

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS ENVIRONMENT & TECHNOLOGY NEWSLETTER

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NOTE FROM THE CHAIR:

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL NEW AND RETURNING ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION MEMBERS. I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO THANK THOSE OF YOU WHO MADE PRESENTATIONS, ATTENDED OUR SESSIONS AND PARTICIPATED IN THE DIVISION'S BUSINESS MEETINGS AT THE 2006 MEETING IN MONTREAL. LET'S HOPE THE UPCOMING MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY WILL BE AS SUCCESSFUL.

I AM HONORED TO BE THE NEW DIVISION CHAIR AND HOPE THAT WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN CONTINUE TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION EXCITING AND ENGAGING. I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO TAMMY MIX FOR HER SERVICE AND THE HARD WORK SHE DID AS DIVISION CHAIR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INTRODUCE FRÉDÉRIC VANDERMOERE, WINNER OF THE 2006 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION, AND THANK HIM FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE OUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR.

WE ARE GEARING UP FOR THE 2007 MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY AND HAVE ORGANIZED AND CO-SPONSORED A NUMBER OF EXCITING SESSIONS AROUND THE CONFERENCE THEME WHICH IS, "RESEARCH MATTERS: CREATING KNOWLEDGE, POLICY, AND JUSTICE." BY NOW YOU HAVE PROBABLY RECEIVED THE ANNUAL CALL FOR PAPERS. I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SUBMIT A PAPER AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUR COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS TO DO THE SAME.

THE NEWSLETTER IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS, OBSERVATIONS AND INSIGHTS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING ANNOUNCEMENTS ON WORK THAT YOU OR OTHER COLLEAGUES IN THE DIVISION HAVE RECENTLY PUBLISHED OR PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO PUBLISH SHORT PIECES ON WORK YOU ARE DOING IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FIELD.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU AND SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING IN THE BIG APPLE.

STEVEN LANG

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- ANNUAL MEETING -

57TH ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 10-12, 2007

ROOSEVELT HOTEL
MADISON AVENUE AT 45TH
NEW YORK, NY

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS OR ABSTRACTS, REQUEST LCD
PROJECTOR
JANUARY 31, 2007

Co-SPONSORED SESSIONS

SESSION 30: BUILT ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH (ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH, HEALTH POLICY, AND HEALTH SERVICES)

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- CALL FOR PAPERS -

THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE ITS 2006 GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION. PAPERS MAY BE THEORETICAL AND/OR EMPIRICAL AND MAY BE ON A TOPIC RELEVANT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS, TECHNOLOGY AND RISK, POLITICAL ECONOMY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, OR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AMONG OTHERS. THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$100 CASH AWARD AND A TICKET TO THE ANNUAL SSSP AWARDS BANQUET. THE WINNER WILL ALSO BE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS PAPER AT ONE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY SESSIONS HELD AT THE 2007 SSSP MEETINGS. TO BE ELIGIBLE, THE PAPER MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 1) THE PAPER MUST HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BETWEEN JANUARY 2007 AND APRIL 2007; 2) THE PAPER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION (PAPERS PRESENTED AT OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS OR THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR PRESENTATION AT OTHER MEETINGS ARE ELIGIBLE); 3) THE PAPER MUST BE AUTHORED BY ONE OR MORE STUDENTS AND NOT CO-AUTHORED BY FACULTY OR A COLLEAGUE WHO IS NOT A STUDENT; 4) THE PAPER MUST BE 25 PAGES OR LESS, INCLUDING NOTES, REFERENCES, AND TABLES; AND, 5) THE PAPER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER FROM A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE STUDENT'S UNIVERSITY NOMINATING THE PAPER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION. STUDENTS SHOULD SEND 1 COPY OF THE PAPER ACCOMPANIED BY A LETTER OF SUPPORT VIA SNAIL MAIL OR E-MAIL WITH ATTACHMENT TO: STEVEN LANG, SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, LA GUARDIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 31-10 THOMSON AVENUE, LONG ISLAND CITY, 11101, SLANG@LAGCC.CUNY.EDU

PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS/ABSTRACTS TO SESSION ORGANIZERS	JANUARY 31, 2007
NOTIFICATION BY THE SESSION ORGANIZER OF ACCEPTANCE OR REFERRAL	FEBRUARY 19, 2007
SESSION/PAPER TITLES AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EACH AUTHOR MUST BE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE	MARCH 1, 2007
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMS MAILED TO CURRENT MEMBERS	MAY 15, 2007
2007 ANNUAL MEETING, ROOSEVELT HOTEL, NEW YORK, NY	AUGUST 10-12, 2007

IDEAS AND NEWS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

CAN YOU GIVE ADVICE ON TEACHING ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY? HAVE YOU SEEN AN INTERESTING DOCUMENTARY OR WEBSITE? DID YOU READ AN INTERESTING BOOK YOU WANT TO SHARE OR REVIEW BRIEFLY? WHAT ABOUT OTHER MEETINGS OR ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS? IF SO, AND WE HOPE SO, THAN PLEASE EMAIL ME (FREDERIC.VANDERMOERE@UGENT.BE).

