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## President's Column

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by Arthur P.J. Mol  
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We are approaching the ISA World Congress, to be held in Durban, South Africa, from 23-29 July 2006. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the entire RC24 program, with 18 regular sessions, one integrative session and a business meeting, which makes RC24 among the most lively research committees of the ISA. Most of the sessions are well packed with 6-7 papers, but evidence shows that usually for each session a number of paper presenters are in the end unable to make it to the World Congress for various reasons. We estimate that we will be working with around 5 presentations for each session of 105 minutes (with the exception of the round-tables session). Each of the session organizing teams has been in contact with the paper presenters concerning the details of their session. These session organizers have been doing excellent work in organizing their sessions on time, communicating effectively with Ray and me, and smoothing out all kinds of small, last-minute problems. Without them, organizing such a program would come close to hell; now it was almost joyful. In all, I think we are looking forward to a rich program, both by its size, by its diversity of themes, and also by its quality. As always, we will also use these gatherings to strengthen our network, affirm relations, exchange and debate new research topics and experiences, and enjoy being together in such a large community of environmental sociologists.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will also find a report on the board elections held recently. The elections were announced in the last newsletter and earlier in messages sent to every RC24 member directly using our collective electronic messaging service. As a result, we had a strong slate of candidates standing for board membership: two for each position. It feels good that almost 50 members took the trouble to vote for a new board. The new board has a nice geographical spread, a good gender balance, and a mix of respected 'grey' people and enthusiastic 'young' members. The new board will begin its duties at the business meeting at Durban. At this business meeting the present board will also report on the past four years, describe the financial situation of RC24, and last but not least, the winner of the newly established Frederick H Buttell Award will be announced by the chairperson of the Award committee, Ray Murphy.

Consequently, this will be my final column. Let me thank all of you for being such a nice, easy-going and active research community. It was really a pleasure to work with you during these four years. That is especially the case of course for the RC24 board members, who demonstrated a remarkable energy and activity by organizing so many conferences on all continents, and showed their deep commitment to our network. And within that board, Ray and Matthias have been invaluable for a rather poorly organized president with a short memory and often not enough time.

I do hope to meet you all this summer in Durban.

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## Notes from the Editor

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by Ray Murphy  
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I too am writing my last column as secretary of RC24 and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the executive (Arthur Mol, Eugene Rosa, and Matthias Gross) and the Board of Governors (Ingolfur Bluedorn, Julia Guivant, Mona Martensson, Luigi Pellizzoni, Ariel Salleh, Ryoichi Terada, Markku Wilenius, Frederick Buttell who unfortunately died in the middle of his mandate as past-president, and Riley Dunlap) for work well done over the past four years. RC24's accomplishments have been numerous during the mandate of this board. Take five examples: three or four regional conferences have been held each year; at the World Congress this year in Durban we have enough participants in good standing to be one of the rare research committees to be granted the maximum number of sessions; a dedicated RC24 website has been created with the latest information for everyone to view; an electronic messaging system has been developed for members to send information to all other members; the Buttell Award for research in environmental sociology has been created. Special appreciation has been merited by our President Arthur Mol who did an enormous amount of excellent work on behalf of RC24. Since this involves unpaid labour, his work could be deemed almost heroic. As secretary, I thoroughly enjoyed working with this gang of RC24 executive and board members. And it was a pleasure writing my Editor's column for the Newsletter. I thank all RC24 members for putting up with my own peculiar sense of humor.

In this last issue of the RC24 Newsletter that I am producing, you will find the complete list of papers to be given in the sessions organized by RC24 at the World Congress of Sociology in Durban, South Africa in July 2006. The scope of the topics is indeed impressive, as is the list of presenters who have chosen to give their papers at RC24 sessions, for example, Ulrich Beck and John Urry. Publishing the list of papers in this May 2006 Newsletter will let those who are attending know what to expect. It will also inform those who can not attend about the content of the "environment and society" dimension of the World Congress. The e-mail addresses of presenters have been given to facilitate communication with them.

Secretaries of RC24 never go away. We simply change hats and turn up in new positions. So at Durban I will put on my new bonnet as president. I want to thank you for choosing me and I will do my best to deserve your trust.

Fortunately I will have an outstanding cast of characters to work with. First there is Arthur Mol, because presidents do not go away either. They become past-president, a position of great influence because that is where the collective memory of RC24 and continuity reside. I might even try to shovel work his way because he does such a good job. After all, Arthur did such 'delegation of responsibility' for organizing the elections to past-past president Riley Dunlap. 'Delegation of responsibility' is an expression that has a nicer ring to it than 'shoveling work', but the referent is the same. In Durban, Riley will become past-past-past president. An anthropologist specializing in lineage might draw an analogy with paternity: if president could be compared with father, then Riley will become RC24's great-great-grandfather!! He will be my deep source of collective memory and continuity. Treasurer is a position appointed by the board of RC24, and I will make the suggestion – already seconded by Arthur – to invite our present treasurer Matthias Gross to continue as treasurer. He has done a great deal of excellent work leading RC24 to relative prosperity and he knows all the fine points of that position. The newcomers on the executive are particularly welcome. In her role of secretary, I am certain that Dana Fisher will do exceptional work producing the newsletter for the next four years and managing electronic communication to members. The Buttell Award Committee made the suggestion that the vice-president will chair that committee from now on and this was announced

in the information sent to RC24 members before they voted. As vice-president you have chosen Julia Guivant from Brazil, who has a long history in RC24. Being from a non-Anglo-Saxon country, this choice should help solve the problem of attracting nominations for the Buttell Award from other linguistic groups. The board members, whose role is to act as consultants and to organize conferences, are a promising group. I am looking forward to working with them. Their names are given below.

