

SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSUMPTION

Virtual Community

Dear reader,

A fresh year has started and here you have a fresh bouquet of news, calls and information about new publications in the field of sustainability and consumption. Notice especially the third edition of the popular summer school on environmental psychology, Step 3, this time in Italy. Please spread the word! Also, remember to sign up for the annual event in Groningen.

Kind regards,
John

NEWS

STEP3 – Third Summer school for Theories in Environmental Psychology at Alghero, Sardinia, Italy, 28 June – 5 July, 2015.

The 2015 STEP3 will be organized by CIRPA (www.cirpa.it), the Centre for Interuniversity Research on Environmental Psychology. It will be hosted in the premises of the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Sassari, in Alghero (Sardinia, Italy). Check-in day will be Sunday the 28th of June, check-out on Sunday the 5th July, 2015.

Applicants are invited to apply for participation following the instructions via the CIRPA website's landing page:

<http://www.cirpa.it/?q=it/summer-school-step3>

Or directly at STEP3 website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/uniroma1.it/step3/>

STEP3 will be organized into 5 parallel workshops: they will be announced subsequently, after applicants' selection. Examples of STEP previous editions' workshops can be found in the links provided on the Home page of STEP3 website.

Applications are welcome from PhD students based at Universities all over the world or other young scholars, and should follow the guidelines described on the STEP3 website.

The application period is between the 23rd December 2014 to the 31st of January 2015.

Once accepted, participants to STEP3 are required to pay the fee of 500 Euro following instructions that will be provided later on.

For inquiries about the STEP3, please visit the STEP3 website, and in case of further needs please contact the organizing committee at info@cirpa.it

The STEP3 Organizing Committee

Reminder: The Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption 2015 at the 11th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology in Groningen, the Netherlands

As mentioned in the December Newsletter, the Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption will organize its 2015 annual event and general assembly in connection with the 11th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology, 24 to 26 August in Groningen, the Netherlands. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 1st February, 2015. Abstracts should be submitted using the conferences management system at <http://bcecp2015.nl>, where more information about the conference is also available.

Please indicate in your submission that you are member of the Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption.

Kind regards,

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CALLS

ESAC Conference 2015: Call for Proposals

ESAC facilitates networking and dialogue across environment-related fields and practices. The 2015 conference is an excellent opportunity for delegates to take part in a lively exchange of ideas relating to the environment among academics, students, researchers, members of NGOs, community groups, the public and private sector, practitioners, policy-makers and activists. ESAC keenly invites new ideas in scholarship and practice to engage with, and address the vital environmental opportunities and challenges facing the world today.

Deadline: 23 January 2015

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The ICSS 2015 : XIII International Conference on Sustainable Society: Call for Papers

The conference will bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world. The topics of interest are corporate social responsibility, ecological economics, sustainability accounting, emerging issues, nature-society interactions, and other

sustainability related themes. Authors are invited to submit an abstract for the conference themes and topics.

Deadline: 29 January 2015

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Seminar at the IUC Dubrovnik: Journal Special Issue of Management Review on Perspectives on Sustainable Consumption

Addressing ecological, economic and social issues, the problem with sustainability is still a major challenge humanity faces. The problem demands attention by actors from all social levels. On the micro-level, sustainable consumption is often regarded as the major way how individual consumers can contribute to sustainable development. By now a growing number of people are aware that many consumption habits have to be changed because they are in conflict with the goal of sustainable development. In the special issue it is preferred to discuss our topic in an adequately broad and interdisciplinary way.

Deadline: 31 January 2015

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CFP RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2015: Call for abstracts

A renewed focus on environmental behaviour is needed to achieve a shift towards sustainability. In line with year's theme of Geographies of the Anthropocene, this session aims to bring together papers that offer a pragmatic and critical perspective on consumption behaviour and lifestyles and the interdependencies of these behaviours within wider contextual and political frameworks. Such consideration may expose new geographic opportunities – as well as challenges – to better understanding and addressing of environmental behaviour change. Contributions spanning behavioural, technological and policy insights to promote greater understanding of consumption behaviour change are encouraged. Abstracts are invited from a broad array of geographers - as well as researchers and scholars from varying other academic disciplines (e.g. sociology, geography, psychology, marketing, and economics).

Deadline: 11 February 2015

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Special Issue of Sustainable Production and Consumption on Sustainability issues in the energy-food-water nexus

Providing a sustainable supply of energy, food and water is one of the global grand challenges. So far, these three sectors have been considered in isolation of each other, despite being intricately interconnected. Aiming to make ground-breaking contributions to the field, this special issue provides a unique platform for discussing key sustainability challenges and opportunities in the energy-food-water nexus, examining the interplay between technology, policy, economy, environment and society.

Deadline: 28 February 2015

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Special issue on the World Journal of Science, Technology and Sustainable Development

The focus of this special issue will be on the definitions and identity of sustainable development. The meanings of sustainability and sustainable development continue to be debated by scholars and professionals alike. Despite significant efforts, a clear unifying definition of sustainability continues to elude us. Still, an increase in interest and use of this concept has not brought a better understanding of it. Papers that address the issues associated with understandings and of how to move towards convergence in defining sustainable development are encouraged. The papers may be conceptual, empirical, or cases.

