IAFOR has entered into a number of strategic partnerships with universities across the world to form the IAFOR Global Partnership Programme. These academic partnerships support and nurture IAFOR’s goals of educational cooperation without borders, connecting the organisation with institutions that have an international and internationalising profile, and a commitment to interdisciplinary research.

The IAFOR Global Partnership Programme provides mutual recognition and scope for Global Partner institutions and organisations to showcase their research strengths, as well as engage in the development of projects and programmes with IAFOR.
The technological and logistical advances of globalisation have enabled us to become independent and empowered as never before, but at the same time made us more dependent on the very things allowing autonomy. While technologies allow us to communicate with those on the other side of the world, they can also make us detached from those immediately around us, and in some cases alienated, or lonely. And yet this increased interconnectedness offers great opportunities to work together to solve some of the world's most pressing issues, and reminds us of our responsibilities towards each other. Our independence is contextualised in the relations we enjoy with others; in our families and communities, shared institutions, in our wider societies, geographical and political entities, and finally as a part of the one world we all share.

The conference theme for ECSS/ECSE2019 is "Independence & Interdependence", and we hope and expect this important thematic lens to encourage wide reflections on the importance and interrelation of such concepts as autonomy and identity, rights and responsibilities, and power and control; and within a variety of contexts from politics and geopolitics to energy, sustainability and the environment; and from education, technology and logistics, to culture and language; from psychology and security, to considerations of equity and justice.

This conference is organised by IAFOR in association with the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) in Osaka University, Japan.
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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to The International Academic Forum's 7th European Conference series in the UK, a sequence of four events in Brighton and London over which some 600 people from more than 50 different countries will come together to share ideas, and search for the personal, professional and research synergies that drive new relationships, partnerships, ideas, and knowledge.

The first three smaller events will take place in the diverse, artistic and cultural hub of Brighton, nestled between the ever-changing colours of the sea and the green hills of the South Downs, and our final and largest event will see IAFOR in the great city of London for the first time.

In the global political context, we are witnessing increasing authoritarianism and nationalism, where othering, dehumanising, and policies of exclusion abound in countries which have until recently served as more positive models of inclusion. As individual nations struggle to provide safety and security to their own citizens, identity-based politics thrive, and the international rules-based system and supranational organisations such as the UN and EU are facing crises of legitimacy, and the United Kingdom, with its ongoing Brexit saga has rarely looked so divided. These conferences offer a timely coming together, underlining the extent to which we are less independent than we might sometimes think; whether individuals, communities or nations, we are reliant on those that also share our planet.

For the past ten years, IAFOR has brought people and ideas together in a variety of events and platforms to promote and celebrate interdisciplinary study, and underline its importance. In the past twelve months, we have engaged in many cross-sectoral projects, including those with universities (the University of Barcelona, Hofstra University, UCL, University of Belgrade and Moscow State University), think tanks (the East-West Center, and the Asia Pacific Higher Education Research Partnership), as well as projects with the United Nations in New York, and most recently with the Government of Japan through the Prime Minister’s office. With the IAFOR Research Centre at the Osaka School of International Public Policy (OSIPP) at Osaka University in Japan, we have engaged in a number of interdisciplinary initiatives we believe will have an important impact on domestic and international public policy conversations.

It is through our conferences that we expand our network and partnerships, and I have no doubt that this venue will offer a remarkable opportunity for the sharing of research and best practices, for the meeting of people and ideas. I would like to thank our global partners, and particularly those in the UK (Sussex, Birkbeck, UCL and Lincoln universities), the Organising Committees, for their work in the development of the programme, the Featured and Keynote Speakers who will be sharing their unique insights with us, and each and every one of you, for taking the decision to come (back) to an IAFOR event.

We have so much to learn from each other, and I expect the resultant professional and personal collaborations to endure for many years.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Dr Joseph Haldane
Chairman and CEO, IAFOR

P.S. For those of you that are active on social media, please feel free to share your conference photos and join the conversation on Instagram and Twitter using the hashtag #IAFOR.
Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the city of Brighton & Hove, a vibrant and diverse centre of Arts and Culture.

Ever since the Prince Regent first visited in 1783, Brighton & Hove has been England’s most exciting seaside city, and today it’s as vibrant, eccentric and cosmopolitan as ever. Our city has a bohemian and artistic atmosphere that can’t be found anywhere else in the UK. We combine the modern with the traditional and the outlandish with the everyday; tempting and treating visitors and residents alike with a unique cultural experience.

If you've never visited I urge you to get out and about and make the most of the rich cultural mix – Regency architecture, pleasure pier, specialist shops, pavement cafés, lively arts and of course the exotic Royal Pavilion. Everything's in walking distance, so take time to explore and enjoy what the city has to offer.

Our City-by-the-sea has a passion for creativity, a desire to look at things differently, and a friendliness that attracts visitors from all over the world.

Whether it’s the sea air that changes your perspective or the lively North Laine that buzzes day and night, I am sure that Brighton & Hove has got that special something that will inspire.

I wish you every success with your conference and hope you have a long and enjoyable stay.

Councillor Alexandra Phillips
Mayor of the City of Brighton & Hove
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By Rail from London

London is the hub of the UK’s rail network and it is easy to travel by train to Brighton from the major London stations. The fastest direct travelling times from London to Brighton are:

- London Victoria – 56 minutes (direct)
- London Bridge – 1 hour 3 minutes (direct)
- London St Pancras – 1 hour 33 minutes (direct)

Rail services in the UK are operated by a number of private train operators. The main operators to Brighton are Southern and First Capital Connect and all trains arrive into Brighton mainline station on Queens Road. Regular rail connections also serve Hove, which is just a few minutes from Brighton by rail. Central Brighton and Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront are an easy 20-minute walk from Brighton Station, but, if required, buses and taxis are both available at the front of the station.

If you are travelling from Europe, the Eurostar train arrives at London St Pancras, where there are direct train connections to Brighton.

By Rail from Gatwick Airport

Trains from Gatwick to Brighton take approximately 30 minutes direct and run regularly. The Gatwick South rail station is directly linked to Gatwick’s South Terminal and just a few minutes away from North Terminal via a transit train link.

By Rail from Heathrow Airport

Take the London Underground to London Victoria and then a mainline train to Brighton. Alternatively, take the Heathrow Express to Paddington and then the London Underground to Victoria and then a mainline train to Brighton.

By Coach from Heathrow Airport

National Express is the major coach operator serving Brighton. Most international flights arrive at Terminal 4 and 5 where a coach departs every hour. Brighton Coach Station is located next to Brighton Palace Pier and is a two-minute walk from Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront. Further information is available on the National Express website (www.nationalexpress.com).
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Tuesday Morning at a Glance

09:00-09:30  Conference Registration & Morning Coffee | Renaissance Foyer

09:30-09:45  Announcements & Welcome Address | Renaissance Hall
Brian Aycock, IAFOR, Japan
Joseph Haldane, IAFOR, Japan
Recognition of IAFOR Scholarship Winners | Renaissance Hall

09:45-10:30  Keynote Presentation | Renaissance Hall
Ensuring Equality from the “Low Carbon Dividend”
Tom Houghton, Curtin University, Australia

10:30-11:00  Coffee Break | Renaissance Foyer

11:00-11:45  Keynote Presentation | Renaissance Hall
Why Do We Protect Refugees?
David James Cantor, School of Advanced Study,
University of London, UK

11:45-12:00  IAFOR Documentary Photography Award | Renaissance Hall

12:00-12:15  Conference Photograph | Renaissance Hall

12:15-13:30  Lunch Break | 2F Restaurant
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Tuesday Afternoon at a Glance

13:30-15:30  Parallel Session I

15:30-16:00  Coffee Break | Library Terrace

16:00-17:00  Poster Session | Library Terrace

17:00-18:00  Conference Welcome Reception | Library Terrace

19:15-21:30  Official Conference Dinner (optional extra)
Meet at the Hotel Lobby near the Bartholomew Square (back) entrance at 18:50
July 10, 2019

Wednesday at a Glance

09:30-10:00  Conference Registration & Morning Coffee
10:00-12:00  Parallel Session I
12:00-13:15  Lunch Break
13:15-14:45  Parallel Session II
14:45-15:00  Coffee Break
15:00-16:30  Parallel Session III
16:30-16:45  Closing Session | Wordsworth (2F)
Become an IAFOR Member

IAFOR provides an excellent personal and professional environment for academics and scholars of all ages and backgrounds to come together and exchange the latest ideas, and inform each other’s perspectives through their own cultural and disciplinary background and experiences. We are able to do this thanks to the exceptional network of individuals and institutions around the world who support our work and help shape our exceptional events globally. We emphasise the nurturing and supporting of young academics from different backgrounds, providing mutual advice and guidance, and offer more senior academics the chance to forge working relationships outside of their traditional networks.

