



October 2011 Newsletter

Dear SCORAI,

October is a full newsletter with the standard fare and more: jobs, upcoming conferences, and publications from the SCORAI network. This month also features a write-up on Climate Catan, a board-game based on Settlers of Catan.

As always, many thanks to those of you who sent in content for the newsletter.

We hope this e-newsletter finds you well,

Emily and Maurie

SCORAI Seeks Webmaster

The SCORAI website (<http://www.scorai.org>) is in need of refurbishment and updating. Ongoing management is also required. This is an excellent opportunity for a graduate student or rising scholar to contribute some voluntary service to the further development of our community. Training as necessary will be provided. Interested candidates should contact Maurie Cohen at mcohen@adm.njit.edu.

Climate Catan

Attention game-lovers! SCORAI affiliate, **Eric Assadourian** played a role in creating a modified version of the popular game, Settlers of Catan. A *New York Times* article describes the game and various strategies, with implications for natural resource management and climate change. See:

<http://www.nytimes.com/cwire/2011/09/06/06climatewire-board-game-brings-the-difficulties-of-climat-22531.html?pagewanted=all>

Great work, Eric!

Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy

The Atlantic Council is seeking applications from European and American leaders in the environmental field. Applicants should

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be between 25 and 40 years of age and may come from a wide range of professional backgrounds including, but not limited to: elected officials (local, regional, or federal), legislative staff, businesspeople, academics, scientists, agricultural experts, entrepreneurs, national security experts, urban planners, energy professionals, and journalists.



ELEEP members should be willing and able to impact policies that will ensure the security of our energy sources while preserving the environment. ELEEP has no policy agenda, and no partisan or political affiliation. Network members will have the opportunity to earn access to exclusive benefits including expenses paid participation in study tours in the United States and Europe and custom professional matches with leading experts and practitioners.

The application form can be downloaded at <http://youngatlanticist.org/e-leep.html>.

Job Opportunities

System Innovation Lab, Forum for the Future

The London-based Systems Innovation Lab (Forum for the Future) seeks an interim Principal Advisor. The Lab aims to become a global centre of expertise in using system innovation to create profound change. It will share experience and new insights from practical work at the cutting edge, explore the system level challenges to building a sustainable economy, and help people working in sustainability increase their impact.

This role will require experience in leading and delivering learning projects and leadership programmes. Skill in fundraising is highly desirable to turn ideas into exciting future projects. A basic knowledge of sustainability issues and systemic change is essential.

See <http://www.forumforthefuture.org/principal-advisor-system-innovation-lab-maternity-cover-9-10-months> for more information. To apply for this role please send a completed application form and equal opportunities form to Helen Saunders at recruitment@forumforthefuture.org. **Deadline is October 3, 2011.**

Faculty of Environment, University of Leeds

Positions for Senior Lecturer, Reader, and Chair are available at the University of Leeds. The Faculty seeks an established academic with expertise in critical and theoretical social science approaches to political or social aspects of environmental decision-making and societal behaviour. You will be expected to make a significant contribution to the Institute's research profile and to its management and development, as well as to contribute to research student supervision and to the School's integrated teaching programmes.

Informal enquiries may be made to Professor Jouni Paavola, Co-Director of the Sustainability Research Institute, Telephone +44 (0)113 343 6787, email j.paavola@leeds.ac.uk or Dr Lindsay Stringer, Co-Director of the Sustainability Research

Institute, Telephone +44 (0)113 343 7530, email l.stringer@leeds.ac.uk. **Closing date is October 31, 2011.**

The New Economics Institute (NEI)

The New Economics Institute seeks a President who will bring the characteristics and experiences needed to help NEI achieve an ambitious but essential agenda: to go beyond questioning the current economic model and begin to develop and promote a new one, transforming traditional definitions of progress and exploring areas of priority and policy where transformative change is now essential.

Requirements: Successful track record fundraising, prior experience managing staff, passion around new economy thought, able to travel internationally, based in New York City.

To apply: Please send a cover letter describing your interest and qualifications, your resume, and salary history to: nei-ceo@nonprofitprofessionals.com.

Special Issues Seeking Content

Nature and Culture

Nature & Culture announces plans for a special issue on "Nature, science and politics, or: policy assessment to promote sustainable development?" The deadline for abstract submissions (400-500 words) is November 30, 2011.

This Special Symposium's focus is how the utilization of scientific knowledge in policy making, and its impact on the policy process, can be better understood. There are many mechanisms for embedding scientific knowledge in policy-making; we particularly focus on policy impact assessment and its ability to promote sustainable development.

There are already a large number of concepts to theorize science-policy interaction. But apolitical, one-directional knowledge transfer models still inform much of the debate, particularly around policy assessment systems. We aim to move the debate on, while investigating the remarkable persistence of these linear models, by inviting empirical work and case studies that elaborate on the following questions: How are knowledge production and decision making processes interrelated and intermingled? What is the relationship between evidence use and policy outputs? How can evidence-based processes help to achieve more sustainable outcomes? By drawing on wider perspectives on the science-policy-politics relationship and research on how science and politics interact in practice, the Symposium aims to enrich the theory and inform the practice of policy assessment for sustainable development.

Submissions should be sent to the editors: to the editors (sabine.weiland@fu-berlin.de, vivien.behrens@ufz.de, and j.turnpenny@uea.ac.uk).

Natural Resources Forum

Natural Resources Forum announces plans for a special issue on Long-term Sustainable Development Scenarios to be published in 2012. The deadline for submission is 15 November 2011.