Deadline: 1 March 2015

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Page Prize for Sustainability Issues in Business Curricula: Call for Submissions

The Page Prize has two objectives: to encourage efforts to expose business students to state-of-the-art sustainability knowledge relevant to the natural environment and to demonstrate the Moore School's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability in business education. Although the objectives of the Prize specifically concern the natural environment, full consideration will be provided for submissions concerning a range of sustainability dimensions that are demonstrated to be relevant to the natural environment. The Grand Prize is \$1,000, plus a framed print of Aegean Sea #6 certifying the award. Honorable Mention prizes will also be awarded at levels of \$250 each.

Deadline: 20 March 2015

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The 17th European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ERSCP 2014): Call for Papers

The objective of the 17th ERSCP is to provide a platform to stimulate, develop, and disseminate information about new initiatives aimed at fostering the implementation of sustainable consumption and production within local and regional sustainable development initiatives. The Roundtable will have a special focus upon the urgency for developing serious efforts to speed up the transition to post fossil carbon societies in light of numerous climate change challenges. Authors are invited to prepare original articles, state of the art reviews, or case studies.

Deadline: 15 April 2015

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Global Cleaner Production & Sustainable Consumption Conference: Call for papers

Authors are invited to prepare original articles, state of the art reviews, case studies, papers for workshops, debates, simulations, games, demonstrations, knowledge cafés, and other interactive tools for the Global Cleaner Production and Sustainable Consumption Conference. These inputs should be designed to help participants to build upon existing or to develop new networks to accelerate transitions to equitable, sustainable societies.

Deadline: 17 April 2015

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Corporate Responsibility Research Conference CRRCC 2015: Call for abstracts

Climate change is the most visible but only one of the pressing problems humanity faces. Whether or not the corporate sector will help to provide solutions or contribute to more problems remains unclear. Challenges like these bring up the more fundamental question of whether corporate responsibility can really make a difference and be a decisive driver for fundamental change towards a more sustainable future. Research papers from all fields of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability are invited. Especially submissions that focus on and question the role of the private sector in achieving sustainability are of interest.

Deadline: 30 May 2015

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Special Issue of the Journal of Consumer Policy on System Perspectives on Sustainable Consumption Policies: Call for papers

Research on sustainable consumption in general and on consumer policies in particular has rarely made use of systems perspectives to date. Sustainable consumption has mostly been discussed in terms of changes in individual awareness, behaviour and consumer choices, development of societal practices, implementation of corporate strategies and as market phenomenon. Although it is broadly accepted that individual consumer behaviour is embedded in multiple contexts, such as social groups and milieus, institutions, sociocultural norms, socio-technical and socio-spatial systems: complexity theory and systems thinking approaches are comparably rare and publications are scattered across communities and academic journals. This special issue aims to introduce a systems thinking view to the scientific debate on sustainable consumption policies.

The majority of papers in this special issue is expected to include empirical data, however, papers with a predominantly conceptual focus are also welcomed.

Deadline: 1 September 2015

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PUBLICATIONS

Hubert, M., Hubert, M., Gwozdz, W., Raab, G., & Reisch, L. A. (2014). Compulsive buying—an increasing problem? Investigating and comparing trends in Germany and Denmark, 2010-2012. *Journal für Verbraucherschutz und Lebensmittelsicherheit*, 9, 280-284.

Orbell, S., & Verplanken, B. (2015). The Strength of Habit. *Health Psychology Review*, 1-13.

EVENTS

2015

21 - 23 January	Eleventh International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability	Copenhagen, Denmark
26 - 27 January	The interface between sustainability research and policy	Cambridge, U.K
5 March	The 2015 European Circular Economy Conference	Brussels, Belgium
10-11 March	PERL International Conference: A Decade of Responsible Living	Paris, France
21 - 23 April	NIBS Behavioural Science & Policy work-shop	Nottingham, U.K
21 - 25 April	Consuming the Anthropocene (AAG 2015)	Chicago, U.S
27 - 29 May	Food in the Bio-based Economy: Sustainable Precision and Access	Wageningen, The Netherlands
28 May - 5 June	ESAC Conference 2015	Ottawa, Canada
9 - 11 June	Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference 2015	Trondheim, Norway
11-12 June	World Conference of Futures Research 2015	Turku, Finland
13 - 16 June	ACSEE 2015	Osaka, Japan
17 - 19 June	Product Lifetime and the Environment (PLATE)	Nottingham, U.K.
23 - 26 June	XIII Environmental Psychology Conference - PSICAMB	Granada, Spain
29 - 30 July	ICSS 2015 : XIII International Conference on Sustainable Society	Zurich, Switzerland
24 - 26 August	BCEP 2015: 11th Biennial Conference on Environmental Psychology	Groningen, The Netherlands
1- 4 September	CFP RGS-IBG Annual Conference 2015	Exeter, U.K.
16 - 18 September	Corporate Responsibility Research Conference CRRCC 2015	Marseille, France
17 - 19 September	3rd International CSR Communication Conference	Ljubljana, Slovenia
1 - 4 November	Global Cleaner Production and Sustainable Consumption Conference	Sitges, Spain

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