In a world where division and strife are underlined and played up in national and local contexts, and political posturing frequently seeks to ostracise and demonise, IAFOR is committed to working across cultural and national borders, and to work to bring people together. We believe that mature human interaction and academic and cultural exchange are essential to offering positive versions of the future, where cooperation happens with individuals and institutions who share a commitment to bridge divides, to being good global citizens, and to making the world a better place.

By becoming a member, you will become a stakeholder in the IAFOR mission of facilitating international exchange, encouraging intercultural awareness, and promoting interdisciplinary discussion in the hope and expectation of generating and sharing new knowledge. Join us now in this growing global organisation, and help make a difference today.

To learn more about IAFOR membership, please visit:
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**General Information**

**Registration**

You will be able to pick up your registration pack and name card at the Conference Registration Desk. The Conference Registration Desk and Publications Desk will be situated at the following locations during the conference:

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If you have any questions or concerns, IAFOR staff and volunteers will happily assist you in any way they can.

**Name Badges**

When you check in, you will receive a registration pack, which includes your name badge. Wearing your badge is required for entrance to the sessions. You must wear your badge at all times during the conference.

**Internet Access**

There is free Wi-Fi internet connection at the conference venue. However, this can be unreliable so we would strongly suggest that you do not rely on a live connection for your presentation.

*Instructions on how to connect to the Wi-Fi will be available at the registration desk.*

**Refreshment Breaks**

Complimentary coffee, tea and water will be available during the scheduled coffee breaks at the Plenary Session on Tuesday morning and on the Library Terrace during the rest of the conference. Light snacks will be provided once in the morning and once in the afternoon.
General Information

Printing
For your convenience, we are able to offer a complimentary printing service of up to ten A4 sheets should you need this. Please ask for assistance with printing and be advised that printing may not be available at peak times.

Smoking
Smoking is not permitted in the Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront. Please smoke outside of the building in designated smoking areas.

What to Wear & Bring
Attendees generally wear business casual attire. You may wish to bring a light jacket or sweater as meeting rooms are air-conditioned and sometimes cool.

Photo/Recording Waiver

Human interaction through networking and dissemination of this knowledge is at the core of what IAFOR does as an academic research organisation, conference organiser and publisher. As part of the archiving of the conference event, IAFOR takes photos in and around the conference venue, and uses the photos to document the event. This also includes the filming of certain sessions. We consider this documentation important and it provides evidence of our activities to members, partners and stakeholders all over the world, as well as to current and potential attendees like you. Some of these photos will therefore appear online and in print, including on social media. The above are the legitimate interests of the organisation that we assert under the new European Union law on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under this legislation, you have an absolute right to opt out of any photo. We are committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. Read our full privacy policy – www.iafor.org/about/privacy-policy
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Oral & Workshop Presentations

Oral Presentations are normally scheduled in sessions comprising three presentations, lasting 90 minutes in total. In sessions with two Oral Presentations, the session will last 60 minutes, and in the case of four Oral Presentations, an extended session lasting 120 minutes will be scheduled.

The time in the sessions is to be divided equally between presentations. We recommend that an Oral Presentation should last 15–20 minutes to include time for question and answers, but should last no longer than 25 minutes. Any remaining session time may be used for additional discussion.

Equipment

All rooms will be equipped with a MacBook computer pre-installed with PowerPoint and Keynote and connected to a LCD projector or LCD screen. If you wish, you may directly link your own PC laptop, although we advise you to use the computer provided by plugging in your USB flash drive. We recommend that you bring two copies of your presentation in case one fails, and suggest sending yourself the presentation by email as a third and final precaution.

Session Chairs

Session Chairs are asked to introduce themselves and other speakers (briefly) using the provided printouts of speaker bios, hand out the provided presentation certificates at the end of the session, ensure that the session begins and ends on time, and that the time is divided fairly between the presentations. Each presenter should have no more than 25 minutes in which to present his or her paper and respond to any questions. The Session Chair is asked to assume this timekeeping role, and to this end yellow and red timekeeping cards are used as a visual cue for presenters, letting them know when they have five minutes remaining, and when they must stop.

Please follow the order in the programme, and if for any reason a presenter fails to show up, please keep to the original time slots as delegates use the programme to plan their attendance.
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Presentation Certificates

Presenters will receive a certificate of presentation from their Session Chair or a member of staff at the end of their session.

Conference Proceedings

The Conference Proceedings are published on the IAFOR website (papers.iafor.org), and can be freely accessed as part of IAFOR’s research archive. All authors may have their full paper published in the online Conference Proceedings.

Full text submission is due by August 10, 2019 through the online system. The proceedings will be published on September 10, 2019.

A Polite Request to All Participants

Participants are requested to arrive in a timely fashion for all presentations, whether to their own or to those of other presenters. Presenters are reminded that the time slots should be divided fairly and equally between the number of presentations, and that presentations should not overrun.

Participants should refrain from talking amongst themselves and ensure that mobile phones are switched off or set to silent mode during presentations.
Lunch & Dinner

If you registered for the conference lunch, lunch will be provided in the Atrium Restaurant at Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront. Situated on the Promenade, with unrivalled views of the famous Brighton Palace Pier and the sea, the restaurant serves a range of modern British and European dishes prepared by a talented team of chefs. Lunch service includes an unlimited drinks bar (non-alcoholic), coffee station and dessert table.

Please remember to bring your name badge with you, as this will act as your lunch ticket.

Lunch Times

Lunch is available between the following times:

Tuesday  12:15-13:30   Atrium Restaurant, Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront
Wednesday 12:00-13:15   Atrium Restaurant, Jurys Inn Brighton Waterfront

Conference Dinner

The official Conference Dinner is a ticketed optional event (35 GBP). Please remember to bring your name tag to the Conference Dinner. Conference Dinner attendees should meet at the Library Terrace (2F) at 18:50 on Tuesday, July 09. The group leaves for the restaurant at 19:00. It takes approximately 10 minutes to walk to the restaurant.

Restaurant name: Donatello
Restaurant address: 1-3, Brighton Place, Brighton, BN1 1HJ
The Reverend Professor
Stuart D. B. Picken (1942–2016)

The late Reverend Professor Stuart D. B. Picken began his distinguished career in academia as a Rotary Scholar on a research trip to Japan. A native of Scotland who had dedicated himself to religious studies, he immediately became fascinated by Japanese culture and the practice of Shinto. He was particularly drawn to the parallels and differences he saw in Western pedagogy compared to that of the East and began a lifelong mission to bridge the communication and knowledge gap between the two worlds.

Picken was appointed Professor of Philosophy at the International Christian University (ICU) in 1972. Here he turned his Western theological and philosophical training to comparative religious and cultural studies of Japan, at a time when the country was emerging from the shadows of the Second World War.

His groundbreaking and controversial work on suicide in Japan made his name within the country, but it was his subsequent work on Shinto that influenced the rehabilitation of the religion at a time when it was dismissed in the West as pagan and primitive, or unjustly caricatured for its wartime associations.

Whether in his research or teaching, Picken devoted much of his life to increasing understanding between his adopted country of Japan and the West, and in 2007 he was recognised with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, an imperial decoration for his pioneering research and outstanding contribution to the promotion of friendship and mutual understanding between Japan and the United Kingdom. He also served as the International Adviser to the High Priest of the Tsubaki Grand Shrine, one of Japan's largest and oldest shrines.