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## **Results of the RC24 board elections**

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by Arthur Mol

In the fall of 2005 a nomination committee consisting of Riley Dunlap, Koichie Hasegawa and Gert Spaargaren prepared a list of candidates for the various RC24 board positions. Between the first of February and the first of April 2006, 48 members of RC24 in good standing voted in the election for the RC24 board positions. Compared to earlier elections this is a high number (at the 2002 election we had 40 voters). For all positions there was a very close run, with often only a few votes difference between the candidates. For the board members, number 6 and 7 even had an equal amount of votes, so that – following the statutes - we end up with seven instead of six board members. Here is the new board:

President:                Ray Murphy (Canada)  
Vice-president:        Julia Guivant (Brazil)  
Secretary:              Dana Fisher (USA)

Board members:

Cecilia Claeys-Mekdade (France)  
David Fig (South Africa)  
Maria Kousis (Greece)  
See Jae Lee (Korea)  
Stewart Lockie (Australia)  
Leonardas Rinkevicius (Lithuania)  
Maria Tysiachniouk (Russia)

I would like to thank all those who stood as candidates for board membership. Obviously, seeing the close finish on all positions, we had a very strong slate of candidates. The new board, with a nice spread along geographical and gender lines, will take its positions at the World Congress in July 2006.

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## **Upcoming Conferences**

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**Sustainable Consumption and Society**  
**An International Working Conference for Social Scientists**  
**Madison, Wisconsin, June 2-3, 2006**

RC-24 (Research Committee 24 on Environment and Society) of the International Sociological Association is sponsoring a small conference on sustainable consumption, to be held June 2-3, 2006, on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, in the USA. Papers will be in 4 areas: 1) domestic consumption,

2) democracy and sustainable consumption, 3) sustainable consumption and policy, and 4) theory. All members of RC-24 are invited to participate, as well as any other interested social scientists. For details, consult the conference website, [www.michaelmbell.net/suscon.htm](http://www.michaelmbell.net/suscon.htm). For further information, email [michaelbell@wisc.edu](mailto:michaelbell@wisc.edu).

Conference organizing committee

Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA  
Maurie Cohen, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA  
Michele Micheletti, Karlstads Universitet, Sweden  
Eva Heiskanen, National Consumer Research Center, Finland  
Gert Spaargaren, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

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**First Lueneburg Workshop on Environmental and Sustainability Communication  
“The role of the media for human-environment interaction and sustainable  
development: taking stock and moving forward”  
University Lueneburg, June 22-23, 2006**

The results of the workshops will be documented and published in the new e-journal *Communication, Cooperation, Participation – Research and Practice for Sustainable Transformation Processes* ([www.uni-lueneburg.de/infu/ccp](http://www.uni-lueneburg.de/infu/ccp)),

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**RC24 sessions at ISA World Congress 2006 Durban (July 23-29, 2006)**

**Session 1. Civil Society and the Environmental State: Directions in Environmental Governance**  
Monday, 24 July, 2006, 13.30-15.30h

Organizers

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Ingolfur Bluedorn, University of Bath, UK ([milsib@bath.ac.uk](mailto:milsib@bath.ac.uk))

Participants

1. Dana Fisher, Columbia University, USA ([drf2004@columbia.edu](mailto:drf2004@columbia.edu))  
“Introduction”
2. Erika Svendsen, US Forest Service, USA ([esvendsen@fs.fed.us](mailto:esvendsen@fs.fed.us))  
"Modernizing Urban Open Space: Opportunities for Social Justice and New Environmental Governance"

3. Ian Welsh, University of Cardiff, UK ([welshi@Cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:welshi@Cardiff.ac.uk))  
"Global Civil Society, Network Actors and Hollowing Out States. as Environmental Actors"
4. Karunamay Subuddhi, Indian Institute of Technology, India ([k\\_subuddhi@hotmail.com](mailto:k_subuddhi@hotmail.com))  
"Sustainability Concerns, Security Dialogue and Ambiguities of Environmental Governance"
5. Tabatha Wallington, University of Queensland, Australia ([t.wallington@uq.edu.au](mailto:t.wallington@uq.edu.au))  
Geoffrey Lawrence, University of Queensland, Australia, ([g.lawrence@uq.edu.au](mailto:g.lawrence@uq.edu.au))  
"Regional Governance Arrangements for Natural Resource Management in Australia: Emerging Tensions in the Civil/State Nexus"
6. Steve Brechin, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, USA ([sbrechin@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:sbrechin@maxwell.syr.edu))  
"Organizational Actors in Civil Society: Does Size Matter?"
7. Rosaleen Duffy, University of Manchester, UK ([rosaleen.duffy@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:rosaleen.duffy@manchester.ac.uk))  
"Governance States in Africa? International Environmental NGOs and Madagascar"
8. Ingolfur Bluehdorn, University of Bath, UK ([mlsib@bath.ac.uk](mailto:mlsib@bath.ac.uk))  
"Futurity, Sustainability, Future-Fitness: Reconfiguring the agenda of the Environmental State"

## Session 2. Globalization and Environment

Monday, 24 July, 15.45-17.45h

### Organizers

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### Participants

1. Michael Redclift, King's College, London, UK ([michael.r.redclift@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:michael.r.redclift@kcl.ac.uk))  
"Environmental governance and human security: ideas and agendas".
2. Katina Kuhn, Institute for Environmental Communication, University of Lüneburg, Germany.  
([kuhn@uni-lueneburg.de](mailto:kuhn@uni-lueneburg.de))  
"Talking Culture and the Environment=Doing Sustainability? Investigation of interactions between social perceptions of concepts of culture and environment in the international development cooperation".
3. Peter J. Marcotullio & Niels B. Schulz, United Nations University, Japan ([peter@urban.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:peter@urban.rcast.u-tokyo.ac.jp))  
"Globalization, Urbanization and energy transitions: how time and space related affects impact rapidly developing economies".
4. Jussi Raumolin, University of Helsinki, Finland ([jussi.raumolin@helsinki.fi](mailto:jussi.raumolin@helsinki.fi))  
"The Conflict between economic globalization and the aim to solve global environment and development problems".
5. Hannah Wittman, Simon Fraser University, Canada ([hwittman@sfu.ca](mailto:hwittman@sfu.ca))  
"Building a socio-environmental countermovement: bridging the local and global through the via campesina".
6. David A. Sonnefeld, Washington State University, USA, ([Sonn@wsu.edu](mailto:Sonn@wsu.edu))  
"Ecological Modernization in Thailand's Electronics Industry: Causes, Consequences and Theoretical Implications".
7. Maria L. Cruz-Torres, Arizona State University USA, ([maria.cruztorres@ucr.edu](mailto:maria.cruztorres@ucr.edu))  
"Globalization, Natural Resource Degradation, and Rural Communities in Northwestern Mexico".

