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## Welcome to the second edition of the SCORAI Europe newsletter!

This year's SCORAI Europe workshop took place just prior to the Degrowth conference in Budapest on 29-30 September 2016. A summary of the discussions and a reflection on the event's carbon footprint spearhead this edition of the newsletter.

Now, please sit back and browse the following pages packed with information on recent and upcoming events as well as publications and other interesting work done by our growing community which is committed to sustainable research and action and now numbers 220 members from across Europe (and beyond).

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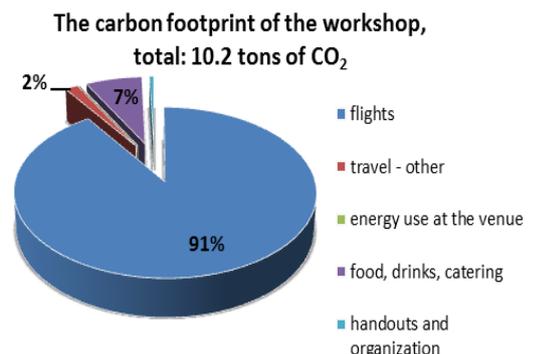
## Recent Events

### *SCORAI Europe Workshop, 29-30 Sept 2016*

**SCORAI Europe hosted a workshop prior to the Degrowth conference on sustainable consumption and social justice in a constrained world**

On 29-30 September, thirty international researchers and experts came together in the vibrant city of Budapest to discuss emerging knowledge and strategies around the theme of sustainable consumption and social justice. In partnership with the Resource Cap Coalition and hosted by the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights in Hungary, workshop delegates discussed how sustainable consumption can become attractive, as an equitable and empowering "new normal" involving the good life for all in a constrained world. The conclusions were presented in a special session dedicated to sustainable consumption at the 5th Degrowth Conference. Nine papers were presented and discussed, including the notion of consumption corridors linking limits to wellbeing, as well as the need for absolute reductions. The full conference proceedings, including discussant contributions, will be available soon on the SCORAI Europe webpage. The workshop was organised by Edina Vadovics, Sylvia Lorek and Marlyne Sahakian from SCORAI Europe; Philip Vergragt from SCORAI North America; and Klara Hadju from the Resource Cap Coalition.

For the first time in the history of SCORAI Europe workshops, the carbon footprint of the workshop was calculated (in tonnes of carbon dioxide – see figure, right). SCORAI Europe's strategy of organising its workshops back-to-back with other events makes sense from a sustainability perspective: the footprint of the workshop alone had been 15.07 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> compared to an adjusted 10.2 tonnes due to several people also joining the International Degrowth Conference following the workshop.



