



January

Dear SCORAI,

Happy 2013! We hope you enjoyed a restful and restorative holiday break. This month's newsletter includes some exciting news, updates, and opportunities, as well as information about this spring's SCORAI conference.

All the best,

Kate & Debbie & Maurie

SCORAI 2013 Draft Conference Program Available!

The draft program for the SCORAI conference to be held on June 12-14 at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts is now available via the [SCORAI website](#). An abstract book outlining the papers to be presented can be downloaded as well. The conference will comprise nearly 100 presentations by scholars working in the field of sustainable consumption, several policy briefings by national and international experts, and a concluding plenary dialogue.

Also part of the program will be keynote lectures by [John Fullerton](#) (founder of the Capital Institute), [Sheldon Garon](#) (Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Princeton University and author of *Beyond Our Means: Why America Spends While the World Saves*), and [Carol Graham](#) (Brookings Institution and University of Maryland and author of *The Pursuit of Happiness: An Economy of Well-Being* and *Happiness Around the World: The Paradox of Happy Peasants and Miserable Millionaires*).

The conference schedule will also include a business meeting where there will be a discussion of the future of SCORAI. Participation and broad engagement in this session is actively encouraged!

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Further information on the conference and registration details are accessible via the link on the [SCORAI website](#).

Want to bring solar power to your community?

Working together with neighbors can make it easier. Join this free webinar to learn more!

New Dream presents a free webinar about how everyday people can work with neighbors to bring solar energy to their community. Topics include solar cooperatives, bulk purchasing, group net metering, and more.

Guest speakers:

- Anya Schoolman - Executive Director, [Community Power Network](#). Schoolman founded the [Mount Pleasant Solar Cooperative](#), and she has assisted more than 70 homeowners in Washington, DC in going solar.
- Dan Conant - Solar Community Organizer, [SunCommon](#). Conant's successful projects include founding and directing the [Arlington Solar Raisers](#) program in Virginia, and organizing hundreds of Vermont families to go solar, together, through the [VPIRG Solar Communities](#) program.

Schoolman and Conant will share their knowledge and be available to answer your questions. [Register for this webinar](#) to learn how working with your local community can make solar more affordable for everyone!

Webinar: Community Solar 101 Date: Wednesday, January 23, 2013

Time: 2:00pm-3:00pm Eastern (11:00am-12:00pm Pacific)

Cost: Free

A Guide for Engaging and Winning on Climate

American company, Breakthrough Strategies & Solutions, recently commissioned polling to explore how leaders can more effectively communicate about climate issues. The resulting report was developed in consultation with numerous climate communication experts in academia and from various NGOs. [A Guide for Engaging and Winning on Climate](#), is a valuable tool for helping those in the public and private sectors communicate successfully about climate change and clean energy solutions.

Merger Creates 'The New Economy Coalition'!

2013 brings an exciting development in innovation and democratic collaboration. The New Economics Institute is merging with The New Economy Network to form the [The New Economy Coalition](#)!

As organizations with similar goals, strategies, and stakeholders, they are combining efforts to strengthen existing initiatives and to create a foundation to build power across sectors for greater political and economic impact. The New Economy Coalition will remain committed to promoting a New Economy that prioritizes the well-being of people and the planet. In addition, there will be a new spin off organization in Great Barrington under the leadership of Susan Witt in order for the local work in the Berkshires to continue to flourish. Stay tuned for more details about that transition in the weeks ahead!

Upcoming Conferences & Workshops

The 3rd Annual European Postgraduate Symposium - "Sustainable Development Symposium" will be held February 13-15, 2013 at "Parthenope" University of Naples, Italy. You can find further information at: <http://sds2013.uniparthenope.it>.

ECEEE 2013 Summer Study will be held June 3-8, 2013 at Belambra, Presqu'île de Giens, Toulon/Hyères, France. It is time to sharpen your pen and focus on abstracts that will contribute to the ECEEE 2013 Summer Study. Papers presented at the Summer Study form the scholarly backbone of ECEEE's work to provide evidence-based information on energy efficiency. Please contact marlyne.sahakian@graduateinstitute.ch with questions.

The 19th International Sustainable Development Research Society Conference "Just Transitions: a global perspective" will be held from July 1-3, 2013 near Cape Town, South Africa. The Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production (GRF-SPC) aims to organize a session, or a track of sessions, on SPC in Africa. For the ISDRC call for papers visit their [website](#).

The Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption 2013 at the 10th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology in Magdeburg, Germany

The Virtual Community (VC) on Sustainability and Consumption invites the submission of contributions for symposia on sustainability and consumption at the 10th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology, which will be held September 22-25 2013 in Magdeburg, Germany. The main theme for the conference is "the role of the individual in the transformation of energy systems," which makes it particularly apt for anyone interested in the interface between sustainability and consumption. You can read more about the conference at: <http://www.envpsycon.ovgu.de/EnvPsyCon.html>.

By organizing a track of special sessions/symposia at the 10th Environmental Psychology Conference, we hope to strengthen and widen the VC's outreach and the collaboration of researchers in the field of sustainability and consumption. Hence, we encourage researchers currently working on sustainability-and-consumption issues, within all disciplines and cross-disciplinarily, to present their research at this event, which will also host the VC's annual general assembly.

If you are interested in submitting a paper, please let us know as soon as possible and we will organize a number of themed symposia at the conference. Please feel free to forward this invitation to colleagues who may be interested in participating. In addition to sending them to us, abstracts should be submitted using the conferences management system at <http://www.envpsycon.ovgu.de/EnvPsyCon.html> where more information about the conference is available.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is March 15 but the organizers need to know about plans for symposia before March 1. Please indicate in your submission that you would like your submission to be considered for the special symposia organized by the VC.

Kind regards,
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Professional Opportunities

The University of Edinburgh seeks to appoint an outstanding researcher and teacher to a permanent post in the Science, Technology and Innovation Studies (STIS) Subject Group of the School of Social and Political Science.

The person appointed will be expected to engage actively in research, teaching, and administration, and to play a full part in the collegial life of the subject area and the School.

It is essential that the successful candidate present a research profile which is at the forefront of Science, Technology and Innovation Studies, particularly as applied to understanding and addressing the challenges of environmental sustainability, broadly understood to include (but not restricted to) eco-innovation, energy systems and policy, sustainable transitions, and environmental modelling and monitoring.

In addition to contributing to achieving the highest possible REF grade, the successful candidate will demonstrate the ability to provide leadership in developing and delivering research programmes in this area, and in achieving wider impact through

knowledge exchange and engagement.

Depending on level of appointment, the position will attract an annual salary of £37,012 to £44,166 (UE08) or £46,846 to £52,706 (UE09).

The deadline for applications is 4 February 2013, and the successful applicant will be expected to take up the post no later than 1 September 2013.

More information about the post and details of application procedures is available [here](#).

New SCORAI Affiliates

A warm welcome to our newest affiliates who bring the total number of SCORAI affiliates to 508.

Rhea Belfanti
Candice Howarth
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