AT MY DEPARTMENT (GHENT UNIVERSITY, BELGIUM) WE HAVE A CLASS NAMED 'SOCIAL CHANGE'. ONE OF MY EDUCATIONAL TASKS AS A PH.D STUDENT IS TO GIVE GUIDANCE TO 3RD YEAR STUDENTS OF SOCIOLOGY WHO NEED TO WRITE A PAPER ON THE INDICATORS OF RISK-ACCEPTANCE OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED FOODS. THEREFORE THEY USE THE DATA OF THE EUROBAROMETER ON MODERN BIOTECHNOLOGY WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE INTER-UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL RESEARCH (ICPSR) (WWW.ICPSR.UMICH.EDU). I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF WE COULD CREATE A SECTION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER ON FREE DATASETS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

A RECENT PUBLICATION BY A SOCIOLOGIST, PUT OUT BY THE PURDUE CLIMATE CHANGE RESEARCH CENTRE, WILL BE OF INTEREST TO MANY MEMBERS OF OUR DIVISION. IT IS TITLED "PUBLIC ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOR ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT SHAPES THEM AND HOW TO INFLUENCE THEM" (53P.). THE AUTHOR IS MARTIN PATCHEN, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF SOCIOLOGY AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY. THE REPORT IS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF RESEARCH FINDINGS. IT ALSO PRESENTS IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESEARCH FOR STRATEGIES TO ENGAGE MORE PEOPLE TO ACT AGAINST THIS SERIOUS DANGER. THE REPORT MAY BE DOWNLOADED BY CLICKING ON
[HTTP://WWW.PURDUE.EDU/CLIMATE/PDF/PATCHEN%200P0601.PDF](http://www.purdue.edu/climate/pdf/Patchen%200P0601.pdf).
ALTERNATIVELY, THE REPORT MAY BE ORDERED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE PCCRC. FOR A HARD COPY, YOU CAN CONTACT GLENDA BAUER AT (765) 496.3209 OR GBAUER@PURDUE.EDU.

E&T RELATED WEBSITES OF INTEREST

[HTTP://CSEC.LANCS.AC.UK](http://csec.lancs.ac.uk) - THE CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE (CSEC) IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTRE FOCUSING ON THE SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL DIMENSIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND TECHNOLOGIES.

[WWW.EDRA.ORG](http://www.edra.org) - THE ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (EDRA) IS AN INTERDISCIPLINARY ORGANIZATION PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN RESEARCH.

[WWW.SRA.ORG](http://www.sra.org) - THE SOCIETY FOR RISK ANALYSIS (SRA) PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN RISK ANALYSIS, INCLUDING RISK TO HUMAN HEALTH, TO THE BUILT AND TO THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

[HTTP://ACTIONNETWORK.ORG](http://actionnetwork.org) - ACTION!NETWORK IS AN ONLINE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM COMMUNITY, A GATEWAY FOR OVER 170 LEADING ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND POPULATION ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.

[HTTP://WWW.MCDONOUGH.COM](http://www.mcdonough.com) - WILLIAM MCDONOUGH IS AN ARCHITECT IN SUSTAINABLE DESIGN. ALL OF HIS DESIGNS INTEGRATE ENVIRONMENTALLY-INTELLIGENT DESIGN STRATEGIES.

OTHER CONFERENCES OF INTEREST

2007 BEIJING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY - JUNE 29-JULY 1, 2007, REMIN UNIVERSITY OF CHINA

WITH A BROAD FOCUS ON CHINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION, THE CONFERENCE HAS THREE OBJECTIVES: (1) TO HELP ADVANCE CHINESE ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY AS AN ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE; (2) TO DRAW MORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY ATTENTION TO CHINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION; AND (3) TO PROVIDE INSIGHTS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY AS A MEANS OF DEVELOPING BETTER UNDERSTANDINGS OF CHINA'S ENVIRONMENTAL SITUATION.

8TH CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION. 'CONFLICT, CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIL SOCIETY' - 3-6 SEPTEMBER 2007, GLASGOW, UK

THE ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY NETWORK (ESN) OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (ESA) INVITES YOU TO SUBMIT PAPERS, TO BE PRESENTED AT THE EIGHT ESA CONFERENCE IN GLASGOW, UK. TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE ESN SESSIONS INCLUDE: SOCIAL THEORY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, PARTICIPATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE, CONSUMERISM AND ENVIRONMENT, BIOTECHNOLOGY, GMOs AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES, SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, AND CIVIL SOCIETY, EXPERT KNOWLEDGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY, BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE PROTECTION BETWEEN GLOBAL AND LOCAL CONCERNS, EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL LEARNING, CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND PEOPLE VS. PLANET IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. [WWW.ESA8THCONFERENCE.COM](http://www.esa8thconference.com)

ON THIS CONFERENCE THERE ARE ALSO SESSIONS OF THE RESEARCH NETWORK SOCIOLOGY OF RISK AND UNCERTAINTY. THE TOPICS REACH FROM STRATEGIES TO GOVERN THE RISK SOCIETY AND THE DISCURSIVE CONSTRUCTION OF RISK AND UNCERTAINTY VIA ISSUES OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS TO THE ONGOING REPRODUCTION OF SOCIAL INEQUALITIES.

OTHER CONFERENCES CONTINUED...

CONFERENCE ON THE SCIENCE AND EDUCATION OF LAND USE: A TRANSATLANTIC, MULTIDISCIPLINARY AND COMPARATIVE APPROACH - SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2007 IN WASHINGTON, DC, USA

THE CONFERENCE SEEKS TO EXPLORE THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CURRENT LAND USE TRENDS AND DYNAMICS RELATED TO SOCIETY, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT. THE CONFERENCE WILL EXPLORE THE TRADE-OFFS AMONG BROAD BENEFITS AND COSTS OF ALTERNATIVE LAND USES. WE INVITE PAPERS THAT PROJECT FUTURE LAND USES AND EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF HOW SCIENCE CAN SERVE SOCIETY IN MAKING MORE RATIONAL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LAND USE DECISIONS. AN IMPORTANT AND UNIQUE ASPECT OF THE CONFERENCE IS THE EMPHASIS ON TRANSATLANTIC (EUROPE/US) COMPARISONS. [HTTP://NERCRD.PSU.EDU/TALUC/](http://NERCRD.PSU.EDU/TALUC/)