### **Session 3. Innovation and Controversy in Theories of Environment and Society**

Monday, 24 July, 18.00-20.00h

#### Organizers

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#### Participants

1. Gert Spaargaren & Arthur P.J. Mol, Wageningen University, The Netherlands ([gert.spaargaren@wur.nl](mailto:gert.spaargaren@wur.nl))  
“Global challenges for social theory: Environmental Flows, Mobilities and Risk”
2. Ulrich Beck, University of Munich, Germany ([u.beck@lmu.de](mailto:u.beck@lmu.de))  
“World Risk Society”
3. John Urry, University of Lancaster, UK ([j.urry@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:j.urry@lancaster.ac.uk))  
“Mobility and Sustainability: a Challenge to Sociology”
4. Murat Arsel, Institute of Social Studies, Netherlands, ([arsel@iss.nl](mailto:arsel@iss.nl))  
“Societal development and the ‘world risk society’: A critique of totalizing environmental social theory”.
5. William R. Freudenburg & Lisa Berry, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA ([freudenburg@es.ucsb.edu](mailto:freudenburg@es.ucsb.edu))  
“Proportionality and Disproportionality as Under-Examined Variables in Environment-Society Research”.
6. James Ormrod & Peter Dickens, University of Cambridge, UK ([p.dickens1@ntlworld.com](mailto:p.dickens1@ntlworld.com))  
“Towards a Cosmic Sociology”.
7. Karen Manges Douglas & Gideon Sjoberg, Sam Huostoin State University, USA ([kmd007@shsu.edu](mailto:kmd007@shsu.edu))  
“Towards a Generalized Theory of Resource Use: The Case of Managing Water in Texas, U.S.A.”.
8. Eugene A. Rosa & Richard F. York & Thomas Dietz, Washington State University, USA ([Rosa@wsu.edu](mailto:Rosa@wsu.edu))  
“Approaches to Structural Human Ecology (SHE): The STIRPAT Research Program”.

### **Session 4. Environmental Justice for Sustainable Development**

Tuesday, 25 July, 13.30-15.30h

#### Organizers

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#### Participants

1. Xavier Lemaire, Warwick Business School, UK ([Xavier.Lemaire@wbs.ac.uk](mailto:Xavier.Lemaire@wbs.ac.uk))  
“Sustainable Energy and Environmental Justice: Mythological Discourses about Poverty Alleviation in Developing Countries”.
2. Upendra Nath Roy, NITTTR, India.  
“Ecological and social justice and sustainability of watershed projects: a case of Punjab Shivalik, India”.
3. Marja Järvelä & Katinka Lybäck & Uuve Södör University of Jyväskylä, Finland ([mjarvela@yfi.jyu.fi](mailto:mjarvela@yfi.jyu.fi))  
“Sustainability and Environmental Justice in Local Communities – a Case of Northwest Russian Forestry Community”.
4. Ingrid Hartmann Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany ([Ingridethio@yahoo.com](mailto:Ingridethio@yahoo.com))  
“Concepts of environmental justice in human history and different cultures”.

5. Hellmuth Lange, University of Bremen, Germany ([lange@artec.uni-bremen.de](mailto:lange@artec.uni-bremen.de))  
“Is Environmental Justice just a matter of disadvantaged groups?”
6. Wilson Akpan, Rhodes University, South Africa ([wilsonakpan@yahoo.com](mailto:wilsonakpan@yahoo.com))  
“Between Ethnic Essentialism and Environmental Racism: The State of Environmental Justice Discourse In a West African Oil-Producing Country”.
7. Murat Arsel, ISS, the Netherlands ([arsel@iss.nl](mailto:arsel@iss.nl))  
“Environmental justice and environmental human rights: Prospects and pitfalls for sustainable development”.

**Session 5. Environmental Movements and Environmental Organizations for a Sustainable Future**  
Tuesday, 25 July 15.45-17.45h

Organizers

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Participants

1. Basilio Verduzco Chávez Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico ([basiliov@cucea.udg.mx](mailto:basiliov@cucea.udg.mx))  
“Explaining variations in environmental activism on the United States-Mexico border”.
2. Jacklyn Cock, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa ([cockj@social.wits.ac.za](mailto:cockj@social.wits.ac.za))  
“Connecting the red, brown and green: The environmental movement in contemporary South Africa”.
3. Koichi Hasegawa & Jeffery Broadbent, Tohoku University, Japan ([hasegawa3116@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:hasegawa3116@yahoo.co.jp))  
“Reframing the wind: From idealism to profitability as participatory incentives in green energy movements”.
4. Annamari Konttinen, University of Turku, Finland ([ankont@utu.fi](mailto:ankont@utu.fi))  
“Japanese environmentalism as an agent for change”.
5. Seejae Lee, Catholic University of Korea, Korea ([seejaelee@catholic.ac.kr](mailto:seejaelee@catholic.ac.kr))  
“Cross-border resource mobilization for anti-desertification project in the northeast China”.
6. Leonardas Rinkevicius, Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania ([leonardas.rinkevicius@ktu.lt](mailto:leonardas.rinkevicius@ktu.lt))  
“Transformations of anti-nuclear movements in the post-soviet societies”.
7. Dieter Rink & Karl-Werner Brand, Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig-Halle, Germany ([dieter.rink@ufz.de](mailto:dieter.rink@ufz.de))  
“Bridging mobilisation and lobbying: the German environmental movement between local activism and international policy-making”.
8. Mark J. Smith, Open University, UK ([Mark.Smith@open.ac.uk](mailto:Mark.Smith@open.ac.uk))  
“Environmental citizenship in context: Rethinking the strategic role of ‘the citizen’”.

