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Geographies of Energy Transition Security, Climate, Governance

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- Seminar 1: Energy Transition - from histories to geographies
- Seminar 2: Scales of Energy Security - between geopolitics and governance

Seminar Website: http://www.le.ac.uk/gg/research/seminar_bradshaw_GET.html

Co-PIs: Gavin Bridge (Manchester), Mike Bradshaw (Leicester), Stefan Bouzarovski (Birmingham), Nick Eyre (Oxford)

- Seminar 3: Energy Subjects – Cultural Economies of Energy Consumption
- Seminar 4: Low-Carbon Futures - contending geographies of distribution and centralisation
- Seminar 5: Geographies of Energy Transition



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CFP- 'Sustainable Communities'

AAG 2012, New York February 24 to 28

Sustainable communities offer the potential to confront the most pressing issues of our time as they bring social justice, environmental and economic challenges together through places and/or communities of interest at different spatial and temporal scales. Scholars have been evolving theoretical approaches to make the most intractable problems and promising opportunities for change more explicit. For example, political ecology, ecological modernization and the environmental justice paradigm have reframed the conversation about how to create

Emerging themes regarding 'transition'

(8...and counting)

- polysemic – an accommodating term
 - contradictions, bedfellows
- 'ET' as a situated understanding
 - historical processes, comparators
 - contemporary distinctions
- geographically differentiated
 - trajectories, goals, time-horizons

- Transition vs. transition
 - willed vs. immanent processes
- transition as a fundamentally spatial project
 - remaking socio-ecological/spatial relations
- parallel and conjoined transitions

- technology/innovation -- practice/politics
 - disciplinary perspectives
 - no simple mapping of politics onto technologies
 - technologies as politically generative: energy subjects/citizens

- categorical crises/disaggregation
 - energy
 - energy services: heat, power, transport, light
 - low carbon
 - fossil fuel trajectories

Geographies of Transition (1)

- Location
- Landscape
- Territoriality

This section of the presentation considered the 'geographies' of transition and drew on a draft paper (Bridge, Bradshaw, Bouzarovski and Eyre) emerging from the ESRC 'Geographies of Energy Transition' seminar series. For further information contact Gavin Bridge.

Geographies of Transition (2)

- Uneven development/spatial differentiation
- Scaling
- Spatial lock-in/path dependency

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