

Sussex Sustainability Research Programme (SSRP) Virtual Research Symposium 2020 | 15-16 September

Programme

Tuesday 15 September

SESSION 1. WHAT CAN SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCHERS LEARN FROM DECOLONIAL RESEARCH?

10:00 – 11:30 BST

Chair: Amina Yaqin, SOAS, University of London

Are the sustainability and decolonial/BLM movements completely separate social impulses or do they have something to say to each other? What do we as sustainability researchers have to learn from decolonial research? How can we enact (through research topics and practices) shared concerns about social justice? How can we ensure that our work with partners in the Global South does not perpetuate colonial attitudes?

10:00-10:05	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Joseph Alcamo and Amy Sweet</i>
10:05-10:25	A primer on decolonial research for sustainability researchers <i>Gurminder Bhambra, School of Global Studies</i>
10:25-10:45	Panel: Sustainability research meets decolonial research <i>Pedram Rowhani, School of Global Studies</i> <i>Chris Sandom, School of Life Sciences</i> <i>Mary Menton, School of Life Sciences</i>
10:45- 11:00	Discussion between Panel and Gurminder Bhambra
11:00-11:30	Q&A with Gurminder Bhambra and Panel

SESSION 2. THE SDGs TAKE A HIT

13:00 – 14:15 BST

Chair: Elizabeth Harrison, School of Global Studies

Which global goals are going to take the biggest hit from the pandemic and its aftermath? Are there signs of new national or international policies that will affect one or more SDGs in a negative or positive way? Does past research on financial crises give us a hint about the possible impacts of a pandemic-related financial crisis? How can we get the SDGs back on track? How can research help?

13:00-13:05	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Joseph Alcamo and Amy Sweet</i>
13:05-13:15	The poverty and education goals in the face of COVID-19 and international financial crisis <i>Andreas Antoniadis, School of Global Studies</i>
13:15-13:25	Socio-environmental impacts of COVID-19 in the Peruvian Amazon <i>Milagros Toala, National Intercultural University of the Amazon, Peru</i>
13:25-13:40	Q&A with Andreas Antoniadis and Milagros Toala
13:40-13:50	The two crises: The pandemic and global warming <i>Melissa Lazenby, School of Global Studies</i>
13:50-14:00	Setbacks and opportunities for the water goal: Groundwater as key actor in the post-COVID world <i>Mohammad Shamsudduha, School of Global Studies</i>
14:00-14:15	Q&A with Melissa Lazenby and Mohammad Shamsudduha

SESSION 3. SO NOW WHAT DO I DO? OUR TACTICS, NORTH AND SOUTH, FOR COPING WITH DISRUPTED RESEARCH

15:00 – 16:30 BST

Chair: Seb Oliver, School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences

Almost all researchers, North and South, have been faced with a disruption of their research. In this session we'll exchange tips on how we've forged ahead despite a shutdown of fieldwork and laboratories, and difficult circumstances for stakeholders. Let's hear about some useful ideas others can use in case we have to! e.g. Social science research via zoom or smart phone; coping with delayed field studies; coping with gaps in data time series; and many other topics.

15:00-15:05	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Joseph Alcamo and Amy Sweet</i>
15:05-15:20	Impact of COVID-19 on Research Funding <i>Tina Lehmbeck and Mark Raven, Research and Enterprise</i>
15:20-15:30	Q&A with Tina Lehmbeck and Mark Raven
15:30-15:40	A rapid assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on food systems and rural livelihoods in Africa <i>John Thompson, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)</i>
15:40-15:50	Developing capability, partnerships and research in ageing and HIV in Zambia in the time of COVID-19 <i>Jaime Vera Rojas, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) and Belinda Chihota, Centre for Infectious Disease Research in Zambia (CIDRZ)</i>
15:50-16:00	Q&A with John Thompson, Jaime Vera Rojas and Belinda Chihota
16:00-16:10	Forecasting with fishers out of a job, Kerala, Southern India <i>Max Martin, School of Global Studies</i>
16:10-16:20	The rise in violence against indigenous peoples in Brazil, the intensification of conflicts under COVID-19, and how this links to the SDGs and sustainability research <i>Felipe Milanez, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil</i>
16:20-16:30	Q&A with Max Martin and Felipe Milanez

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SESSION 4. BEFORE THE DELUGE: NEW RESEARCH FINDINGS COMING ON-LINE

10:00 – 12:30 BST (including 20 minute networking coffee break)

Co-Chairs: John Thompson, Institute of Development Studies (IDS) and Jörn Scharlemann, School of Life Sciences

Many new results from sustainability research were just coming on-line before the pandemic hit, and, more or less, got buried by the crisis. In this session, we'll briefly showcase some of these new findings from clusters of projects spawned by unique SSRP collaborations.

10:00-10:05	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Joseph Alcamo and Amy Sweet</i>
10:05-10:30	Launch of the SSRP online catalogue on methods for sustainability research <i>Joshua Moon, University of Sussex Business School</i>
10:30-10:55	Launch of online platform for mapping indigenous rights violations in NE Brazil (British Academy project) <i>Mary Menton, School of Life Sciences</i>
10:55-11:25	Panel: Closing gaps in global environmental treaties 1) The Global Biodiversity Convention <i>Anthony Alexander, University of Sussex Business School</i> 2) The Global Ozone Layer treaty <i>Joseph Alcamo, School of Global Studies</i> 3) Discussant <i>Emanuela Orlando, School of Law, Politics, Sociology</i>
11:25-11:45	Networking Coffee Break
11:45-12:30	Panel: Research on the key link between poverty, environment, and health goals in the SDGs 1) Outdoor air pollution and social inequality in Delhi and Beijing <i>Wei Shen, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)</i> 2) Drought, Poverty and HIV in KwaZulu-Natal <i>Collins Iwuji, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS)</i> 3) Land is at the centre: bidirectional relationships between poverty, environment, and health at the forest margins of New Guinea and elsewhere <i>Jo Middleton, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS)</i>

SESSION 5. WHAT'S NEXT? PLANS FOR PANDEMIC-RELATED SUSTAINABILITY RESEARCH

13:30 – 14:40 BST

Chair: Joseph Alcamo, School of Global Studies

As we make our way through the deluge, what are our plans for pandemic-related sustainability research? Here we'll exchange brief reports about new bids, new research ideas, and upcoming funding calls having to do with the pandemic and sustainability.

13:30-13:35	Welcome and housekeeping <i>Joseph Alcamo and Amy Sweet</i>
13:35-13:50	<u>Panel with short interventions on a range of new research:</u> Pandemic-related research at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) <i>Peter Taylor, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)</i> Pandemic-related research at Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS) with a connection to sustainability <i>Gail Davey, Brighton and Sussex Medical School (BSMS)</i> Research on poverty dynamics and the pandemic <i>Andreas Antoniadou, School of Global Studies</i>
13:50-14:00	Q&A with Panel
14:00-14:20	<u>Panel with short interventions on research related to the food system:</u> Research on governance of urban growing spaces and bolstering community resilience <i>Bonnie Holligan, School of Law, Politics, Sociology</i> Research on food security and the pandemic <i>Ayako Ebata, Institute of Development Studies (IDS)</i> Organising community food work and COVID-19: innovations and practices for food justice <i>Katerina Psarikidou and Divya Sharma, Science Policy Research Unit (SPRU)</i> Research on the pandemic, biodiversity and zoonotic diseases <i>Fiona Mathews, School of Life Sciences</i>
14:20-14:30	Q&A with Panel
14:30-14:40	Closing remarks <i>Joseph Alcamo, SSRP Director</i>