustainable practice work? (For example transportation interventions targeting Electric Vehicles, biking, walking, public transport, ride sharing, etc).
- How can we understand pilot and demonstration projects as practice interventions? What is the role of different actors in such projects? (e.g. industry, policy makers, knowledge producers, technology users, consumers) What are some common differences between pilot projects and wide-scale implementations?

By sharing empirically driven studies that deal broadly with the role of interventions for practice change, we hope to come to a deeper theoretical appreciation of the role of interventions in sustainability transitions.

Convenors: Tomas Moe Skjølsvold, tomas.skjolsvold@ntnu.no and Tullia Jack, tullia.jack@soc.lu.se

New Publications

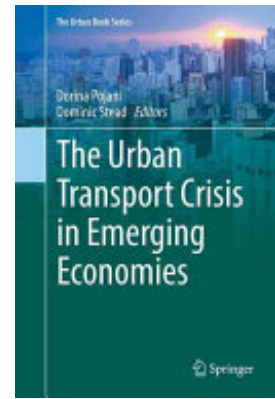
Pojani, Dorina, and Dominic Stead. 2017. *The Urban Transport Crisis in*



Emerging Economies. Springer.

This book was conceived and written to provide a contemporary view of critical urban transport issues, policies, and initiatives in 12 countries with emerging economies, each at somewhat different stages of development. With dedicated chapters on Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mexico, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Turkey, and Vietnam, the book contains detailed, comparable information about the current urban transport situation in the major cities in these countries. Written by specialists in the field, the book draws on a wide range of information sources to provide up-to-date accounts of each of these countries. By assembling this information in one volume, it provides a valuable source for academics as well as policy-makers with an interest in the current and emerging urban transport needs of a large portion of the world's population.

[Get the book here.](#)



Upcoming Conferences



2016 ICAR Symposium: Anti-consumption and public policy
8-10 December, 2016, Melbourne, Australia

We are pleased to announce that the 6th International Centre for Anti-Consumption (ICAR) symposium will be hosted by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, in Melbourne Australia, on 8-10 December 2016. The theme for ICAR 2016 is: **Anti-consumption, Marketing, and Public Policy**.

In line with this theme, ICAR is negotiating a special issue in the *Journal of Public Policy & Marketing* for publication in 2018. We look forward to your participation and seeing everyone in Melbourne!

[Visit the conference website.](#)

(Italian Society for Economic Sociology) SISE 2017 - Università La Sapienza di Roma,

"New frontiers of Economic Sociology"

26th-28th January 2017, Rome, Italy

During the first edition of SISE conference (Italian Society for Economic Sociology) "New Frontiers of Economic Sociology", to be held in Rome 26th-28th January 2017, we are organising a session entitled "Pro-sumers on the move. Resilience, cooperation and social innovation of active consumers for a new economy". The session aims at collecting theoretical and empirical papers of Italian and International scholars that investigates on recent process of active consumerism from different disciplinary perspective and different methodological approaches, both on the role of consumers and of producers, and on the development of an alternative economical model, around three main areas of analysis (labour, social innovation and new development models).

Conference website forthcoming. Contact Lara Maestriperi for more information:

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Living and Sustainability: An Environmental Critique of Design and Building Practices

09 - 10 February 2017, London South Bank University

Estimates of the building industry's contribution to world carbon emissions reach as high as 30% worldwide - with figures on energy consumption in the region of 40%. Given the scale of the industry's contribution to these figures it cannot be ignored.

However, key to a sustainable future are also related social questions. Badly planned developments can not only lead to the destruction of habitats, they bring unaffordable housing, displaced communities and negative effects on physical health.

[Visit the conference website.](#)



Western Social Science Association 2017
April 12-15 2017, San Francisco

The Western Social Science Association (WSSA) is committed to multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary scholarship, service, and collegiality.

The WSSA advances scholarship, teaching, service and professional exchange across the social science disciplines. The Association's mission is to foster professional study, to advance research, and to promote the teaching of social science. Founded in 1958 as the Rocky Mountain Social Science Association, WSSA now draws on scholars and others in some 30 disciplines, or "sections," from across the United States, Canada, and Mexico; convenes an annual conference; conducts research competitions for faculty and students; and publishes The Social Science Journal, a juried, quarterly research journal, and WSSA News, the Association's newsletter, three times a year.

[Visit the conference website and find your section here*](#).

*SCORAI affiliates are encouraged to submit their environmental social science work under the Natural Resources Management section.



Save the Date: 4TH International Workshop on the Sharing Economy
June 15-16, 2017, Lund, Sweden

The International Institute for [Industrial Environment Economics](#) (IIIEE) at Lund University is delighted to invite researchers and practitioners, decision makers and representatives of civil

society organisations to a two-day workshop that will explore burning conceptual, methodological and empirical issues of the sharing and collaborative economy, such as actors, their interests and motivations, sustainability impacts, urban contexts and everyday practices, and implications to policy and governance.