From 2009 he was the founding Chairman of The International Academic Forum (IAFOR), where he was highly active in helping nurture and mentor a new generation of academics, and facilitating better intercultural and international awareness and understanding.

Stuart D. B. Picken was a cherished friend and an inspiration to IAFOR and its community of supporters. In honour of Professor Picken and his dedication to academia, the ideals of intercultural understanding and the principles of interdisciplinary study, IAFOR has created the Stuart D. B. Picken Grant and Scholarship, an award supported by the Stuart D. B. Picken Memorial Fund. Awards are made to PhD students and early career academics who are in need of funding to complete their research, and whose work demonstrates excellence in the core values of academic rigour, intercultural sensitivity and interdisciplinarity.
Our warmest congratulations go to Amit Kumar, Ama Kissiwhah Boateng, Madelyn Pardon and Faiz Ahamad, who have been selected by the conference Organising Committee to receive grants and scholarships to present their research at ECSS/ECSEE2019.

IAFOR’s grants and scholarships programme provides financial support to PhD students and early career academics, with the aim of helping them pursue research excellence and achieve their academic goals through interdisciplinary study and interaction. Awards are based on the appropriateness of the educational opportunity in relation to the applicant’s field of study, financial need, and contributions to their community and to IAFOR’s mission of interdisciplinarity. Scholarships are awarded based on availability of funds from IAFOR and vary with each conference.

Find out more about IAFOR grants and scholarships: www.iafor.org/financial-support

Amit Kumar | Stuart D. B. Picken Grant and Scholarship Recipient
51231 (ECSS)
How Equal is Higher Education Participation in India: Evidence From NSSO Data
Amit Kumar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Mr Amit Kumar is a PhD scholar in the field of Economics of Education at Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), India. At present, he is working towards his PhD which attempts to look at “Financing of Engineering Education and its Labour Market Linkages”. He submitted his MPhil dissertation at JNU in 2017 which was favorably evaluated by Prof. JBG Tilak. He completed his Masters of Commerce from Delhi University, India, in 2015 and qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Commerce and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF). He has worked on an International research project “Assessing and Improving Engineering Education Program”, conducted by the Graduate School of Education, Stanford University, USA. His research interests include Economics of Financing Higher Education, Education Policy and Planning, and Applied Econometrics. He has presented his two research studies at the International Conference and Summer School in Russia.

Ama Kissiwhah Boateng | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient
50938 (ECSEE)
Energy Efficient Buildings: Policy and Practice Landscapes in Ghana
Ama Kissiwhah Boateng, National University of Public Service, Hungary

Ama Kissiwhah Boateng is a Teaching and Research Assistant in the University of Ghana Business School, Department of Public Administration and Health Services Management. She graduated from the same university with a Master of Science degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Prior to that, Ms Boateng completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Real Estate from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, also in Ghana. She also has a Post-graduate Diploma in Urban Management Tools for Climate Change. Before undertaking her current job as a research assistant, she worked with the Environmental Protection Agency of Ghana for two years.
Madelyn Pardon | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

50050 (ECSEE)
Influencing Sustainability Behaviours from a Social Marketing Perspective
Madelyn Pardon, James Cook University, Australia
Anne Swinbourne, James Cook University, Australia
Connar McShane, James Cook University, Australia

Madelyn Pardon is currently a PhD student at James Cook University in Townsville, Australia. Madelyn’s research focuses on individual attention to, perceptions of and responses to environmental threats in the context of water security. The broad aim of Madelyn’s research is to inform environmental threat communication. Madelyn has an undergraduate degree in Psychology and has a desire to work in health or environmental behavioural research at the completion of her degree.

Faiz Ahamad | IAFOR Scholarship Recipient

50463 (ECSS)
Political Ideology and Discrimination in Recruitment Process
Faiz Ahamad, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India

Faiz Ahamad, from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, in India, has been awarded an IAFOR Scholarship for the work titled ‘Political Ideology and Discrimination in Recruitment Process’.
Introduction

IAFOR's publications provide a constructive environment for the facilitation of dialogue between academics at the intersections of nation, culture and discipline. Since 2009, when the organisation was established, over 20,000 academics have presented their research at IAFOR conferences – a wealth of ideas have been generated and partnerships formed. Our various publications, from Conference Proceedings, to peer-reviewed journals, to our online magazine, provide a permanent record of and a global online platform for this valuable research. All of our publications are Open Access, freely available online and free of publishing fees of any kind. By publishing work with IAFOR, authors enter into an exclusive License Agreement, where they have copyright but license exclusive rights in their article to IAFOR as the publisher.

Conference Proceedings

As a presenter at an IAFOR conference you are encouraged to submit a final paper to our Conference Proceedings. These online publications are Open Access research repositories, which act as a permanent record of the research generated at IAFOR conferences. All of our Conference Proceedings are freely available to read online. Papers should be uploaded through the submission system before the Final Paper Submission Deadline, which is one month after the end of the conference.

IAFOR Journals

IAFOR publishes several editorially independent, Open Access journals across a variety of disciplines. They conform to the highest academic standards of international peer review, and are published in accordance with IAFOR's commitment to make all of our published materials available online.

How are papers submitted?

Submissions should be original, previously unpublished papers which are not under consideration for publication in any other journal. All articles are submitted through the submission portal on the journal website and must conform to the journal submission guidelines.

How does IAFOR ensure academic integrity?

Once appointed by IAFOR's Publications Committee, the Journal Editor is free to appoint his or her own editorial team and advisory members, who help to rework and revise papers as appropriate, according to internationally accepted standards. All papers published in the journal have been subjected to the rigorous and accepted processes of academic peer review. Neither editors nor members of the editorial team are remunerated for their work.

Where are the journals indexed?

IAFOR Journals are indexed in Scopus, DOAJ, ERIC, MIAR, TROVE, CiteFactor and EBSCO, SHERPA/ROMEO and Google Scholar. DOIs are assigned to each published issue and article via Crossref. Please note that indexing varies from journal to journal. (continued on the following page).
What’s the reach?

Each of our journal issues is viewed thousands of times a month and the articles are frequently cited by researchers the world over, largely with thanks to our dedicated marketing efforts. Each issue is promoted across our social media platforms and to our tailored email marketing lists. On average, each journal publishes biannually.

Selected IAFOR Journals are available for purchase on Amazon. Search for The International Academic Forum (IAFOR).

What’s the cost?

IAFOR Journals are Open Access publications, available online completely free of charge and without delay or embargo. Authors are not required to pay charges of any sort towards the publication of IAFOR Journals and neither editors nor members of the editorial boards are remunerated for their work.

How are IAFOR Journals related to IAFOR Conferences and Conference Proceedings?

IAFOR Journals reflect the interdisciplinary and international nature of our conferences and are organised thematically. A presenter can choose to publish either in Conference Proceedings or submit their manuscript to the corresponding IAFOR Journal for review.

Current IAFOR Journal titles include

IAFOR Journal of Arts & Humanities
IAFOR Journal of Cultural Studies
IAFOR Journal of Education (indexed in Scopus)
IAFOR Journal of Language Learning
IAFOR Journal of Media, Communication & Film
IAFOR Journal of Psychology & the Behavioral Sciences

THINK

THINK, The Academic Platform, is IAFOR’s online magazine, publishing the latest in interdisciplinary research and ideas from some of the world’s foremost academics, many of whom have presented at IAFOR conferences. Content is varied in both subject and form, with everything from full research papers to shorter opinion pieces and interviews. THINK gives academics the opportunity to step outside of the traditional research publishing status quo – to get creative, explore different disciplines and to have their ideas heard, shared and discussed by a diverse, global audience.

For more information on THINK please visit www.think.iafor.org

If you would like more information about any of IAFOR’s publications, please contact publications@iafor.org
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Plenary Session
Climate change has been described as the most pressing issue of the age and research shows that its effects will be felt unequally across the globe with the poor south more likely to suffer from rising sea levels and disruption of food production than the richer north. Mitigating actions, especially the replacement of fossil fuels with alternative forms of energy, could reduce this inequality and the continuing fall in the cost of renewables offers the prospect of cheaper energy for all, increasing energy access and reducing the incidence of energy poverty.

