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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Surrey professor elected to Academy of Social Sciences**

Professor Tim Jackson of the University of Surrey has been appointed to the Academy of Social Sciences in recognition of his contribution to social science and sustainability. Tim is Professor of Sustainable Development at Surrey and Director of the ESRC Research group on Lifestyles, Values and Environment (RESOLVE). RESOLVE is a unique initiative at the forefront of research on the relationship between lifestyles and sustainability. It involves four Surrey Departments across two Faculties and around 30 researchers, students and academics.

The Academy's mission is to promote social sciences in the United Kingdom for the public benefit. It is composed of learned societies and individual academicians. The academicians are all distinguished scholars and practitioners from academia, public and private sectors. This appointment comes in recognition of Professor Jackson's international contribution to social science research on sustainability – in particular in the area of sustainable consumption and lifestyles.

Not surprisingly, Professor Jackson has been set to work for the Academy already and is part of a team working on the 'Consequences of Reduced Consumption'. This work will build on Professor Jackson's experience leading the UK Sustainable Development Commission's 'Redefining Prosperity' study. Reports from both studies will be published later this year.

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## Notes to Editors

The University of Surrey is one of the UK's leading professional, scientific and technological universities with a world class research profile and a reputation for excellence in teaching and research. Ground-breaking research at the University is bringing direct benefit to all spheres of life – helping industry to maintain its competitive edge and creating improvements in the areas of health, medicine, space science, the environment, communications, defence and social policy. Programmes in science and technology have gained widespread recognition and it also boasts flourishing programmes in dance and music, social sciences, management and languages and law. In addition to the campus on 150 hectares just outside Guildford, Surrey, the University also owns and runs the Surrey Research Park, which provides facilities for 140 companies employing 2,700 staff.

The Sunday Times names Surrey as 'The University for Jobs' which underlines the university's growing reputation for providing high quality, relevant degrees.

