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### **/// BACKGROUND**

There are strong links between sustainability and the humanities, which go well beyond the mere inclusion of the social sciences. Yet, the debate on the contribution of the humanities to a better understanding of sustainable development is not as intensive as it should be. There is also a paucity of events which have specifically focused on exploring the links between sustainability and humanities. As a result, interesting opportunities are being missed, and a holistic discussion on the intellectual and moral aspects of sustainable development is not fully taking place.

It is against this background that the Symposium “Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability” is being organised by the Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme, the World Sustainable Development Research and Training Centre and Canterbury Christ Church University in Canterbury, England. The Symposium It will involve researchers in the field of humanities and sustainable development in the widest sense.

The Symposium will provide a forum for the humanities to share ongoing practices as part of the overall debate on sustainable development in both teaching and research programmes. By doing so it will contribute to the further development of this central topic.

### **/// AIMS**

The aims of the “Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability” are as follows:



- i. to provide teaching staff at universities active and/or interested on humanities and sustainable development with an opportunity to display and present their works (i.e. curriculum innovation, empirical work, activities, case studies practical projects);
- ii. to foster the exchange of information, ideas and experiences acquired in the execution of teaching and research, especially successful initiatives and good practice;
- iii. to discuss methodological approaches and projects which aim to offer a better understanding of how the humanities may contribute towards the debate on sustainable development;
- iv. to network the participants and provide a platform so they can explore possibilities for further cooperation.

Last but not least, a further aim of the event will be to document and disseminate the wealth of experiences on the humanities and sustainable development teaching available today. To this purpose, the peer-reviewed book titled “**Sustainability and Humanities: linking social values, theology and spirituality towards sustainability**” will be published, with all accepted papers. This will be part of the **award-winning** “World Sustainability Series”, published by Springer, one of the world’s top five scientific publishers.

### **/// PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

Delegates attending the Symposium will come from a cross-sectoral range of areas. These are:

- i. research and teaching staff
- ii. student groups;
- iii. members of university administrations;
- iv. project officers and consultants;
- v. other people interested in the field.

It is believed that this wide range of participants will help to outline the need for integrated approaches towards integrating the humanities in sustainable development (and vice-versa) and, hence contribute towards advancing this field of work even further.

### **/// STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT**

The Symposium will be organised around two main strands:

#### **Strand 1: the posters**

Participating universities will be able to put-up displays describing their works, research and teaching projects, and to distribute the relevant information to the participants.



## **Strand 2: the presentations**

A set of presentations, divided into two main sections will be organised, dealing with issues of strategic value in outlining the contribution of the Humanities to sustainable development. These are:

**Session 1:** Sustainability and Humanities in research

**Session 2:** Sustainability and Humanities in formal and non-formal teaching programmes

## **/// SCHEDULE**

The Symposium in Canterbury, England, will be held on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The schedule is as follows:

08:30-09:00- Arrival and set-up of displays  
09:00-09:10- Welcome  
09:10-11:00- Presentations and discussion  
11:00-11:30 – Break  
11:30-13:00- Presentations and discussion  
1300- 14:00- Lunch  
14:00-15:15- Presentations and discussion  
15:15-15:30- Break  
15:30-15:45- Hand over of the Best Papers Awards  
16:00- Close of the event

In order to ensure an efficient use of the time, delegates are kindly asked to organise their travel in a way that allows them to travel back on or after 16:00 so they do not miss hand-over of the **the best papers awards**.

## **/// DEADLINES**

**Deadline for submission of abstracts:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Deadline for submission of papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Deadline for full, revised papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Deadline for registrations:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Since the book will be launched soon after the Symposium, the deadlines need to be followed.



## /// THE VENUE

The event will be held at Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury Campus in Kent.

There is a wide selection of hotels in Canterbury to choose from. The ones closest to the University are:

Ebury Hotel  
65/67 New Dover Road  
Canterbury  
CT1 3DX  
<http://www.ebury-hotel.co.uk>  
Free on-site parking.

Chaucer Travel Lodge  
63 Ivy Lane  
Canterbury  
CT1 1TU  
<https://www.travelodge.co.uk>  
T: 0871 984 6471  
On-site parking available for a charge.

