



May 2013

Dear SCORAI,

We hope everyone is enjoying the transition to spring and wrapping up productive semesters! We have a number of new publications that we hope you'll explore, as well as more information about the conference which is now just a few weeks away! As always, if you have any original work you would like to include in the newsletter, do let us know.

Take care,
Kate & Debbie & Maurie

Only Six Weeks Until the SCORAI Conference at Clark University!

We are now in the final countdown for the SCORAI Conference at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts on June 12-14. Under the theme "The Future of Consumerism and Well-Being in a World of Ecological Constraints," the event will include more than 100 presentations by scholars working in the field of sustainable consumption and several policy briefings by national and international experts. Please visit the [SCORAI website](#) for further details.

The conference will also include keynote presentations 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](#) (Fellow at the Brookings Institution, Professor at the 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*). In addition, the event will feature a plenary dialogue with Juliet Schor and John de Graaf on Time, Self-Provisioning, and Happiness. Other invited speakers include Bob Massie (President of the New Economics Institute) and Mohan Monasinghe (Former Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Recipient of

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Jeffrey Barber
Integrative Strategies Forum

Halina Brown
Clark University

Maurie Cohen
New Jersey Institute of
Technology

John Stutz
Tellus Institute

Philip Vergragt
Tellus Institute and Clark
University

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the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize).

The program also includes two exciting pre-conference workshops. The first of these participatory sessions is organized by Richard Wilk and focuses on "Doing Something Now: Tactics for Attacking Consumerism." The second session is entitled "Systems Thinking: Framework and Methods for Working Smarter Not Harder" and will be led by Vanessa Timmer.

The conference schedule will 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!

Workshop in Istanbul: Bridging Across Communities and Cultures: Toward Sustainable Consumption

[SCORAI Europe](#) will host a workshop on June 4 titled *Bridging Across Communities and Cultures: Towards Sustainable Consumption* that will be taking place directly before the [2013 European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production](#) in Istanbul. Changes toward more sustainable forms of consumption will be explored, including how we can apprehend existing efforts and how they might be replicated across different communities and cultures.

This workshop will shed light on learning processes and collaboration experiences that bridge between different types of groups—from everyday people to political leaders, academics, researchers and the business sector. Papers will be grouped into the following sessions: structures in communities, values and visions, agents and actors, and innovation and design around production processes.

The small format of SCORAI workshops is ideal for in-depth discussions, with papers not only presented by authors but also debated by assigned discussants. Founded in May 2012 at the last ERSCP in Bregenz, the goal of SCORAI Europe is to support a community that contributes forward-thinking, innovative research in the area of sustainable consumption, while also bridging academic research with mainstream thinking and policy making. To learn about SCORAI Europe or to join the membership base, please e-mail: scoraieurope@gmail.com.

Scholarships Available for the Summer Institute in New Economics

On August 12-18, 2013, Boston College will be offering the second annual **Summer Institute in New Economics** for graduate students. This week-long interdisciplinary program features a group of faculty from around the world (Gar Alperovitz, Juliet Schor, Joel Rogers, Michel Bauwens and Gil Seyfang), a number of whom are active in SCORAI. More information and applications are available [here](#).

This year's institute will be at the spectacular Wingspread retreat in Wisconsin. **Ample scholarships are available.**

Faculty, please let your graduate students know about this opportunity. Graduate students, please apply. We are accepting students on a rolling basis.

Call for Proposals from INET & CIGI

The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) and The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI) are accepting research proposals for their joint 2013 Grant Program, with grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$250,000. This will be the 5th cycle of research grants issued and in this round, they seek to support research focused on 5 broad themes that are complementary to the organizations' other activities and research programs. The 5 areas are:

- Fundamentals of macroeconomics and macroeconomic management
- Behavior and the economy
- Financial stability
- Political economy of income and wealth distribution and inequality dynamics
- Innovation

While these are the key areas in which proposals will be funded, they will consider any proposal consistent with their mission of furthering new economic thinking. Proposals are due by June 13, 2013, and should be no longer than four pages in length, plus a one-page summary. A research jury will review first stage applications by early August. For detailed information please visit their website.