With reference to two recent studies into energy poverty in Western Australia, we show that the advantages described above are by no means guaranteed. While many are enjoying a “low carbon dividend” as they switch to more energy efficient appliances and install solar panels, the most vulnerable in society are often unable to access these benefits, owing to their income status or housing tenure, and may actually see their energy bills increasing as fossil fuel prices rise and measures to price carbon take effect. We explore the effects of decarbonisation and rising energy costs across different household types and discuss the implications for future policy.

Tom Houghton

Dr Tom Houghton is Director of the MBA (Oil & Gas) at Curtin Graduate School of Business, Australia, and was previously a Research Fellow at the University of Strathclyde, UK. His principal field of research is sustainable energy economics and he has a keen interest in energy for development, having established a training program in Renewable Energy for Developing Countries with UNITAR. Dr Houghton is a Visiting Professor at Nagoya University of Commerce and Business, Japan, where he provides courses in sustainable energy to MBA students. Before joining Strathclyde, he spent more than five years in the power industry and a further eight in the banking sector, latterly as director at the Japanese bank Nomura. With colleagues in Asia and the United States, he established a consulting company in the renewable energy sector in 2011. Dr Houghton holds an MEng from Imperial College, UK, an MBA from London Business School, UK, and a PhD from the University of Strathclyde, UK.

Dr Tom Houghton is the editor of the IAFOR Journal of Sustainability, Energy & the Environment.
Why do we protect refugees? Is there something about refugees that singles them out for special attention? Does the refugee condition somehow make them deserving of the distinctive forms of assistance that they receive? For practitioners, policy-makers, academics, students and concerned citizens working directly with refugee issues, the ‘specialness’ of refugees is often taken for granted as self-evident. But this assumption is ever more questioned by others, including high-profile political figures and movements. Is it true? Are refugees special and, if so, why?

The question of why we protect refugees speaks directly to enquiries into wider currents of human ‘independence and interdependence’ that form the theme of this year’s ECSS conference. In his talk, Professor David James Cantor aims to step back from the discussion of policy and technical detail that often governs debate on refugee protection. Instead, connecting to these broader overarching themes, he offers a personal reflection on the more fundamental underlying question of whether there is a philosophical basis for asserting that there is indeed something ‘special’ about refugees that makes them distinctive in the present day and which justifies their protection globally.

David James Cantor

Professor David James Cantor is the founding Director of the Refugee Law Initiative (RLI) at the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Trained originally as a social anthropologist, Professor Cantor worked as a practitioner in the legal field during the 2000s for organisations such as the Refugee Legal Centre, a London-based public law centre where he litigated refugee and human rights cases until 2007, and UNHCR. In a consultancy capacity, he has advised, trained and undertaken research for a range of governments mostly from the global south, as well as numerous INGOs and northern and southern NGOs. During 2016–2017, Professor Cantor worked part-time as Senior Advisor to the UNHCR Americas Bureau. Professor Cantor’s research has a strong legal and policy focus. Current and past topics include: returns by refugees and IDPs; reparations for displacement; IDP protection during armed conflict and organised criminal violence; human mobility in disasters linked to natural hazards; refugee law and its relationship to human rights law, IHL and IDP law. He has a long-standing connection with Latin America, where he has carried out fieldwork since 1998 in Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Panama, Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Mexico. Since completing his PhD in 2010, he has published five books, two special issues and over 30 journal articles and book chapters.

Whilst running the RLI, Professor Cantor has organised over 100 conferences, workshops and seminars, founded the International Refugee Law book series (where he remains editor) and the distance-learning MA in Refugee Protection and Forced Migration Studies. He has led international collaborations and secured competitive research funding for almost 20 projects as PI or Co-I (including AHRC, ESRC, GCRF, Leverhulme Trust). He was selected as an ESRC Future Research Leader in 2012 and sits on the Research Council Peer Review College. In 2017–2018, he won the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Award for Research Project of the Year (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences).
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The IAFOR Documentary Photography Award was launched by The International Academic Forum (IAFOR) in 2015 as an international photography award that seeks to promote and assist in the professional development of emerging documentary photographers and photojournalists. Another important objective of this contest is to help bridge the divide between the world of practicing photojournalists/documentary photographers and the world of academic scholars, and create an accessible and exciting ground for dialogue and discussion at our conference events, and beyond. The award has benefitted since the outset from the expertise of an outstanding panel of internationally renowned photographers, including Dr Paul Lowe as the Founding Judge, and Ed Kashi, Simon Roberts, Simon Norfolk, Emma Bowkett, Monica Allende, Jocelyn Bain Hogg, Maria Teresa Salvati and Ziyah Gafić as Guest Judges.

As an organisation, IAFOR's mission is to promote international exchange, facilitate intercultural awareness, encourage interdisciplinary discussion, and generate and share new knowledge. In keeping with this mission, and in appreciation of the great value of photography as a medium that can be shared across borders of language, culture and nation, and to influence and inform our academic work and programmes, the IAFOR Documentary Photography Award was launched as a competition that would help underline the importance of the organisation's aims, and would promote and recognise best practices and excellence. In support of up-and-coming talent, the IAFOR Documentary Photography Award is free to enter.

Now in its fifth year, the award has already been widely recognised by those in the industry and has been supported by World Press Photo, British Journal of Photography, Metro Imaging, MediaStorm, Think Tank Photo, University of the Arts London and RMIT University, among others.

The work of last year's winners will be screened at ECSS/ECSEE2019.
Paul Lowe | Founding Judge

Our Founding Judge, Dr Paul Lowe is a Reader in Documentary Photography and the Course Leader of the Masters program in Photojournalism and Documentary Photography at the London College of Communication, University of the Arts London, UK. Paul is an award-winning photographer who has been published in TIME, Newsweek, Life, The Sunday Times Magazine, The Observer, and The Independent, amongst others. He has covered breaking news the world over, including the fall of the Berlin Wall, Nelson Mandela’s release, famine in Africa, the conflict in the former Yugoslavia, and the destruction of Grozny.

His book, Bosnians, documenting 10 years of the war and post-war situation in Bosnia, was published in April 2005 by Saqi books. His research interest focuses on the photography of conflict, and he has contributed chapters to the books Picturing Atrocity: Photography in Crisis (Reaktion, 2012) and Photography and Conflict. His most recent books include Photography Masterclass published by Thames and Hudson, and Understanding Photojournalism, co-authored with Dr Jenny Good, published by Bloomsbury Academic Press. Paul is an Emeritus Member of VII Photo Agency.

Maria Teresa Salvati | Guest Judge

Maria Teresa is Founder and editor-in-chief at Slideluck Editorial, which exhibits a selection of the best photographic works and multimedia presented during Slideluck events worldwide, as well as works from guest artists.

Maria Teresa conceived and curated the project Born the Same, a selection of ten different works exploring sub-cultures and micro-stories working as reminders that we are all born the same, despite cultural, emotional and political conditions. The project was first presented at Les Rencontres De La Photographie Arles 2017, during La Nuit de l’Année, and is now travelling globally.

She co-edited and co-curated Hungry Still, an exhibition and publication produced and designed by Slideluck London, FORMAT Festival and QUAD, and printed by AKINA Factory. The collective project showcases twenty-four of the best works that have contributed to the English platform, since its inception, with a selection of images combined with personal anecdotes and recipes.

Maria Teresa is also a personal branding consultant. She helps photographers find their “spot of beauty” and vision, advises them on how to build their identity, and helps them communicate via the most appropriate channels (i.e. social media). Now she teaches in Bari, Italy at F.Project School of Photography and Cinematography, in Rome at Officine Fotografiche, and as a guest lecturer at the London College of Communication (LCC).