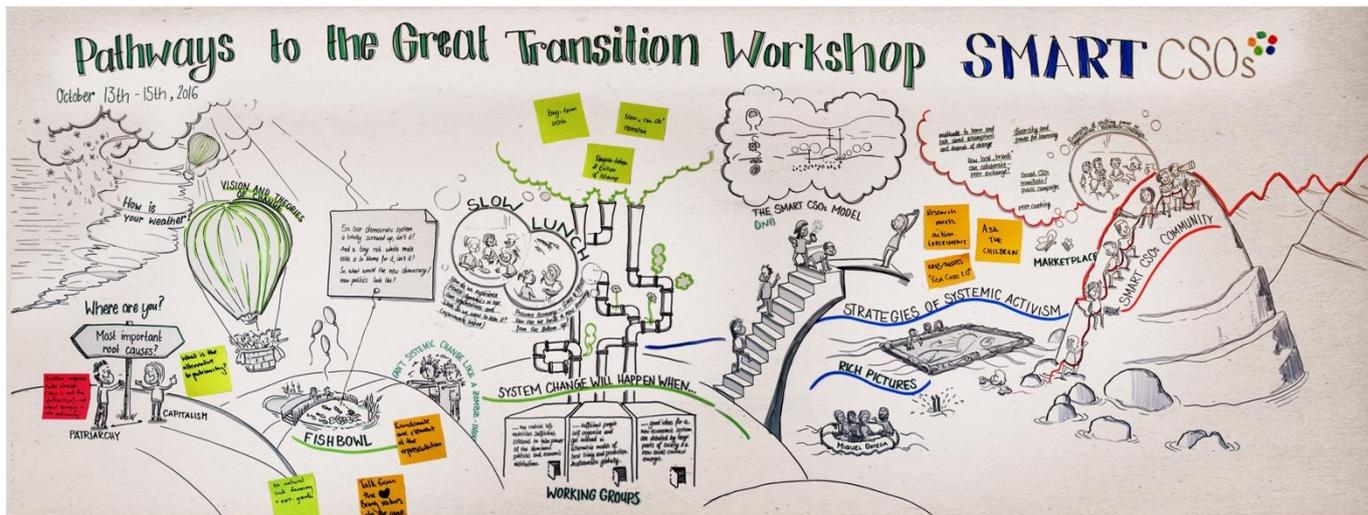


The local workshop co-organiser, GreenDependent, has a tradition of offsetting the carbon footprint of events by planting native fruit trees, which also help to preserve local biodiversity. The number of trees to be planted is usually determined in such a way as to allow the offsetting of an event's carbon dioxide emissions within 1-2 years (instead of over the entire lifetime of the trees). However, for an international event with 10.2 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, several hundred trees would be needed.

At the workshop, participants were offered the opportunity to donate money for the purchase of fruit trees. From the donations thus collected, and with an additional donation of 10 trees from the nursery to support the good cause, 40 native fruit trees were purchased and planted by GreenDependent, together with several workshop participants who live in the area.

### Smart CSOs Lab workshop, 13-15 Oct 2016

On 13-15 October, the Smart CSOs Lab convened a workshop on 'Pathways to the Great Transition' in Barcelona (Spain). Some 30 representatives from civil society, research and funding organisations discussed theories of change, strategies for more systemic activism and the further development of the Smart CSOs community. During workshop sessions, slow lunches and even slower, delicious dinners, the Re.imagining Activism guide formed the basis for innumerable discursive ventures into activism, research and funding for the Great Transition on individual, organisational and societal levels. Among the many themes discussed, sustainable consumption featured prominently, next to education, social inclusion, and resilient communities.



Drawing of the workshop's journey by Ina Lohner

## Upcoming events

### GLAMURS final conference, 30 Nov – 1 Dec 2016

*Making time for sustainability: unlocking transformation towards sustainable lifestyles and a green economy in Europe.*

With the GLAMURS project coming to a close at the end of the year, we would like to engage you in a debate on state-of-the-art research on how our time-use influences our well-being and environmental footprint and what new economic arrangements could drive us onto a virtuous path of healthy and thriving communities in Europe. To tackle these themes, we kindly invite you to the two-day GLAMURS Final Conference featuring high profile research exchanges, practitioner-oriented sessions as well as opportunities for interactions with business and European policy-makers. The conference will be held at the Diamant Center in Brussels, which was awarded the Green Key Label for its commitment to sustainability.

Attendance is free, if you would like to participate please [register here](#). View the [detailed conference agenda here](#) or [download as a PDF](#).



## ENERGY FOR SOCIETY

1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science

2–5 April 2017  
Melia Sitges, Spain



## 1st International Conference on Energy Research and Social Science, 2-5 April 2017

Energy for Society: 1st International Conference on Energy Research & Social Science aims to examine the relationship between energy systems and society. It will cover a range of topics revolving around the intersection of energy technologies, fuels, and resources; and social processes and influences - including communities of energy users, people affected by energy production, social institutions, customs, traditions, behaviours, and policies. [Click here to submit an abstract by Friday, 4 Nov 2016.](#)

## GRF Third International Conference, 27-29 June 2017

The Global Research Forum's third international meeting, hosted by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and the Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU) at the University of Sussex, has the theme "Sustainable Lifestyles, Livelihoods and the Circular Economy" and will take place in Brighton (UK) on 27-29 June 2017. The conference will convene researchers, development practitioners, policy makers and representatives from business, government and civil society to explore critical links between the circular economy, sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods and the Sustainable Development Goals. We will examine the potential for, pathways to, and politics of advancing a global transition from the current linear "throw-away" model to sustainable production and consumption systems and practices in "circular economies." In keeping with GRF's emphasis on global perspectives, we will explore these questions across different regions and communities, in both industrialized and developing countries.