Contact: oksana.mont@iiee.lu.se or yuliya.voytenko_palgan@iiee.lu.se

IST 2017

The 8th International Sustainability Transitions Conference (IST 2017)

June 18-21, Gothenburg, Sweden

Year 2050 is just around the corner.

From a transition perspective, three decades is not a long time. Yet the United Nations sustainable development goals are set for 2030, and the pace of climate change calls for rapid transformation of massive sociotechnical systems. The challenges are enormous. Reaching ambitious societal targets at local and global levels relies on collective action, but also on private and public agents daring to take the lead in complex open-ended processes.

The 8th International Sustainability Transitions Conference (IST 2017) will devote special attention to the challenges confronting those wanting to take action and do more. What understanding and conclusions can transition scholars bring to the table, and what key theories and findings are yet to be developed and discovered?

[Visit the conference website.](#)



European Society for Ecological Economics ESEE 2017 Conference
Ecological Economics in Action: Building a Reflexive and Inclusive Community
20-23 June 2017, Budapest

It is a great pleasure to invite you to the 12th International Conference of the European Society for Ecological Economics, which will be held from June 20-23, 2017 in Budapest, Hungary hosted by the Corvinus Business School, Corvinus University of Budapest.

In 2017 the main theme of the conference will be 'Ecological Economics in Action: Building a Reflexive and Inclusive Community.' The conference aims to bring together diverse sets of actors who are engaged in co-producing ecological economics insights and advice for responsible and creative pathways towards sustainability. We seek to open up disciplinary boundaries through collaboration and discussion, as well as through critical engagement and mutual learning with practitioners and local community efforts that aim to realise transformation towards sustainability. We are pleased to invite you to submit an abstract and special session proposal through the conference website eese2017budapest.org. The deadline for submitting special session proposals is 7 October 2016 and for abstract submission is 25 November 2016.

You can download the complete [call for papers and special sessions here](#).



Cities, Communities and Homes: Is the Urban Future Livable?

Dates: 22 - 23 June 2017, Derby

The complexity of our cities is well documented. The economies they are based on are multiple. Some are growing exponentially, others are shrinking. Some pride themselves on architectural heritage, others are seeking to build and rebrand. Some are old, some are new. Inevitably their urban fabrics vary. The communities that live in these places reflect these conditions. Some are long-standing, others are new and in-formation. Sometimes they are active, on occasion homogenous. More generally they are diverse. These communities need, and want, a say in their futures. Some are well connect and affluent, others suffer deprivation and social exclusion. A constant in the mist of this complexity is their need to be housed - whether by themselves, the

market, or governments.

This conference seeks to explore how the three issues of city development, sense of community and housing need, all combine to make lives in our cities livable - or not. How will our urban environments change in the near future? Are the cities we live in now likely to contract or expand? How will these changes impact on communities and the way they are housed? Will new technologies facilitate community engagement with planning? Will resident voices be heard by planners? Will unaffordable housing turn some cities into enclaves of the wealthy, or will the private sector and personal preference gate our communities?

[Visit the conference website.](#)



Global Research Forum On Sustainable Production and Consumption

Third International Conference of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption: Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Economy

27-29 June 2017, Brighton, UK

The [Global Research Forum](#) invites session and paper proposals for its [third international conference](#) on the theme of "Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Economy," hosted by the Institute of Development Studies and the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex. The conference will convene researchers, development practitioners, policymakers and representatives from business, government and civil society to explore paths to sustainable production and consumption through the synergies and tensions among the circular economy, sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods, and their implications for the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Keeping with GRF's emphasis on global perspectives, we will explore these questions across different regions and communities, in both industrialized and developing countries.

Contributions can take several formats including session proposals, individual papers & posters and Special Work Studios (DEADLINES EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 15th).

[Detailed call for contributions](#) and proposal submission instructions are available on the [conference webpage](#).



The 20th AMS World Marketing Congress

June 27 - July 1, 2017



University of Canterbury Christchurch, New Zealand

Conference theme: Marketing Transformation - Marketing Practice in an Ever Changing World

Of special interesting may be track 7: Ethics, Social Responsibility, and Sustainability (co-chairs Michael Luchs and Marcus Phipps).

For more information [click here](#)
and for the call for abstracts [click here](#).



Transformations2017: Transformations in Practice
30th August - 1st September 2017, Scotland, UK

Transformations 2017 is the third in a biennial series of international interdisciplinary conferences that focuses on transformations towards sustainability: addressing contemporary challenges and creating conditions for enhancing people's wellbeing, today and in the future, while strengthening the Earth's support system.

[Visit the conference website.](#)

New SCORAI Affiliates

A warm welcome to the following new SCORAI affiliates joining us during the past month, bringing

our total membership to 901 individuals:

Franziska Froelich
Ziva Kavka Gobbo
Vanja Medugorac
Alexandrea Ravenelle
Maria Estela Varua

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