Ziyah Gafić | Guest Judge

Ziyah Gafić is an award winning photojournalist with 19 years of experience, focusing on societies in conflict and Muslim communities across the globe. He covered major news stories in over 50 countries. His work has appeared in TIME, Le Monde, The New York Times, GEO, The Sunday Times Magazine, La Repubblica, The Telegraph Magazine, The New Yorker, among others. He authored five books including Troubled Islam, Quest for Identity, and Heartland. His work won a plethora of awards, including multiple awards at World Press Photo, Visa pour l’image, Arles Rencontres de la photographie and grants from Magnum Foundation, Getty Images and Prince Claus Fund.

Ziyah is member of VII Photo Agency and a TED Speaker.
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Parallel Session & Poster Session

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Land constitutes a very important medium. This is simply because all of humanity dwells on it and depend on it for survival. But one factor responsible for the misuse of land is misconception. This misconception flows from the value attached to land. Helena Howe argues that there are two dominant perspectives with regards to land or the value attached to land. These are anthropocentric and ecocentric approaches. The anthropocentric approach is interest-centred. It centres on who benefits from the land. On the other hand, an ecocentric approach is centred on relationship with land that entails close ties with land, embodying even spiritual implications. She also argues that laws, regulations and environmental decisions that flow from it are centred on the benefit that can be derived from land without reference to its intrinsic value. Land is seen as a commodity not as part of the wider earth community. To ensure good management practices of land use requires a rethink of the relationship with land so that laws, regulations and environmental decisions that flow from it are centred on the benefit that can be derived from land without reference to its intrinsic value.
and newly collected data on the current state of multiculturalism and tolerance in Dubai and the UAE.

The rapid social and economic change of Dubai and the UAE raised new concerns related to multiculturalism and tolerance. The government’s incentive towards modernization and globalization has attracted numerous foreigners and immigrants. The newly built major urban infrastructures enhance ethnic and cultural diversity, and create conditions for permanent inter-group contacts between the UAE national and non-national populations, as well as among different non-national communities. This research project aims to respond to the following questions: (1) How do the diverse national and non-national populations of Dubai and the UAE perceive and express the value of tolerance? (2) How does the growth of the UAE cities impact multicultural coexistence, social cohesion and intercultural exchanges? (3) What is the role of public spaces and cultural amenities in promoting peace and mutual respect among different non-national communities. This research project aims to provide the UAE academic and political stakeholders with practical insights and newly collected data on the current state of multiculturalism and tolerance in Dubai and the UAE.

It has been found that conservatives oppose the hiring and inclusion of outgroups who are ideologically dissimilar such as women and LGBT etc. whereas liberals do not. A conservative recruiter guesses the suitability of a job seeker by the interactional factor such as gender, caste, religion. Hence the likelihood of discriminatory behaviour toward the women and LGBT job seeker is very high. On the other hand, a liberal recruiter supports equal participation and hence applies structural mechanism in order to give equal opportunity to each employee. This makes the diversified job seeker feels comfortable in organization lead by liberals and hence they are more attracted toward it. In this paper, the first study, a 2×2×3 factorial experimental design viz. recruiter ideology (conservative and liberals) × job applicants ideology (ideologically similar and ideologically dissimilar) × jobseeker gender (male, female and other) was conducted to find the impact on job applicants recruitment chance. 208 recruitment officers from different recruitment agencies and companies were mailed fictitious job seeker’s complete profile including qualification, name, region, nationalities, gender (male, female or third gender i.e. LGBT). In the second study, 80 job applicants participated in a 2×2 factorial experimental design viz. company head ideology (conservative vs. liberal) × organization reputation (high and low) was conducted to find the job pursuit intention of women and LGBT job seekers. The result shows that women and LGBT job seekers are perceived as value violator and hence they are less likely to be hired by a conservative recruiter.
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Tuesday Poster Session

52403 16:00-17:00 | Library Terrace (2F)

The Migration of International Academics and Students to Thailand and Their Experience in Thai Higher Education
Navaporn Sanprasert Snodin, Kasetsart University, Thailand
Tony Young, Newcastle University, United Kingdom

This study examines what attracts foreigners to come to work and study in Thai universities and their perceived experiences. Interviews were with 49 international people working and studying in Thai universities across different regions, and there were five follow-up focus group interviews. The findings show that the availability of scholarships, word-of-mouth referrals, and geographical and cultural proximity to home country appear to be important pull factors that attract international students. A series of interviews with international students, who were from many different cultures, from both developed and developing countries, yield some surprising insights including strong research support in some disciplines and that academic life is personalized in Thai universities. Most international academic staff reported freedom and the pastoral relationship between academics and students, poor assimilation with local staff, and lack of involvement in management and administration. Their major difficulties were language barriers and visa complications. The analytical approach adopted was thematic analysis and follows the SRQR standards for reporting qualitative research. NVivo qualitative data analysis software was used to help organize and analyze the data. Query functions were also used to explore the data. Regarding impact, this study provides a valuable first approach to the understanding of the international people experience in Thai higher education, what motivates them to be mobile, what attracts them to Thailand, and what encourages them to stay or leave. These understandings could potentially inform internationalization policies and practices for Thai universities and contribute to Thailand’s aspiration to become an educational hub in Southeast Asia.

51304 16:00-17:00 | Library Terrace (2F)

Improvement of the Logistics Operations of an Integrated Waste Management Company – Application to a Real Case in Portugal
José Miguel Soares, ISEG - Lisbon School of Economics & Management, Portugal
Fernanda Mendes, GOVCOPP - University of Aveiro, Portugal

One of the strategies of companies today is, instead of directing their investments on expanding the business, focus more on cost rationalization and business transformation, in order to improve performance and reduce operating costs. In this sense, logistics represents a key function in improving the operations related to the transportation and storage of materials, always focusing on reducing costs and providing a superior level of service. In this work, we analyze the functioning of the Portuguese waste management company "Ambitrena - Valorization and Management of Waste, S.A.", with the objective of understanding the operation methods in relation to the logistic service provided. The service is represented by the decentralization of its parks and lack of effective communication between areas, often resulting in inefficient services, and therefore we intend to analyze a possible optimization of the management of logistics operations. A study will be carried out (data collection was performed through unstructured interviews, non-participative direct observation in the company's parks, and through consultation and analysis of various written documents) on what could be the new structural configuration (centralized configuration) of the company's logistics service. Finally, we present a proposal for centralization of logistics operations in order to reduce the cost of cargo transportation, improve the logistics performance of the company, and its customer service. The centralization of logistics management can positively reduce logistical costs by concentrating information and decision-making in the Lisbon park, will allow for better coordination and planning, and transversally to reduce inactive vehicle time.

51201 16:00-17:00 | Library Terrace (2F)

A Grounded Theory Approach in Unconventional Moped Group
Nicole Hune, University of Houston, United States

To date, research has focused on socialization and interpersonal relationships among traditional groups, but has not yet extensively studied other types of unconventional group culture. This study explored the experiences of members in an unconventional group: moped riders. Three individuals participated in one-on-one semi-structured interviews. A grounded theory approach was used to extract recurrent themes from the interviews. Theoretical categories that developed from the transcripts included: feeling of belongingness, clearing the mind and self-expression. Findings suggested connections between acceptance, connection, support, healing, identity and wellbeing. A theoretical framework emerged from the data that explained the human need to experience belongingness in groups before being able to experience wellbeing or self-expression. This framework is referred to as Unconventional Group Theory of Belongingness (UGTB). Future research is suggested for further development of UGTB and for additional research on groups and other clinical implications.

52320 16:00-17:00 | Library Terrace (2F)

Constructing a System of Collecting and Studying Source Material for Culture Studies: Focusing on Western and Japanese Studies of Chinese Islam and Culture
Tuoheti Alimu, Tohoku University, Japan

Worldwide Chinese Islamic studies are consisted of two schools, "Western" and "Japanese." I will focus my research "On Western Study on Chinese Islam" and "Chinese Islam in Japanese Study". This will be a groundbreaking piece of work in Worldwide academia. Western study on Chinese Islam began in the latter half of the 19th century. With the opening of China, western missionaries, ambassadors and merchants entered into the inner China region and encountered Chinese Muslim society and culture. About the Japanese study on Chinese Islam, I have listed four stages of the development. There are representative figures, academic achievements, and different traits for each stage. My research will give detailed comments, so have a fuller understanding of the development of the studies of Islam and Muslims in China conducted by the Western scholars and by the Japanese scholars, including research orientation, foci, traits, and so on. A unique research project on how Chinese Islam was studied and understood in the West and the Japan since the first encounter between European Western and Japanese scholars and Chinese Muslim. It also will be a useful reference for the cultural exchange, and the development of Worldwide scholarship.