## Sixth International Conference on Degrowth

Research & Degrowth and the Support Group are [inviting applications for hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> International Degrowth Conference in 2018.](#)

## Recent Publications

The IPCC is preparing a special report (to be published in 2018) on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways. Recently, the IPCC published the approved report outline on its website: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>.

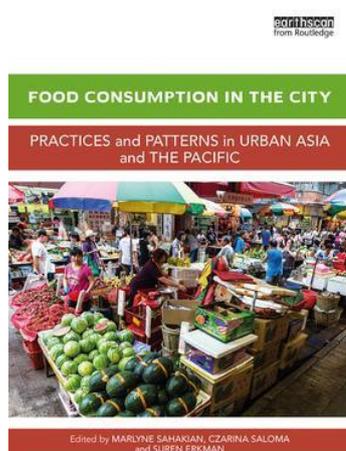
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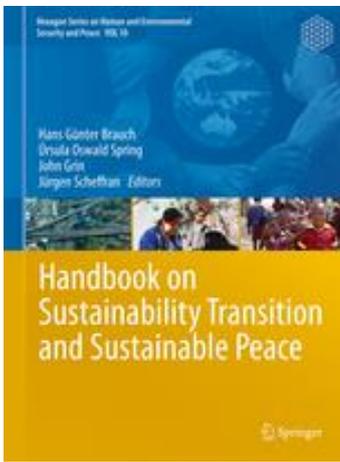
## Edited Books

Sahakian, M., Saloma, C. & Erkman, S. (eds.) (2016). *Food consumption in the city. Practices and Patterns in Urban Asia and The Pacific*. London (UK): Routledge

Food consumption patterns and practices are rapidly changing in Asia and the Pacific, and nowhere are these changes more striking than in urban areas. This book brings together scholars from anthropology, sociology, environmental studies, tourism, architecture and development studies to provide a comprehensive examination of food consumption trends in the cities of Asia and the Pacific, including household food consumption, eating out and food waste. Detailed case studies are included from China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea and Vietnam, as well as Hawaii and Australia.

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**Brauch, H. G., Oswald Spring, Ú., Grin, J. & Scheffran, J. (eds.) (2016). *Handbook on Sustainability Transition and Sustainable Peace*. Berlin: Springer**

This book brings together 60 authors from many disciplines and from 18 countries on five continents, and includes chapters by SCORAI Europe members Audley Genus (Chapter 24: Sustainability Transitions: A Discourse-institutional Perspective) and Sylvia Lorek (Chapter 26: Sustainable Consumption). [The entire book as well as individual chapters can be purchased here.](#)

## Other network news

An emerging Future Earth Knowledge Action Network on Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production ([SSCP KAN](#)) is being established to address 1) how to forge a more integrated understanding of sustainable consumption and sustainable production and 2) how to increase the societal/policy relevance of a "strong view" of SCP. Several SCORAI members are involved in the [Development Team](#) of the network, including SCORAI Europe members Anna Davies, Charlotte Louise Jensen, Sylvia Lorek and Jaco Quist.

SCORAI Europe member Audley Genus has been elected co-chair of the Social and Sustainable Enterprise Network, which is a special interest group of the [Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship](#).

## On a personal note

If you would like to announce an upcoming event or share a recent publication, a vacancy or just a noteworthy bit of news that is of relevance to the entire SCORAI Europe community, feel free to circulate directly to our listserv by sending an email to [scorai-europe@opendna.com](mailto:scorai-europe@opendna.com).

The SCORAI Europe steering group discusses recent developments and plans future activities on a monthly basis. If you would like to get in touch with us, please send an email to [scoraieurope@gmail.com](mailto:scoraieurope@gmail.com).

We are looking forward to future encounters – electronically or otherwise:

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