**Session 6. Business Meeting**

Tuesday, 25 July, 18.00-20.00h

**Session 7. Consumption and lifestyles**

Wednesday 26 July, 13.30-15.30h

Organizers

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1. Karl-Michael Brunner University of Vienna, Austria ([Karl-Michael.Brunner@wu-wien.ac.at](mailto:Karl-Michael.Brunner@wu-wien.ac.at))  
“Food consumption practices and sustainable development”.
2. Druckman, A. et al., University of Surrey, UK ([A.Druckman@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:A.Druckman@surrey.ac.uk))  
“Household resource usage and its drivers: a highly socio-economically disaggregated model”.
3. Laura J. Miller, Brandeis University, USA ([lamiller@brandeis.edu](mailto:lamiller@brandeis.edu))  
“Expandable Markets and Sustainable Consumption: The Role of Industry in the Natural Foods Movement”.
4. Ndukaeze Nwabueze, Nigeria. ([nwabueze1955@yahoo.com](mailto:nwabueze1955@yahoo.com))  
“Nigerians and Globalization: Compelled Acceptance of Imported ‘Second Hand’ Commodities as Index of Decline in Human Conditions in a Marginal Economy”.
5. Fritz Reusswig, Potsdam Institute for Climate Research, Germany ([fritz@pik-potsdam.de](mailto:fritz@pik-potsdam.de))  
“Lifestyle Dynamics as a Means of the Sustainability Transition”.
6. Matjaz Ursic, Univerza v Ljubljani, Slovenia ([matjaz.ursic2@guest.arnes.si](mailto:matjaz.ursic2@guest.arnes.si))  
Disproportionate Development of Traffic Infrastructure and Transport Services - “Automobility’ and Sustainable Spatial Development”.
7. Maurie Cohen, New Jersey Institute of Technology, USA ([mcohen@ADM.NJIT.EDU](mailto:mcohen@ADM.NJIT.EDU))  
“Scenarios of Sustainable Mobility: The Social Scientific Study of Long-Range Futures”.

### **Session 8. Environmental attitudes and behaviors**

Wednesday 26 July, 15.45-17.45h

### Organizers

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1. Leena Haanpaa, Turku School of Economics and Business Administration, Finland  
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“Cross-National Environmental Concern: A Study of Structural Elements of Environmental Consciousness”.
2. Shin-Ock Chang, Cheju National University, South Korea, ([s\\_chang72@yahoo.com.au](mailto:s_chang72@yahoo.com.au))  
“Is Environmental Concern Fragmented? Empirical Evidence from an Australian-Korean Comparative Study on Consumerism and Sustainable Development”.
3. Solange Simoes, University of Michigan, USA, ([ssimoes@umich.edu](mailto:ssimoes@umich.edu))  
Steve Brechin, Syracuse University, Paul Mohai, University of Michigan  
“Globalizing the Local and Localizing the Global: The Links between Global and Local In Environmental Awareness and in Support for International Treaties”
4. Dieter Rink, UFZ Centre for Environmental Research Leipzig-Halle, Germany ([dieter.rink@ufz.de](mailto:dieter.rink@ufz.de))  
Arjen Buijs, Anke Fischer, Juliette Young  
“Constructing Biodiversity—Public Attitudes to Biodiversity and Its Conservation: A Cross-European Approach”
5. Midori Aoyagi-Usui, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan ([aoyagi@nies.go.jp](mailto:aoyagi@nies.go.jp))  
Atsuko Kuribayashi, NLI Research Institute, Japan  
ZHENG Yuejun, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Japan  
“China-Japan Environmental Survey: Is Social Capital Effective for Promoting Pro-Environmental Actions?”



6. Timo Jarvikoski and Timo P. Karjalainen, University of Oulu, Finland ([timo.jarvikoski@pp.inet.fi](mailto:timo.jarvikoski@pp.inet.fi))  
“Globalization of Environmental Discourse: A Comparative Analysis of Northern Finland and Northern Russia”
7. Melaine Weber, Free University of Berlin, Germany ([MelWeber@zedat.fu-berlin.de](mailto:MelWeber@zedat.fu-berlin.de))  
“The Global Climate Challenge—How Does Individual Action Correspond to Global Climate Policy?”

### **Session 9. Science, technology and risk**

Wednesday 26 July, 18.00-20.00h

#### Organizers

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1. Wolfgang Schluchter, Technical University Cottbus Germany ([wolf.schluchter@tu-cottbus.de](mailto:wolf.schluchter@tu-cottbus.de))  
“Sustainable Energy Regions as a Sociological Project”.
2. Luigi Pellizzoni, University of Trieste, Italy ([luigi.pellizzoni@uniud.it](mailto:luigi.pellizzoni@uniud.it))  
“Democratizing knowledge, democratizing power: On Science, risk, and solidarity”.
3. David Schleifer, New York University, USA ([david.schleifer@nyu.edu](mailto:david.schleifer@nyu.edu))  
“Trans Fatty Acids, Research Priorities and the Consequences of Designating Substances as Risky”.
4. Mary Richardson, Athabasca University, USA ([maryr@athabascau.ca](mailto:maryr@athabascau.ca))  
“‘Smart’ Regulations and Environmental Policy”.
5. Paulo Roberto Martins, Research Institute of Technology of Sao Paulo, Brazil  
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State: “Nanotechnology and Environmental Sustainability: A New Solution or a New Nightmare?”
6. Ariel Salleh, independent researcher, Australia ([reesprite@ozemail.com.au](mailto:reesprite@ozemail.com.au))  
“Humanity contra Nature: a critical reflection on the genetic engineering industry”.
7. Harald Heinrichs, University of Luneburg, Germany ([harald.heinrichs@uni-lueneburg.de](mailto:harald.heinrichs@uni-lueneburg.de))  
“Risk Cultures: different risk communication<different risk representations? A comparative study of flood risk in two German cities”.

### **Session 10. Environmental and Health Issues Related to Food and Water, Production and Consumption**

Thursday 27 July, 13.30-15.30h

#### Organizers

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#### Participants

1. Zsuzsa Gille, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, U.S.A. ([gille@uiuc.edu](mailto:gille@uiuc.edu))  
“The Tale of the toxic paprika: The Hungarian taste of Euro-Globalization”.
2. Elena Battaglini, Economic and Social Research Institute (IRES), Rome, Italy ([e.battaglini@ires.it](mailto:e.battaglini@ires.it))  
“Food risk perception and consumption styles of the Italians: Empirical findings from a study of 800 cases”.
3. Hillary Tovey, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. ([htovey@tcd.ie](mailto:htovey@tcd.ie))  
“‘Local food’: An example of sustainable management of the environment”.