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The challenges involved in addressing global food waste require collective action, or interdependence, between all stakeholders in society including the government, businesses and consumers. The development of co-operative practices, tools and recommendations allow for such collective action to take place, whereby each stakeholder can act independently, however, some research has found that formal government-led regulation is often needed to enforce such action before change can occur. Interdependence is therefore an interesting topic here as overall success depends on action from all involved, yet also requires individuals to act independently to make changes, particularly with consumers. Social enterprise has the potential to drive societal change, yet time and resources are often allocated to educational programmes and outreach in order to raise awareness of an issue such as food waste and what can be done to improve the current situation. Legislation and regulation have the power to enforce certain behaviours on different community groups (e.g. consumers, commercial entities), which should therefore leave more resource available to directly address the issue. By studying different countries and US states with different legislative and regulatory frameworks surrounding food waste, this research identifies the structures and strategies which best enable social enterprises to demonstrate effectiveness in the context of the societal issue they are aiming to address.

The quantity and functionality of Mediterranean wetlands have reduced by over 50% in the last decades. The causes of these declines are often related to human interventions and governance deficiencies. We tested the development of participatory wetland contracts in a village in the south of France to see how the process could help resolve existing threats and difficulties facing the community managed wetlands. The regulatory framework, site diagnostic and alternative scenarios were used to help local stakeholders create a shared vision that would serve as an umbrella for a collective action plan. The shared vision and action plan increased the stewardship in the wetlands and reduced the conflicts related to water management in the site, setting the path to a more sustainable management of the wetlands. Wetland contracts can be a useful tool for wetland management, but the methodology and the process must be adapted according to the site-specific conditions of each site.

In recent years, companies producing high-density polyethylene have been affected by huge reductions in sales volumes as well as the value of these same sales. The PFAU-PMP collects and treats different types of plastics that, due to their physic-chemical characteristics, can be recycled, valued, and subsequently reintegrated into the value chain (for example, high and low density polyethylene, polypropylene and polycarbonate). PFAU's Portuguese office had the necessity to improve the quality of 4000 tons of high-density polyethylene, currently packaged in bales. To do it the company felt the need to proceed with a correct sorting solution, taking into account that the Portuguese recycler involved in this project (for reasons of confidentiality will be called Company ABC) has some legal obligations with product treatment, and also that some value must be added to the final product. The objectives of this research are to study how to proceed to the correct separation of the packages, through product quality criteria, and to define which of the processes, mechanical or chemical, is the most correct for the treatment of 4000 tons of polyethylene. Based on this study, it is concluded that it is possible to improve the quality of the final product by introducing a pre-automatic manual sorting carpet, allowing correct color separation, removal of contaminants and identification of the polyethylene. Finally, it is also concluded, that the process of mechanical recycling is more appropriate than chemical recycling, since the chemical processes are extremely expensive and technically complex.
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Parallel Sessions

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Air pollution has been a major cause of diseases and deaths, especially in developing countries, due to their inability to afford cleaner sources of energy. Biomass such as agricultural residues is combusted, using inefficient combustion techniques, characterized by high emission of particulate matter (PM) and smoke, which have adverse effects on human health. This study investigated the best-case scenario of rice husk/briquette combustion that favors low PM2.5 emissions. Loosed rice husk and briquette samples of 3 g, were combusted in temperatures ranging from 600°C – 1000°C for a five-minute duration. The experimental set up comprises of a Yamato F100 fixed bed electric furnace attached with a fabricated tubular heat exchanger, and a dust track II aerosol analyzer. The dust track II instrument is a real-time single-channel PM counter and uses size selective cascade impactors. From the result, PM2.5 emission from the combustion of loosened rice husk increases from its minimum of 11.8 mg/m³ at 600°C to its maximum of 27.8 mg/m³ at 900°C. At 600°C, the combustion air was adequate for a low bulk density fuel, thus, clean combustion, however, as the temperature increases with constant combustion air, this leads to oxygen deficiency and consequently, higher emission. Contrastingly, PM2.5 emission from the combustion of rice husk briquette decreases from its peak of 57.9 mg/m³ to 29.8 mg/m³ as the temperature increases from 650°C to 950°C. The continuous increase of temperature leads to quick evolution from the smoldering phase into the burnt phase of a high bulk density fuel, consequently lower emission.

The need to decrease dependency on fossil fuels has never been more evident. Wind and solar energy sources offer promise, but siting can present obstacles. While resistance to wind and massive solar projects has, to some extent been explored, larger, residential, ground-mounted solar projects, requiring many acres of land, and largely dependent on the receptivity of a local community for successful adoption, have largely been left unexamined. This case study explores the resistance of residents in one suburban town, to a large-scale (2MW), ground-mounted solar project in a residential neighborhood. The research incorporates a mixed methodology of participant observation, interview, content analysis, social media activism, and social activism. Both the centralized nature of large scale residential solar projects, and the desire to keep residential areas aesthetically pleasing and properly zoned, fueled opposition to this solar project. This research indicates that environmental advocates and policymakers need to more fully incorporate both the meanings of, and connections to places, residents of a community hold. Incentives intended to increase solar projects should not be at the expense of procedural justice, and the push should not feed solar into the centralized system, but should be in the hands of local communities. Additionally, this case further highlights the complexity of environmental justice and NIMBY concepts in renewable projects. Dismissing all renewable opposition as NIMBY is failing to see the complicated nature of residents’ motivations and understandings of place.

The conversion of wind energy into electricity can be realised by grouping wind turbines (WT) to form a wind farm (WF). It is believed that there is always a room for improving the efficiency of WF by allowing more effective harvesting of the available energy and reducing fatigue loads on the turbines. The UAE is rapidly adopting renewable energy as a viable solution to meet growing electricity demands and to address long-term resource security. The UAE recently built the first large-scale WF in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region. This piece of research will investigate some methods with the ultimate aim of achieving optimal wind power generation. A new WF on Sir Bani Yas Island, in United Arab Emirates has been chosen to act as the main case study for this research. Wind profile will be obtained and three improving parameters or strategies will be suggested including: (1) WF layout (2) a change of location and (3) substituting units of WT. Through using WindFarm software Simulation tool, the impact of these strategies will be analysed and calculated. It is anticipated that the Sir Bani Yas WF in the UAE will be improved. Applying optimisation measures is undoubtedly important in increasing clean energy, bearing in mind the rapid growth in terms of energy demand that has been witnessed in the country.

The global energy demand is continuously increasing. It has been predicted that at least two-thirds of the total energy demand will be fulfilled by fossil fuels in the coming decades, due to the technological and/or economic constraints of the current clean energy technologies. Biofuel is a clean alternative but the use of agriculture produce as a raw material is not a sustainable approach. The growth of microorganisms such as cyanobacteria and microalgae in engineering systems (photobioreactors) is a promising technology to produce biofuels and other valuable bio-products. The microalgae are sensitive to the temperature and its variations in photobioreactors. Hence, the proper thermal regulation of the photobioreactor is vital to maximize the growth rate of microalgae and hence, the biofuel production. One sustainable approach to thermally regulate the photobioreactor is through the integration of a thermal energy storage. The thermal energy storage by appropriately storing and releasing the heat, could effectively regulate the temperature in a passive manner. The present research is part of a bigger project to investigate the impact of a thermal energy storage on the growth rate of microalgae. The specific focus on the present work is to investigate the shape of the inserts containing thermal storage medium, on the reactor flow behavior and the growth rate of microalgae. The results show that the shape of the thermal storage inserts has an impact on the flow dynamics as well as the growth rate of microalgae. Detailed results will be presented and discussed at the conference.