Premier Inn Canterbury City Centre  
1-7 New Dover Road  
Canterbury  
CT1 1UP  
<http://www.premierinn.com>  
T: 0871 527 9408  
Parking in nearby public car park in Longport – obtain parking voucher available from Reception.

For more information on visiting and staying in Canterbury, please visit the Tourist Information Office's website: <http://www.canterbury.co.uk/tourist-information>

## /// FEES AND CHARGES

A fee of £ 125 will be charged to delegates to offset the preparation costs. The fees includes a **free lunch and coffee breaks on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and a free electronic copy of the book**. Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. After that date, no refunds are possible.



## /// REGISTRATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Registrations are now open and are possible until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Regrettably, registrations after the deadline will not be possible. Since the space for displays and the time for presentations is limited, **delegates are advised to submit their abstracts and register as soon as possible**. The organisers will notify any interested delegate or organisation in case there are any limitations with time for presentations, or in respect of space for displays. Registered delegates will then receive further details on the payment of the fees and updated information on the preparations for the event. The decision as to which papers will be accepted for presentation will be taken by the Chairperson, following consultation with the organising committee.

## /// ORGANISERS

- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Canterbury Christ Church University
- Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Programme
- Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany

## /// SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

### Chairpersons

- Prof. Walter Leal (BSc, PhD, DSc, DPhil, DL, DLitt), Chair of Environment and Technology, Manchester Metropolitan University
- and Dr Adriana Consorte-McCrea, ESD Lead, Futures Initiative, Canterbury Christ Church University.

### Organising Committee

- Jeremy Law, Dean Of Chapel
- Kath Abiker, Faculty Director of Learning and Teaching, Faculty of Arts and Humanities
- Ian Jasper, School of Teacher Education and Development
- Alex Metcalfe, Sustainability Projects Officer & Environmental Management System Coordinator



### **/// CONTACT POINT FOR SCIENTIFIC INPUTS, STRATEGIC COOPERATION AND GUIDANCE ON PUBLICATION**

**All questions related to scientific inputs (e.g abstracts, papers) and strategic partnerships, as well as the book, should be sent to:**

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### **/// CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATOR AND CONTACT POINT FOR FURTHER DETAILS**

**All questions related to registrations should be sent to:**

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### **/// HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT**

An abstract should be up to 200 words, it should describe the rationale and aims of the paper, and some of its results. General descriptions of broad contexts should be avoided. The full contact details about the author(s) need to be provided. Abstracts should be written in the third person and not in the first or second one (e.g. I, me, or my paper). Please see page 9 for a sample abstract. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted, will receive further details about how to submit their full papers, and further logistical information.



## **Some developments on education for sustainable development in higher education institutions**

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### **Abstract**

The implementation of sustainable development in higher education is a global trend. Yet, the intensity and the depth with which higher education institutions are taking on the challenge of sustainability, significantly differs.

This paper presents a global analysis about how higher education institutions are including sustainability issues in the different areas (e.g. teaching, research, outreach and institutional management) and describes the progress made in this field during the last 10 years. A special emphasis is given to the problems and barriers which prevent developments in respect of the integration of sustainability issues in higher education. Finally, some concrete steps which may be undertaken in order to allow universities to integrate sustainable development in their activities but also in regional development, are outlined. This paper will be useful to anyone interested in the different levels of emphasis given to sustainable development at higher education institutions across the world.





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#### /// REGISTRATION FORM

1. Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

2. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title (Prof., Dr. Mr, Ms, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Telephone (please include local code): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Fax (please include local code): \_\_\_\_\_

8. E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

9. You intend to participate by means of:      ( ) Presentation      ( ) Display      ( ) both

10. Title of presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Session chosen (please tick): \_\_\_\_\_

**Session 1:** Sustainability and Humanities in research

**Session 2:** Sustainability and Humanities in formal and non-formal teaching programmes

11. Title of display: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Do you have any dietary requirements?      ( ) Yes      ( ) No

If so, please specify:

A fee of £ 125 will be charged to you via invoice, upon receiving your application. The fees includes the **lunch and coffee breaks on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017 and a free electronic version of the book.** Registrations fees may be refunded (with a 50% processing charge) in case of cancellations until 10th October 2017. After that date, no refunds are possible.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGISTRATION.**