4. Pradip Swarnakar, Indian Institute of Technology, Kampur, India. ([spradip@iitk.ac.in](mailto:spradip@iitk.ac.in))  
“Risk, awareness and response: An exploratory study of people’s attitude toward groundwater arsenic contamination in West Bengal, India”.
5. Jean-Paul Billaud and Alia Gana, University of Paris 10, France ([billaud@u-paris10.fr](mailto:billaud@u-paris10.fr) ; [agana@u-paris10.fr](mailto:agana@u-paris10.fr))  
“Water crises and the construction of a “shared awareness” of environmental risks in the Mediterranean”.
6. June S. Marks, Bill Martin and Maria Zadoroznyj, Flinders University of South Australia, Australia ([june.marks@flinders.edu.au](mailto:june.marks@flinders.edu.au))  
“Comparing attitudes to recycled water: the difference between generalized and salient options”.
7. Pedro Jacobi, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil ([prjacobi@usp.br](mailto:prjacobi@usp.br))  
“Social capital and institutional performance- methodological and theoretical discussion on the Water Basin Committees in Metropolitan São Paulo- Brazil”.

### **Session 11. Disasters and the Environment**

Thursday 27 July, 15.45-17.45h

#### Organizers

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#### Participants

1. Andrew Coghlan, Emergency Measures Australia ([Andrew.Coghlan@defence.gov.au](mailto:Andrew.Coghlan@defence.gov.au))  
Introduction:
2. Wolf Dombrowsky, Institut für Soziologie Germany ([wdbro@kfs.uni-kiel.de](mailto:wdbro@kfs.uni-kiel.de))  
“From lonely crowd to desperate cruelty: 9/11 and the descent of the terror-directed man”.
3. Raymond Murphy, University of Ottawa, Canada, ([rmurphy@uottawa.ca](mailto:rmurphy@uottawa.ca))  
“The Chronic Burden of Mitigating Disaster under Global Climate Change: integrating environmental sociology and disaster sociology”.
4. Lena Bloemertz, Lebanon, and Kerstin Erhardt, Germany, Free University, Berlin) ([lena.bloemertz@gmx.de](mailto:lena.bloemertz@gmx.de))  
“Coping with uncertainty in Western Kenya”.
5. Peter B. Levy, USA, ([plevy@ycp.edu](mailto:plevy@ycp.edu))  
“The Johnson Flood of 1889: the ‘Natural’ Disaster that Set the Mold”.
6. Fritz Reusswig, Potsdam Institute of Climate Research, Germany, ([fritz.reusswig@pik-potsdam](mailto:fritz.reusswig@pik-potsdam))  
“On Reshaping Our Climate Change Impact and Vulnerability Assessments after Hurricane Katrina”.
7. Arthur Mol, Wageningen University, The Netherlands ([Arthur.mol@wur.nl](mailto:Arthur.mol@wur.nl))  
Discussant

### **Session 12. Nature by design**

Thursday 27 July, 18.00-20.00h

#### Organizers

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### Participants

1. Ken Cruikshank and Nancy B. Bouchier, McMaster University, Canada ([cruiksha@mcmaster.ca](mailto:cruiksha@mcmaster.ca))  
“Designing Nature for an Industrial City: Environment, Recreation, and Class in Hamilton Ontario’s Burlington Bay, 1919-2004”.
2. Andrzej Pilichowski et al., University of Lodz, Poland ([pilan@uni.lodz.pl](mailto:pilan@uni.lodz.pl))  
“Shaping Natural Resources: The dynamics of expert and lay knowledge in Polish rural communities”.
3. Neide Esterici, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil ([esterici@uol.com.br](mailto:esterici@uol.com.br))  
“Community, territory and the struggle for natural resources in the Amazon”
4. João Luiz Hoeffel et al., Universidade de sao francisco, Brazil ([joaoluiz@saofrancisco.edu.br](mailto:joaoluiz@saofrancisco.edu.br))  
“Ideas of Nature and Land Use Conflicts in Conservation Areas”.
5. Mafaniso Hara and Diane Scott, University of Western Cape, South Africa ([ara@uwc.ac.za](mailto:ara@uwc.ac.za))  
“Integrating social science into marine and costal research: South Africa”.

### **Session 13. African Environments: the impact of global apartheid? (Conference theme session)**

Friday 28 July, 13.45-15.45h

### Organizers

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David Fig, independent researcher, South Africa, ([davidfig@iafrica.co.za](mailto:davidfig@iafrica.co.za))

### Participants

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“Water commodification in Soweto, South Africa”.
2. Clapperton Mavhunga, Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research & the University of Michigan US, ([mavhungc@umich.edu](mailto:mavhungc@umich.edu))  
“Poverty and Environment”.
3. Chimoa Daisy Onyige, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria, ([daisy.Onyige@wur.nl](mailto:daisy.Onyige@wur.nl))  
“The impact of environmental harmful practices on rural livelihoods in the Niger Delta”.
4. Ken Salo, University of Illinois, US ([kensalo@uiuc.edu](mailto:kensalo@uiuc.edu))  
“Contested Legalities in the production of post-apartheid South Africa's privatizing seafood fishery”.
5. Jacklyn Cock, University of the Witwatersrand , South Africa, ([cockj@social.wits.ac.za](mailto:cockj@social.wits.ac.za))  
“Public Sociology and the struggle against corporate environmental abuse in Africa”.
6. David Fig and Jenni Kaupplia, independent researcher, South Africa, [davidfig@iafrica.co.za](mailto:davidfig@iafrica.co.za)  
“Towards an understanding of environmental policy making in The South: Democratic ‘South Africa in the era of globalisation’”.
7. Lena Bloemertz and Kerstin Erhardt (Free University, Berlin) ([lena.bloemertz@gmx.de](mailto:lena.bloemertz@gmx.de))  
“Cash crops, poverty and environmental degradation in the Lake Basin of Western Kenya”.