10:00-12:00 | Shelley (2F)
Wednesday Session I
Renewable Energy
Session Chair: Kamran Siddiqui
Majority of building codes in most African countries including Ghana were developed and, in some cases, copied from the European building codes with limited consideration to the local context. But the concern here is that most of these codes are prescriptive and do not mainstream energy efficient standards. Because of this, Ghana is faced with building energy problems. This paper first and foremost critically reviews the various policy mechanisms that are relevant to both the building and energy sectors in Ghana and presents an empirically based, qualitative insight into the practice of real estate developers. The data used involved a total sample size of 30 interviewees comprising of 8 policymakers, 12 Real Estate Developers and 10 homebuyers. The project revealed that majority of the developments by real estate developers in Ghana are not mainly geared towards sustainable buildings though a few strategies are adopted. Existing building codes and policy mechanisms have also not considered energy efficiency standards and strategies. It is expected that the findings from the study will provide further insight towards the full development of energy efficient buildings in the country by mainstreaming energy efficiency standards in Ghana’s existing building codes and energy policies.

Flexible electricity consumption practices, such as demand response and load shifting, are increasingly recognised as critical for achieving fully renewable electricity systems. While many industries contribute to demand flexibility, irrigated dairy farms offer a largely untapped opportunity. The dairy sector is a significant consumer of electricity for irrigation and milking equipment, and contributes one-third of New Zealand’s goods export earnings. Literature on demand flexibility often focusses on identifying technical opportunities and assumes that rational economic choices from consumers will lead to adoption, but this is not the case with NZ dairy farmers. We explore social and technical barriers that may be deterring farmer involvement in economically viable demand response schemes. Our research participants were 17 farmers from two leading Māori dairy farming businesses. We conducted semi-structured interviews to gain farmers’ perspectives on demand flexibility and the perceived barriers and enablers to changing their electricity use patterns. Interviews occurred in the participant’s milking parlours, in which the farm equipment and use patterns were discussed and assessed for their potential to provide demand flexibility opportunities. Farmers generally had pro-environmental attitudes towards their farming activities and spoke highly of initiatives in place from the milk company to promote sustainable farming practices. The dairy sector is a significant consumer of electricity for irrigation and milking equipment, and contributes one-third of New Zealand’s goods export earnings. Literature on demand flexibility often focusses on identifying technical opportunities and assumes that rational economic choices from consumers will lead to adoption, but this is not the case with NZ dairy farmers. We explore social and technical barriers that may be deterring farmer involvement in economically viable demand response schemes. Our research participants were 17 farmers from two leading Māori dairy farming businesses. We conducted semi-structured interviews to gain farmers’ perspectives on demand flexibility and the perceived barriers and enablers to changing their electricity use patterns. Interviews occurred in the participant’s milking parlours, in which the farm equipment and use patterns were discussed and assessed for their potential to provide demand flexibility opportunities. Farmers generally had pro-environmental attitudes towards their farming activities and spoke highly of initiatives in place from the milk company to promote sustainable farming practices.

The decline in oil prices of recent years have forced the oil industry to assess the economic viability of their producing oil fields. In the North Sea where most of the fields are mature and near end of life, operators have faced the possibility of dealing with early decommissioning. In the Niger delta, the common strategy is not decommissioning but sale. These sales/divestments are usually to small indigenous oil companies in line with the local content law. One of the major issues mostly left murky and unresolved is that of the liability for oil spills accumulated over the years in the Niger delta. This is a bit difficult and complicated since the sellers may want to sell both the assets and liabilities; may claim that the spills were as a result of sabotage and not by any operational error on their part; or that other operators have contributed to the spills over the years. However, the law has always been clear that the operator is responsible for oil spill clean-up and restoration of the environment irrespective of fault as long as the spill is discovered within its operational area and from a pipeline controlled by the operator. The new owners are granted operatorship without clearly resolving the issue of clean-up liability for the ‘stale’ oil spills. This paper examines the foregoing issues in an asset sales/purchase agreement drawing insights from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (the Superfund) and the UK laws on decommissioning.
According to a 2018 report by Digital Australia, 97% of Australian households with children have at least one device for playing video games. More than 60% of households have five or more devices. Since the early 2000s, the boom in mobile technology has seen the spread of video games from desktop PCs to the pockets of young people everywhere. But with that spread has come new hazards, in the form of online social gambling. Gambling via mobile devices or mobile games has remained largely unregulated in Australia. In a 2012 study of more than 100 video games featuring gambling simulations, 69 of them were rated PG (8+) and 33 of them were rated G (for a general audience) by the Australian regulator. In other words, no gambling games received any age restrictions. The Australian Classification Board, the body charged with rating games, consistently underrates games that feature gambling, despite the potential risk they pose to children. This matches the state of affairs in various other countries around the world.

Circular Economy Practices (CEP), as a specific focus of Green Supply Chain Management (GSCM), has repeatedly been shown to drive environmental and economic performance. Less focus however has been placed on why companies embark on the journey of developing CEP. Therefore this study investigates strategic orientations of companies that lead to the implementation of CEP. While empirical evidence suggests, that market orientation (MO) drives GSCM adoption, we suggest that closed-loop orientation (CLO), denoting an organizations' orientation towards closing resource loops, is a key driver to foster CEP implementation of market-oriented companies. Based on the resource based view, we propose a model in which CLO positively mediates the relationship between MO and CEP. We test this model with a sample of 126 German manufacturing companies using structural equation modelling (SEM). Confirmatory factor analysis supports our five-factor model with adequate model fit ($\chi^2/df = 1.37, p < .001; CFI = .91, RMSEA = .05, SRMR = .09, TLI = .90$). Our SEM results suggest that CLO mediates the relationship between MO and two of the CEP sub-constructs, internal environmental management and Eco-design, while mediation of the MO - corporate-asset management relationship was not supported. Our results yield important insights for the emerging circular economy (CE) literature by (1) contributing to the understanding of mechanisms to implement CEP, (2) linking it to strategic management research and (3) empirically testing established CE constructs in Germany, as the largest economy in Europe, for the first time.

Indigenous villages and the mass media in Taiwan have been using the term "atmosphere" to describe the villages as a way of attracting tourists, but what does it really mean? Drawing on contemporary theories in tourist studies, psychology, architecture, the arts, and human geography, this paper explores the relationship between atmospheres, indigenous villages, and tourist experiences. Atmosphere is a central concept in this research, although it is not yet a fully developed concept within academia. Before exploring the relationships between atmosphere, indigenous villages and embodied tourist experiences, I discuss this concept in the beginning of this paper: what atmosphere is, how we conceptualise it, and how atmosphere is produced and reproduce. In so doing I seek to: develop an embodied concept of atmosphere as a key term in examining tourists' bodily participation experiences in tourism places; explore sensuous experiences above and beyond visual phenomena/ tourist gaze; overcome the dualistic way of thinking that exists in literature on tourist sites; and examine the relationships between local authorities, local economies, indigenous cultures and tourism activities. This provides a useful theoretical framework for the exploration of a selected case study: a Taiwanese indigenous village, Tsou's Laiji Village, Alishan. Through the application of mixed research methods, my research on the indigenous villages exemplifies how we can develop a richer understanding of the complex social and cultural phenomena beyond notions of authentic/ inauthentic tourist experience.
This qualitative study captures how women leaders in schools have independently and interdependently managed to navigate their careers despite many hurdles they faced. Using open-ended interview sessions, individual and focus group interviews captured direct quotations from the lived experience of women leaders, and provided rich context for their life narratives and career trajectories. An interdisciplinary theoretical framework was used to guide the interpretation of the participants’ perspectives, using change theory, the ethics of care, and resilience psychology. Findings revealed, among others, that female principals had to be prepared theoretically, practically, and psychologically for the principalship. Policy knowledge, for example, was viewed as essential. Mentoring also emerged as a theme. Learning from both positive and negative experiences was a powerful influence in their career trajectories. Female practitioners and policy-makers in emerging economies will apply the antidotes for the obdurate barriers to female school leadership.
The purpose of this study is to gain understanding and ideas of how to build up students’ positive personalities, and capabilities of independence and interdependence. Researcher realized what personality teachers build up for students, and the curriculum they designed, and explored students learning experiences in the Experimental Institution. This study adopted the method of case study, used interview, and documents analysis. The conclusions stated as follows: First, emphasized on disclosing subjectivity of students’ personality, and emotional expression. They melt educational and guidance beliefs into activities in different stages and curriculum. Understood children personalities, thoughts, emotion, interpersonal, identities, and their situation at home by family visiting, individualized guidance, and child study. Second, empower inner emotional strengths. Students were guided to develop a project of their personal interests, and participate in communities and the ceremony celebration of four seasons. This learning process built up ability of Imagination, the view of thinking, sense of humor, coping skills, and resilience. So they found and made their own propose, and more flexible when problem solving, became more able to connect with others, and gain self identity. Last, a strong supporting system. Teachers emphasized on creating a home-schooling environment for students to develop their security. Overall, students are independent, more reflective and self-aware of personal strengths and weaknesses, and autonomy in learning. And gain capabilities of interdependent, they can seek others help or be collaboratively in learning, adapt their environment much easier, have more hope and purpose for future.

