

Why Systems of Sustainable Consumption and Production is essential to achieving the SDGs

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13:00 - 17:30

**Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
Lecture Hall**

Program

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Achieving the SDGs is mandatory if we are to have any chance of a sustainable future. If we take the SDGs seriously, they call for a complete transformation of human societies and economies to live within Earth's biophysical boundaries and to improve human well-being all over the world. Sustainable Consumption and Production emphatically points to directions for systemic transformation (it is more than just changing consumer behavior or improving the efficiency of production processes). Looking into the connections between how we consume and produce reveals the processes that drive unsustainable development. Ensuring sustainable consumption and production is in many respects the key to understanding and achieving the intent of the seventeen goals that comprise the overall framework for the SDGs.

This seminar is an opportunity to highlight the obligatory nature of SCP in the context of the SDGs and to explore the following questions: How can we reshape supply chains so that they better support the needs of people and the planet? What might futures of food consumption and production look like in a post-growth--and potentially post-capitalist--economy? What systemic transformations are needed for work, trade, and everyday life to enhance sustainability at local and global scales?

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Sessions

Why SSCP is essential to achieving the SDGs



Maurie Cohen

Professor, New Jersey Institute of Technology. A Co-founder of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI) and Editor of Sustainability: Science, Practice, and Policy.



Magnus Bengtsson

Independent researcher in the field of environmental sustainability, based in Japan since 2003. Until 2017, he worked for the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), where he led research on consumption and production and directed flagship initiatives.

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Environmental footprint of nations, cities, and households



Keiichiro Kanemoto

Associate Professor, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature. His main research interests are in Industrial Ecology, Environmental Economics, Input-Output Economics, and Networks. His research results have been used for KPMG, OECD, UN, IMF and more. In 2018 and 2019, he was named a Highly Cited Researcher in the field of Cross-Field by Clarivate Analytics.

SCP beyond the chains of commodities



Sylvia Lorek

As adjunct professor in consumer economics and head of SERI Germany e.V., she is specified to link the individual micro-economic and the societal macro-economic perspectives characterizing the scientific and societal discourses about sustainable consumption.

Transforming sustainable food consumption and production



Steven McGreevy

Associate professor at the Research Institute for Humanity and Nature. His research focuses on novel approaches to rural revitalization that utilize local natural resources, sustainable knowledge dynamics, sustainable agrifood and energy transition, and the relinking of patterns of food consumption and production in local communities.

Changing conditions give birth to changing Japanese lifestyles



Azby Brown

AZBY BROWN, a native of New Orleans has lived in Japan since 1985. A widely published author and authority on Japanese architecture, design, and environment, in 2003 he founded the KIT Future Design Institute in Tokyo, and operates a private consultancy for design and planning. He has led the environmental NPO Safecast since 2011, representing the organization at international academic conferences, expert meetings and in the media.

Facilitated discussion



Charlotte Jensen

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