### **Session 14. Current Research in Environmental Sociology**

Friday 28 July, 15.45-17.45h

### Organizers

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### Participants

1. Dana R. Fisher, Anji Seth, and Emily K. Grover-Kopec, University of Columbia, USA, ([drf2004@columbia.edu](mailto:drf2004@columbia.edu))

- “Understanding the News Coverage of Environmental Events: Toward an Adaptation of the Triadic Approach”.
2. J. Timmons Roberts & Bradley C. Parks & Michael J. Tierney & Robert L. Hicks, College of William and Mary, USA ([jtrobe@wm.edu](mailto:jtrobe@wm.edu))  
“Buying Participation? Environmental Foreign Assistance and National Participation in the Kyoto Protocol and Other Major Environmental Treaties”.
  3. Mette Jensen & Anders Blok, Danish Environmental Institute, Danmark ([mje@dmu.dk](mailto:mje@dmu.dk))  
“Pesticides in the Risk Society: the view from everyday life”.
  4. Julia S. Guivant, University Federal de Santa Catarina, Brazil ([juguivant@uol.com.br](mailto:juguivant@uol.com.br))  
“Tensions between health foods consumption and environmental concerns in Brazil: a perspective from the scene of the supermarkets”.
  5. Magnus Boström, Stockholm Centre for Organizational Research, Sweden ([magnus.bostrom@score.su.se](mailto:magnus.bostrom@score.su.se))  
Mikael Klintman, Research Policy Institute, Sweden, ([mikael.klintman@fpi.lu.se](mailto:mikael.klintman@fpi.lu.se))  
“Tools for Trust: Eco-Labels towards a Greener and More Democratic Consumer Society?”
  6. Daniel Joseph Hogan & Leonardo Freire de Mello ([hogan@nepo.unicamp.br](mailto:hogan@nepo.unicamp.br))  
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“Metropolis, Technology and Risk”.
  7. M Zulfiquar Ali Islam, University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh ([drzulfiquarai@yahoo.com](mailto:drzulfiquarai@yahoo.com))  
“Indigenous Survival Strategies of the Riverbank Erosion Displacees in Bangladesh: A Study of Two Northwestern Riparian Villages”.

## **Session 15. Community, Natural Resources, and the Environment**

Friday, 28 July, 18.00-20.00h

### Organizers

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### Participants

1. Lotsmart Fonjong, University of Buea, Cameroon ([lotsmart@yahoo.com](mailto:lotsmart@yahoo.com))  
“Mainstreaming Rural Women into Natural Resource Management in Northwestern Cameroon: Challenges and Policy Implications for Sustainable Development”.
2. Davis Gruber Sansolo, Universidade Anhembi Morumbi, Brazil, ([davis@anhembibr](mailto:davis@anhembibr))  
“Environmental Conservation: Centralism or Participation”.
3. Frank Matose, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, ([fmatose@uwc.ac.za](mailto:fmatose@uwc.ac.za))  
“Institutional configurations around forest reserves in Zimbabwe: Examining access and control over resources through practices”.
4. Robert E. Mazur, Iowa State University, USA, ([rmazur@iastate.edu](mailto:rmazur@iastate.edu))  
“Enhancing Livelihoods, Communities and Biodiversity in African Forest-Edge Ecosystems”.
5. Andrew Samuel, University of Abertay Dundee, Scotland ([A.Samuel@Abertay.ac.uk](mailto:A.Samuel@Abertay.ac.uk))  
“Community Development and Nature Conservation Policy in Scotland: Environmental Democracy on the Isle of Rum National Nature Reserve”.
6. D.S. Sunil, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India, ([sunilds@iitm.ac.in](mailto:sunilds@iitm.ac.in))  
“Local Knowledge and Fisheries Resource Management: A Study among the Riverine Fishing Communities in Kerala, South India”.
7. Sanae Yamamoto, Kwansai Gakuin University, Japan, ([sanae\\_shanben@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:sanae_shanben@yahoo.co.jp))  
“Norm and Politics of the Boundary of the River-Bed Water Use in the Terrace Paddies”.

## **Session 16. New technologies, public participation and environmental monitoring: new possibilities for public engagement?**

Saturday 29 July, 13.30-15.30h; possibly to be rescheduled to one of the mornings

### Organizers

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### Participants

1. Guobin Yang, Barnard College, Columbia University, US ([gyang@barnard.edu](mailto:gyang@barnard.edu))  
“The Internet, Green activism, and Environmental Monitoring in China”.
2. Arthur Mol, Wageningen University, The Netherlands ([Arthur.mol@wur.nl](mailto:Arthur.mol@wur.nl))  
“Informational governance in information-poor environments”.
3. Eugénia Rodrigues, University of York, UK ([mer113@york.ac.uk](mailto:mer113@york.ac.uk))  
“From the mundane to the ‘out of place’: exploring the dynamics of public participation in environmental monitoring”.
4. Steve Yearley, University of Edinburgh, UK ([steve.yearley@ed.ac.uk](mailto:steve.yearley@ed.ac.uk))  
Discussant

## **Session 17. Citizens, NGOs and the Environment**

Saturday 29 July, 15.45-17.45 h; possibly to be rescheduled to one of the mornings

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### Participants

1. William T. Markham, University of North Carolina at Greenboro, US ([bill@uncg.edu](mailto:bill@uncg.edu))  
“Competing Models for the Analysis of Environmental Organizations: A Comparison and Assessment”.
2. Riley E. Dunlap and Richard York, Oklahoma State University, US ([rdunlap@okstate.edu](mailto:rdunlap@okstate.edu))  
“The Globalization of Citizen Concern for the Environment: Results from Cross-National Surveys”.
3. Solange Simões and Peter Ester, University of Michigan, US ([ssimoes@umich.edu](mailto:ssimoes@umich.edu))  
“Cultural change and global environmentalism: the clash of individualization and pro-environmental values”.
4. Manoj Kumar Teotia, India ([manojkteotia@rediffmail.com](mailto:manojkteotia@rediffmail.com))  
“The Environmental Revitalization of Segregated Urban Settlements for Sustainable Development of Urban Society in India: A Study of Dynamics of Local People’s Movement in Ramdarbar, a Rehabilitated Colony of Chandigarh”.
5. Hemixa Rao, University Gujarat, India ([hemixarao\\_su@yahoo.com](mailto:hemixarao_su@yahoo.com))  
“People participation and water management in the state of Gujarat”.
6. Midori Aoyagi-Usui, National Institute for Environmental Studies, Japan ([aoyagi@nies.go.jp](mailto:aoyagi@nies.go.jp))  
“An Analysis of factors affecting citizen's support for Climate Change Policy”.
7. Delia Schindler, Germany, ([deliaschindler@gmx.de](mailto:deliaschindler@gmx.de))  
“Civil society in negotiation with the state: Constraints and potentials in urban environmental governance”.