Publications of Interest

Ashford, N., Kallis, G. [**A Four-day Workweek: A Policy for Improving Employment and Environmental Conditions in Europe**](#). The European Financial Review. April 19, 2013.

Kallis, G., Kalush, M. *et al.* [**"Friday Off": Reducing Working Hours in Europe**](#). *Sustainability* 2013, 5, pp. 1545 -1567.

Simron J. Singh, Helmut Haberl, Marian Chertow, Michael Mirtl, Martin Schmid (2013) (Eds.): [**Long Term Socio-Ecological Research. Studies in Society-Nature Interactions Across Spatial and Temporal Scales**](#), Springer (Human-Environment Interactions, Vol. 2).

Over the last half century, exceptional changes in the environment have placed renewed importance on the study of society-nature interactions. Around the globe, ever increasing human demands on ecosystems not only harm the environment, but also induce great

potential for social conflict. In this sense sustainability problems are not only "ecological" but "socio-ecological" since the ways societies interact with the environment affects both ecosystems and social systems. The emerging interdisciplinary field of Long-Term Socio-Ecological Research (LTSER) is primarily concerned with questions of global environmental change and sustainability. It aims to conceptualise, observe, analyse, and model changes in coupled socio-ecological systems over generations. The authors of the new volume make a case for LTSER's potential in providing insights, knowledge and experience necessary for a sustainability transition.

Zehner, O. [Green Illusions](#), The University of Nebraska Press (2013)

This deep green book presents more than just a critique of solar cells, wind turbines, biofuels, and electric cars. It delivers three dozen first steps around the themes of environmental justice, overpopulation, rebound effects, energy economics, degrowth, taxes, bicycling, livable neighborhoods, and energy conservation.

Shifting the Burden of Recycling: Yale Journal Explores the State of Extended Producer Responsibility

Over the past two decades governments around the world have been experimenting with a new strategy for managing waste. By making producers responsible for their products when they become wastes, policy makers seek to significantly increase the recycling-and recyclability-of computers, packaging, automobiles, and household hazardous wastes such as batteries, used oil motor, and leftover paint-and save money in the process.

This strategy, known as extended producer responsibility (EPR), is the subject of a [new special feature](#) in Yale University's Journal of Industrial Ecology. The special feature examines the use of EPR across diverse scales-from countries to provinces and states-and investigates work underway in the U.S., the European Union, Canada, China, Brazil and the State of Washington. The application of EPR to e-waste is a particular focus of the research in the special feature. Articles in the special feature are freely downloadable for a limited time [here](#).

The Journal of Industrial Ecology is a bimonthly peer-reviewed scientific journal, owned by Yale University, published by Wiley-Blackwell and headquartered at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Upcoming Conferences & Workshops

The 2nd Multinational Knowledge Brokerage Events as part of the [RESPONDER project](#) will be:

- **Sustainable Household Savings and Debts** in Brussels (BE) May 14-15th

- **Sustainable Housing** in Barcelona (ES) June 6-7th 2013

The International Society of Sustainability Professionals will host its [2013 conference](#) in Chicago this May 8-10. More information available through their [press release](#) and [website](#).

Global Sustainability Institute (GSI) Research Conference will take place in Cambridge on May 15, 2013. It will investigate the sustainability challenges we face & provide a range of solutions from different disciplines. Further details [here](#).

Conference of Irish Geographers. The Conference, taking place May 16-18 2013, marks the 45th CIG and the 50th anniversary of Geography at NUI Galway. More information and registration for the event are available [here](#).

ECEEE 2013 Summer Study will be held June 3-8, 2013 at Belambra, Presqu'île de Giens, Toulon/Hyères, France. More information is available on their [website](#).

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

"Capitalist Crises, Critique of Growth and the Perspectives for a Post-Growth Society" will be the title of the next European Sociological Association conference to be held in Turin, August 28-31, 2013.

The Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption at the 10th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology in Magdeburg, Germany. The Virtual Community 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 theme is "the role of the individual in the transformation of energy systems". Read more at this [link](#).

New SCORAI Affiliates

We would like to welcome our newest SCORAI affiliates. They bring our number to 536.

James Boak	Ortrud Lessmann
Philippe Calvez	Matthew McRae
KarenCook	Nazia Mintz-Habib
Sarah Dawson	Ian Robinson
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