This special issue will take stock of recent advances in the development of long-term sustainable development scenarios. Scenarios have become a standard tool in the analysis of global issues, including climate change, energy, land, and water. There have also been efforts to extend the coverage of models and scenario exercises to go beyond individual sectors and provide integrated analyses, simultaneously considering economic, social and environmental objectives, as well as multiple sectors. The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development ("Rio+20"), to be held in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012, will be an occasion to reflect on progress in model-based scenario analysis and trends in the interface between scenario modeling and policymaking.

Articles should contain original material and should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words in length. Contributions to the journal are accepted at NRF's manuscript submission site at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/nrf>. Please consult the Author Guidelines at <http://www.wiley.com/bw/submit.asp?ref=0165-0203>. Questions and comments can be addressed to: nrforum@un.org

Journal of Nonprofit and Public Sector Marketing

The *Journal of Nonprofit and Public Sector Marketing* announces plans for a special issue on Transformative Ethical/Sustainable Consumption Research. The deadline for submission is December 30, 2011. The special issue is scheduled to be published in Issue 4 2012.

In this call for papers we contend that the time to just "describe the phenomenon" has passed and thus seek rigorous ethical consumption research that provides actionable insights for practitioners and consumers. In this light, after two rounds of academic review, we will facilitate the collaboration of leading ethical consumption practitioners/marketers with the authors of accepted papers to co-develop relevant insights and practical guidance for marketing managers. These insights will form Managerial Implications sections at the end of each paper in the special issue.

Prospective contributors are welcome to contact the Special Issue Co-Editors to clarify questions about the potential suitability of topics: Dr Iain Black (Iain.Black@ed.ac.uk); Dr Terry Newholm (Terry.Newholm@mbs.ac.uk); and Michal Carrington (M.Carrington@latrobe.edu.au). Please submit your papers for peer review for the Special Issue by December 30, 2011 to Michal Carrington.

Special Issue on Sustainable Consumption

The Journal of Cleaner Production

The *Journal of Cleaner Production* has a special issue (volume 19, issue 16) on sustainable consumption in Finland. There are a range of articles with an emphasis on making energy and resource-intensive economies more sustainable. The Table of Contents can be viewed at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09596526/19/16>.

New Publications by SCORAI Members and Friends

Carolan, M. 2011. *The Real Costs of Cheap Food*. London: Earthscan.

Carolan, M. 2011. *Embodied Food Politics*. London: Ashgate.

Shwom, R. 2011. A middle range theory of energy politics: the U.S. struggle for energy efficient appliances. *Environmental Politics* 20(5):706-727.

Upcoming Conferences & Workshops

The RESPONDER Project. The project links sustainable consumption and growth debates and takes into account aspects of green growth, non-growth and degrowth. See <http://www.scp-responder.eu>.

Next events as part of RESPONDER:

19-21 October 2011 1st EU Dialogue on Sustainable Consumption and Economic Growth (Berlin)

26-27 January 2012 Multinational knowledge brokerage event on Sustainable Food Consumption (Lisbon)

15-17 February 2012 Multinational knowledge brokerage event on Sustainable Household Electronics (Vienna).

7-9 March 2012 Multinational knowledge brokerage event on Sustainable Household Savings and Debts (London).

21-23 March 2012 Multinational knowledge brokerage event on Sustainable Mobility (Bratislava).

28-30 March 2012 Multinational knowledge brokerage event on Sustainable Housing (Barcelona).

Localism: Sufficient and Fit for Purpose? November 3, 2011, University of Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester, UK (<https://eiemea.certain.com/rsa/getdemo.ei?id=1010023&s=50K0YSW2F>).

International Conference on Sustainable Consumption: Towards Action and Impact, November 6-8, 2011, Hamburg, Germany (<http://www.sustainableconsumption2011.org>).

Young researchers in sustainable consumption and sustainability sciences are warmly invited to attend the pre-conference "Research on Sustainable Consumption - Present and Future Perspectives for Young Academics" on Sunday, 6th November 2011, from 9am to 5pm. More information can be found at: <http://www.sustainableconsumption2011.org/frontend/index.php?>

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Third German Environmental Sociology Summit (Innovation and Sustainability: Beyond Technology), November 16-18, 2011, Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University, Frankfurt, Germany (<http://www.gesellschaftswissenschaften.unifrankfurt.de/gess>).

Eighth International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability, January 10-12, 2012, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada (<http://www.SustainabilityConference.com>).

European Seminar on the "Geography of Innovation," January 26-28, 2012, Saint-Etienne, France (<http://www.euolio.eu>).

ISEE is holding its next biennial conference in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012 to dovetail with Rio+20 UNCSD. Abstracts: maximum of 700 words, submit online via the conference website at <http://www.isee2012.org>. For details see <http://www.ecoeco.org/content/2011/06/2012-isee-conference-call-for-papers>.

The World Congress on Global Well-Being will be held 16-21 July, 2012 in Melbourne, Australia. See the conference website for more details: <http://www.ifhe2012.org/>.

3rd International Conference on Degrowth for Ecological Sustainability and Social Equity will be held 19-23 September, 2012 in Venice, Italy. See the conference website for more details at <http://www.venezia2012.it>.

New SCORAI Affiliates

SCORAI welcomes the following new affiliates to the network during the month of September. Total membership is currently 279 people.

Laura Frye-Levine
Jennifer Gaddis (Yale University, USA)
Karsten Bruun Hansen (Aarhus University, Denmark)
Craig Harris (Michigan State University, USA)
Michael Carolan (Colorado State University, USA)
Scott Sawyer (Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, USA)
Robert Didham (IGES, Japan)
Catie Carter
Steve Allen (Lancaster University, UK)
Norah MacKendrick (University of Toronto, Canada)
Jeremy Caradonna (University of Alberta, Canada)
Sam Dodd (University of Texas, USA)

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