## Session 18. Roundtables on Environment and Society

Saturday 29 July, 18.00-20.00h; possibly to be rescheduled to one of the mornings

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### Participants

#### **Round table 1: Citizens and civil society**

1. Mathilda du Preez and Claire Wagner, University of Pretoria, South Africa ([cwagner@postino.up.ac.za](mailto:cwagner@postino.up.ac.za))  
“Renewable sources of energy for domestic use: attitudes and perceived implications for quality of life”.
2. Sadegh Salehi, University of Leeds, UK ([sadeghsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sadeghsa@yahoo.com))  
“The New Environmental Paradigm in an Iranian Community”.
3. Gholam Reza Khoshfar ([amirsadeghsa@yahoo.com](mailto:amirsadeghsa@yahoo.com))  
“Dominant Social Paradigm and Environmental Behaviour (Case study: Iran)”.
4. Laura Nistor, Babes-Bolyai University, Rumania ([mailtonistor@yahoo.com](mailto:mailtonistor@yahoo.com))  
“Interplay between Romanian and Hungarian NGOs opposing the Rosia Montana gold mine project in Romania”.
5. Lotsmart Fonjong, University of Buea, Cameroon ([lotsmart@yahoo.com](mailto:lotsmart@yahoo.com))  
“Managing Deforestation in Anglophone Cameroon: Are NGOs Pacesetters”.
6. Erika Wall, Mittuniversitetet sweden, ([erika.wall@miun.se](mailto:erika.wall@miun.se))  
“Young People’s Risk Perceptions: an Urban-Rural Perspective”.
7. Susanna Öhman and Anna Olofsson, Mittuniversitetet, Sweden ([susanna.ohman@miun.se](mailto:susanna.ohman@miun.se);  
[anna.olofsson@miun.se](mailto:anna.olofsson@miun.se))  
“Perception of environmental risks in late modernity”.

#### **Roundtable 2: Governance**

1. Marja Ylonen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland ([mkylonen@yfi.jyu.fi](mailto:mkylonen@yfi.jyu.fi))  
“Technological Change and Transformation of Pollution - Challenges to Governance”.
2. Winfried Osthorst, University of Bremen, Germany ([Osthorst@arcor.de](mailto:Osthorst@arcor.de))  
“The power of definition. Re-designing environmental policy instruments for economic development in a Multi-Level-Setting. The case of the German Coast”.
3. Arho Toikka, University of Helsinki, Finland ([arho.toikka@helsinki.fi](mailto:arho.toikka@helsinki.fi))  
“Local Networked Governance and the Environmental Policy Process”.
4. B.B. Bock & A.G. Papadopoulos, Wageningen University, the Netherlands ([bettina.bock@wur.nl](mailto:bettina.bock@wur.nl);  
[apospapa@hua.gr](mailto:apospapa@hua.gr))  
“Analysing effective stakeholder participation in new rural governance arrangements across countries: A comparison of the Netherlands and Greece”.
5. Moenieba Isaacs, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa ([misaacs@uwc.ac.za](mailto:misaacs@uwc.ac.za))  
“Understanding the social processes and politics of redistribution of access rights: The case of the South African Fisheries”.
6. R. Siva Prasad Vinay Tripathi, University of Hyderabad, India ([rushtovinaytripathi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:rushtovinaytripathi@yahoo.co.in))  
“Social Factors and Community Participation: A Case Study of Two Micro-Watersheds”.
7. Christine Ikiara-Zamberia, University of Johannesburg, South Africa ([cikiaraz@yahoo.com](mailto:cikiaraz@yahoo.com))  
“Solid waste sector reforms in Africa: Endurance of SME’s an the Environment-society tightrope”.
8. Harutoshi FUNABASHI, Hosei University, Japan ([hfunabas@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp](mailto:hfunabas@mtj.biglobe.ne.jp))  
“Theory of the environmental control system and normative principles for environmental policy”.

### **Roundtable 3: Social theory**

1. Gabriela Kutting, Rutgers University, USA ([kutting@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:kutting@andromeda.rutgers.edu))  
“Bringing the social side to the global political economy of the environment”.
2. Ian McGregor, University of technology Sydney, Australia ([ian.m.mcgregor@uts.edu.au](mailto:ian.m.mcgregor@uts.edu.au))  
“Globalisation and Global Warming”.
3. Leila da Costa Ferreira, et al., State University of Campinas, Brazil ([leilacf@unicamp.br](mailto:leilacf@unicamp.br))  
“Environmental issues, interdisciplinarity, social theory and intellectual production in Latin America”.
4. Breena Holland, University of Chicago, US ([brh205@lehigh.edu](mailto:brh205@lehigh.edu))  
“Justice, Capability and Sustainability: resolving Land-use conflict in an Ecologically Informed Theory of Justice”.
5. Jose Luis Casilla Vallejo University of La Laguna, Canary Islands, Spain ([ogunleye@hotmail.com](mailto:ogunleye@hotmail.com))  
“The environmental discourses in “La Sierra Gorda of Queretaro”: Study on the local knowledges (between expert and the peasant)”.
6. W.J.V. Vermeulen, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands ([w.vermeulen@geog.uu.nl](mailto:w.vermeulen@geog.uu.nl))  
“Social dimensions of industrial ecology: on the implications of the inherent nature of social phenomena”.
7. Dennis S. Erasga., De La Salle University, Manilla, Philippines ([erasgad@dlsu.edu.ph](mailto:erasgad@dlsu.edu.ph))  
“The two sciences of Bioprospecting: Classical Tensions and Emerging Prospects”.