Educating the public about sustainable living poses major challenges to scientists and policy makers alike. Environmental issues can be considered complex and contain uncertainty, making decisions about mitigating behaviour more difficult. In response to these challenges, adopting a social marketing perspective and segmenting a target audience to develop more effective communication strategies is proposed to increase sustainability behaviours. The project focused on water sustainability behaviour within the Townsville region (North Queensland, Australia) whose water supply was under threat at the time of research. A survey was formulated based on the Extended Parallel Process Model (EPPM), a well-established and successful health behaviour change model. A sample of 363 participants were recruited. Three clusters representing different standings on the EPPM factors (threat and efficacy), demographic variables and water related behaviours were generated from the data. Cluster 1 (32%) had low threat and efficacy perceptions and were least likely to participate in sustainability behaviours. Cluster 2 (25%) had high threat perceptions but low efficacy perceptions. This group were long-term residents of the region. Cluster 3 (43%) had high threat and efficacy perceptions and were most environmentally proactive. Additional analyses were conducted to explore how these clusters differed in their standings on other variables. The approach could be used for all types of environmental threat communication and also assist campaign developers to target specific messages to specific audiences.

Students in the RWU construction management program are exposed to a wide array of topical content areas related to sustainability and green education; the majority of which is connected to the built environment. Faculty who teach within the program all have unique perspectives and beliefs on what makes up green building. Because of the varying points of view; personal experiences; and cultural backgrounds, there is not always a consensus on what is significant and important when it comes to green education. Many times disconnects (perception gaps) manifest themselves between what is perceived to be important to the student and what the faculty believes to be important as “must know” when they deliver the course material. Since green education from a holistic approach includes much more than the built environment, students continuously challenge the teaching-learning dynamic in terms of what is most relevant to green education. The focus of this research was to identify the perceptional gap and develop a teaching model to close the divergence between what students deem to be important in green education and what the faculty believe the students need to learn. Surveys, focus, groups, and interviews were conducted to identify the variances and differences between faculty and student. The results of the research indicate that most times there is a perceptional difference between what is being taught, and what should be taught. Based on the results changes in course material delivery via a new teaching model was developed and recommended for implementation.
This research examines the recruiting practice of the British Hong Kong Colonial Government before the Japanese occupation (being more specific from 1845 to 1925), as well as its corresponding influencing factors. By understanding the Hong Kong Government’s dynamic attitude towards different nationalities, the work discussed the national hierarchy within the government. Benefited from a unique record known as the Blue Book which offers employment details of civil servants in Hong Kong, it is allowed to generate the staffing characteristics from multiple aspects and the changes by a longitudinal view; on the other hand, analysis towards related historical materials facilitates the understanding of influencing elements. Suggested by the results, the Hong Kong Government typically utilised ethnocentric staffing approach in the whole period. However, the more interesting finding shows the government increasingly relied on the locals along with time, and the asynchronised speed of Chinese staff population overtook other nationalities within different departments. Considering the staffing practice as a social phenomenon situated in a particular social context, the research also attempts to discuss the rationality of the previously discussed recruitment approach. It is expected the study of Hong Kong Colonial Government can diffract a deeper sense from the social and historical aspects, filling the gap of Colonial Hong Kong history, simultaneously illustrating the developing process of cultural collision and integration through taking a close look at the Western labour flowing into Eastern cultures in history and its effects.

Joseph Nye has contributed one of the best known and most widely referred-to concepts within the discourse of US grand strategy. Introduced in 1990 in Nye’s book Bound to Lead the concept ‘soft power’ was intended to challenge those believing that US power on a world stage was in decline. Nye argued instead that America’s power was far more comprehensive than was evident, particularly if looking beyond traditional power resources such as military capability, economic wealth. Nye argues that in an increasingly interdependent world, ‘hard power’ resources, including military and economic assets, were of less utility than they had been in earlier eras of international relations. ‘Soft power’ then was the new power, a power based and strategy associated with attracting others and getting them ‘to want what you want.’ However, one may argue that Nye’s conception of soft power is problematic in the extent that it is ‘unstrategic.’ For while Nye, in acknowledging the role of the subject, places a significant focus upon the agent of power, with capacity dependent upon that agent’s possession of convertible resources (e.g., cultural and political values, and foreign practices). Here the analyst of power considers the roles of leaders, followers and the contexts within which those actors operate. While the positional importance and role of the agent of power remains significant, arguably, Nye (even in his later work) leaves the role of the subject of power underdeveloped. When we understand soft power as a theory of interdependent decision-making, then a strategic conception of power must encourage a profound concern for the role of the subject of power within those power relationships. Turning to the work of Jürgen Habermas and Michel Foucault this paper examines the role of the subject in order to better understand the implementation of soft power as an act of international relations, and viable alternative to more coercive forms of influence.

The paper determines the link between the integration system and sustainability in the Asian Pacific region by evaluating the ongoing arms race and examining regional conflicts and disputes in the XXI century. Analysis of international political situation in the APR have shown essential complex challenges of ensuring security in the region bound to its specificity: (1) the APR unites heterogeneous countries separated by sea; (2) crossing interests of major political actors (the USA, Russia, China, Japan, India); (3) the unprecedented number of regional economic and political organizations. The paper concludes that: (1) the majority of the APR integration associations are aimed at providing economic stability; solving territorial conflicts and maritime disputes; de-nuclearisation of the Korean peninsula; effectively combating the global threats, such as terrorism and cyber-terrorism, ecocatastrophes, the scarcity of resources; (2) the complicated nature of interstate relationships and interactions of different regional organizations prevents a serious escalation of conflicts but does not allow to establish a sustainable atmosphere in the APR. Finally, based on evaluation of theoretical approaches in the regional security system the ASEAN Regional Forum is acknowledged to be the major organization in terms of its practical input to create a sustainable environment in the APR.
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South Korea is one of the most polluted countries in the world - in 2016, Korea had 76 days with bad air quality and only 45 days with good air quality. Medical studies conclude that polluted air can cause serious health problems such as stroke, heart disease, lung cancer and other ailments. Particulate matter floating in the air smaller than 10 micrometers profoundly threatens children and asthmatics and can be easily absorbed into the bloodstream of adults. The Republic of Korea or ROK is a signatory to the Paris Agreement, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions below the current Business As Usual (BAU) emissions 37% by 2030. The ROK Ministry of Environment currently oversees Korea’s pollution monitoring and regulations; however, attaining the Paris Agreement goals may be difficult considering the nature of Korea’s export-oriented economy. The ROK is the 5th largest exporter of goods in the world - the resulting success and trade surplus has significantly increased per capita income and improved standards of living. An atmospheric test using measuring equipment provided by NASA found that half of the air pollution in Korea originates from industry, power generation, buildings and transportation vehicles. The fact that the majority of South Korea’s air pollution comes from within makes proactive solutions possible. This paper will investigate the path forward examining how industrial contributors to air pollution in Korea to work with NGO actors, environmental experts and government officials to achieve the ambitious Paris Agreement goals.
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