



Sustainable lives? The challenges of low-carbon living in a changing economic climate

RESOLVE conference 18th June 2009
New Connaught Rooms, London WC2B 5DA

Agenda

09.00–9.30	Registration and refreshments	<i>Crown Room</i>
9.30–9.40	Welcome and introduction – Tim Jackson, Director of RESOLVE	<i>Cornwall Room</i>
9.40–10.20	Anthony Giddens – author of <i>The Politics of Climate Change</i>	
10.20–11.35	Parallel Sessions: Researching Sustainable Lives - details overleaf	
	• Beyond Behaviour – methods for researching sustainable lives	<i>Cornwall Room</i>
	• Future Lives – developing energy and carbon scenarios	<i>Oxford Room</i>
	• Reaching People – engaging and educating communities	<i>Coronet Room</i>
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11.35–11.50	Refreshments	<i>Crown Room</i>
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11.50–13.05	Parallel Sessions: Sustainable Lives in Boom and Bust - details overleaf	
	• Green or Thrifty? Reconceptualising consumers in everyday life	<i>Oxford Room</i>
	• Disappearing Footprints? – household carbon in recession	<i>Coronet Room</i>
	• Policy Paradigms – governance for sustainable living	<i>Cornwall Room</i>
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13.05–14.00	Lunch	<i>Crown Room</i>
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14.00–17.00	POLICY SYMPOSIUM: Low Carbon Living in a Changing Economic Climate	<i>Cornwall Room</i>
	KEYNOTE: <i>Right Relationship</i> – Peter Brown (author of <i>Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy</i>)	
	KEYNOTE: <i>Alternative Hedonism</i> – Kate Soper (London Metropolitan University)	
	Discussion Panel chaired by Andrew Lee (Director SDC)	
	Madeleine Bunting (Guardian), Katie Elliott (DECC), Kirsten Reeves (Defra), Rebekah Phillips (Green Alliance), Nick Pidgeon (Cardiff University)	
	Plenary Discussion	
		<i>15.15–15.45 Refreshments</i>
17.00–17.30	Ministerial Keynote: Angela Eagle MP	
17.30–17.45	Closing Remarks: Tim Jackson	
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17.45–19.30	Evening reception – Drinks and canapes	<i>Crown Room</i>

PARALLEL SESSIONS

1st Paper Sessions: Researching Sustainable Lives 10.20 – 11.35

Beyond Behaviour – methods for researching sustainable lives

This session aims to explore different quantitative and qualitative social research methodologies used to understand (un)sustainable consumer behaviours and behaviour change in order to identify future research opportunities.

Cornwall Room

Chair: David Uzzell

Normative concerns and pro-environmental behaviour

Linda Steg, University of Groningen

Materialism and environmental concern

Birgitta Gatersleben, University of Surrey

Critical Psychology - an approach for changing environmental behaviour change policies?

Nora Räthzel, Umeå University

Future Lives – developing energy and carbon scenarios

This session contributes toward a better and clearer understanding of the future energy structure in the economy and its environmental impact through the development of sophisticated and robust models of energy and environment. This includes building both quantitative and qualitative forecasting scenarios.

Oxford Room

Chair: Lester Hunt

Predicting energy expenditure and associated GHG emissions for UK households: where will it be in 2020?

Mona Chitnis, University of Surrey

Envisioning the Carbon Intensity of UK Lifestyles to 2030

Scott Milne, University of Surrey

The impact of lifestyle and social change on the UK energy system

Nick Eyre, Oxford University

Reaching People – community engagement and education

This session draws together evidence on carbon reduction projects and programmes from local authority and community-based case studies. It teases out the policy lessons from these examples for the challenge of lifestyle change.

Coronet Room

Chair: Michael Peters

Community engagement and education: introduction to key concepts, opportunities and challenges

Michael Peters, University of Surrey

Keeping up with the Joneses in the Great British Refurb: social learning from eco-home open days and exemplar projects

Jo Hamilton, University of Oxford

Educating communities or learning from communities: lessons from resource management.

Thomas Henfrey, Durham University

COFFEE/ TEA BREAK 11.35 – 11.50

2nd Paper Sessions: Sustainable Lives in Boom and Bust 11.50-13.05

Green or Thrifty? Reconceptualising consumers in everyday life

This session explores some of the different ways in which sustainable and unsustainable practices are justified and represented on a variety of scales from the individual to the institutional level.

Oxford Room

Chair: Birgitta Gatersleben

Using the life history approach to examine food practices

Emma White, University of Surrey

'Mum made me do it': exploring justifications of household pro-environmental behaviour

Louise Reid, University of Aberdeen

Imagining the consumer: conceptualising the user in a hi-tech firm

Justin Spinney, University of Surrey

Thrifty, Green or Frugal: Sustainable Practice in the Context of the Economic Downturn

David Evans, University of Manchester

Disappearing Footprints? – household carbon in recession

The papers in this session address key issues in consumption patterns and their associated environmental impacts. In particular, the carbon implications of reduced expenditure lifestyles are addressed.

Coronet Room

Chair: Ian Christie

The bare necessities: how much household carbon do we really need?

Angela Druckman, University of Surrey

The implications of the rebound effect for sustainability

Steve Sorrell, University of Sussex

How do the poor cut carbon? Understanding the distribution of carbon emissions in the UK

Simon Roberts, Centre for Sustainable Energy

Policy Paradigms – governance for sustainable living

This session looks at changing patterns of governance in relation to social and environmental goals. Papers explore paradigm shifts in energy governance and in financial governance and discuss the implications for sustainable lives.

Cornwall Room

Chair: Yacob Mulugetta

Reaching Consensus on a Global, Low-Carbon Future: The Long and Winding Road to Copenhagen

Shane Fudge, University of Surrey

Can 'green jobs' stabilize an unstable economy? Challenges and prospects in the context of the current downturn and Obama administration policy

Mathew Forstater, University of Missouri

Economic Governance for Social Justice and Sustainable Living

Pat Devine, University of Manchester