### **Roundtable 4: Natural Resource management**

1. E.N. Ashok Kumar SRTM University, India ([erantia@rediffmail.com](mailto:erantia@rediffmail.com))  
“Typology of Contest over forest resource use: A study of Western-Ghats Region in Peninsular India”.
2. Gill, S.K. and Khali, A.H., Malaysia ([savinder.gill@gmail.com](mailto:savinder.gill@gmail.com))  
“The application of indigenous knowledge in community-based sustainable livelihood ventures: a participatory model of the Asli Jakun of the South-East Pahang peat swamp forest, Malaysia”.
3. N Mdibe, DC Groenewald, University of the Free State, South Africa ([Groenedc.hum@mail.uovs.ac.za](mailto:Groenedc.hum@mail.uovs.ac.za))  
“Factors affecting the adoption rates of the (IRWH) technique: a case study of villages in Thaba Nchu, Free State, Republic of South Africa”.
4. V.L.V. Kameswari, Indian Institute of Forest Management, India ([vlvkameswari@yahoo.co.in](mailto:vlvkameswari@yahoo.co.in))  
“Local management of the forest resource: Co-opting the civil society?”
5. Naxhelli Ruiz Rivera, University of East Anglia, UK ([n.ruiz@uea.ac.uk](mailto:n.ruiz@uea.ac.uk))  
“Methods for assessing the transformation of natural resource-based capabilities in peri-urban communities: the case of Tultepec, Mexico”.
6. Arvind Sehgal, India ([arvind\\_shgl@yahoo.co.in](mailto:arvind_shgl@yahoo.co.in))  
“Dialectics of Environmentalism-development and the status of Mining in Himalayas”.
7. Margarita V. Alario and Leda E. Nath, University of Wisconsin, US ([alariom@uww.edu](mailto:alariom@uww.edu))  
“Natural Resources, Sustainability and Armed Conflict: A Look into Latin America”.
8. Lúcia da Costa Ferreira, State University of Campinas, Brazil ([luciacf@unicamp.br](mailto:luciacf@unicamp.br))  
“Research on Social Conflicts and Use of Natural Resources in Brazil”.

### **Integrative session. Environmental Challenges of City-Regions in a Globalizing World**

Integrative session with RC21, RC24 and RC47

Date to be announced by ISA, 9.00-12.00h

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### Participants

1. Luciana Melchert, Catholic University of Salvador – Brazil ([luciana.melchert@terra.com.br](mailto:luciana.melchert@terra.com.br))  
“Global cities; local environments”.
  2. Frans C. Verhagen, Steering Committee of the Sustainable Communities Consultation for Metro NY ([gaial@rcn.com](mailto:gaial@rcn.com))  
“Transitioning Environmental Sociology to a Sociology of Sustainability: Problems and Opportunities”.
  3. Wilmar Salim, ([wilmar@hawaii.edu](mailto:wilmar@hawaii.edu))  
“The Management of Jakarta City-Region as a Megapolitan Region: Expanding a Cracked Pot?”
  4. Robert D. Bullard, Clark Atlanta University, USA and Beverly Wright, Dillard University, USA ([rbullard4ej@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rbullard4ej@worldnet.att.net))  
“Environmental Costs and Consequences of Sprawl Development in the United States: Building Environmental Justice and Regional Equity Initiatives”.
  5. Roger Keil, York University, Canada ([rkeil@yorku.ca](mailto:rkeil@yorku.ca))  
“Metabolizing Toronto: Rethinking Urban Political Ecology in the Global City Region”.
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### **The 2006 ConAccount meeting “dematerialization across scales: measurement, empirical evidence, future options”**

**September 13-14, 2006, Vienna Austria**

**Back to back with a policy dialogue “dematerialization why and how?”**

**September 15, 2006**

### Timeline

Preliminary Programme: December 2005

Call for abstracts: February 10, 2006

Deadline for submission of abstracts: May 15, 2006

Notice of acceptance and final programme: June 15, 2006

### Hosts

IFF-Institute for Social Ecology, Klagenfurt University in Vienna  
With Institute for Water Quality, Resources and Waste Management  
Vienna University of Technology

### Conference chairs

Helga Weisz, Heinz Schandl, Paul H. Brunner, Helmut Rechberger

### Conference Venue

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#### **“Translating Global Governance Designs -- The role of civil society in transition countries”**

**17-20 September 2006**

**Center for Independent Social Research St. Petersburg, Russia**

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#### **Useful Referrals**

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##### **Environmental Tour**

Jacklyn Cock wishes to notify RC24 members that an environmental tour will be available to ISA participants in Durban. It is called 'From the cradle to the grave; A toxic Tour of South Durban'. It will last about 3 hours and will cost R1,500 for a group of 10 people. Those interested could book a date with the South Durban Community Environmental Alliance(SDCEA), administrator Farida Khan at [sdcea@sn.apc.org](mailto:sdcea@sn.apc.org)

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## **Announcement of a new journal Nature and Culture, edited by Matthias Gross and Sing Chew**

Nature and Culture is a forum for the international community of scholars and practitioners to present, discuss, and evaluate critical issues and themes related to the historical and contemporary relationships that societies, civilizations, empires, regions, nation-states have with Nature. The journal contains a serious interpolation of theory, methodology, criticism, and concrete observation forming the basis of this discussion.

The mission of the journal is to move beyond specialized disciplinary enclaves and mind-sets toward broader syntheses that encompass time, space and structures in understanding the Nature-Culture relationship. The Journal will furthermore provide an outlet for the identification of knowledge gaps in our understanding of this relationship.

The Editors and Editorial Board will consider new topics and authors should not be restricted by those listed below. Current themes are as follows:

Cultural Reactions and Conceptions of Nature;  
Degradation and Restoration of Environment;  
Ecological Time; and  
Ecological Futures.

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## **New e-journal launched “Communication, Cooperation, Participation”**

The Institute for Environmental and Sustainability Communication (INFU) at the University Lueneburg is offering a new portal for communication on sustainable development. The e-journal “Communication, Cooperation, Participation. Research and Practice for a Sustainable Future (CCP)” is addressed to representatives in science and practice. The multi-lingual communication platform is creating a forum to discuss scientific papers and practical experiences on communication processes which engage questions regarding the future. For more information about the new e-journal: [www.uni-lueneburg.de/infu/ccp/](http://www.uni-lueneburg.de/infu/ccp/).

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A new issue of **The Journal of Environment & Development**  
has been made available: 1 June 2006; Vol. 15, No. 2

URL: <http://jed.sagepub.com/content/vol15/issue2/?etoc>

“Environmental Reform in Asia” by David A. Sonnenfeld and Arthur P. J. Mol  
The Journal of Environment Development 2006;15 107-111  
<http://jed.sagepub.com/cgi/reprint/15/2/107?etoc>

“Environmental Reform in Asia: Comparisons, Challenges, Next Steps”  
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The Journal of Environment Development 2006;15 112-137  
<http://jed.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/15/2/112?etoc>

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The Journal of Environment Development 2006;15 236-237

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Due to the support of the ASA's Environment and Technology Section and Sage Publications, the full content of the "Death of Environmentalism" Symposium which appears in the March 2006 issue of Organization and Environment will be freely downloadable for April. Those who are interested can access this material at <http://oae.sagepub.com/current.dtl>.

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