

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Climate Change and The Humanities

## Workshop

On the 16th October 2014, the Centre for Social and Political Thought and the Centre for World Environmental History at Sussex University will be hosting a one-day joint workshop on how the humanities and social sciences have and can engage with issues around climate change. The intention of the workshop is to demonstrate how the humanities engage with climate change, one of the most significant occurrences in our contemporary world. It is clear that research on this question within the humanities whilst significant has been largely underrepresented in the existing literature and although certain humanities disciplines have confronted climate change, there has been a lack of inter-disciplinary approaches. We hope to address this lacuna through a workshop that show-cases the work that is currently happening across the humanities, to explore different approaches to the understanding of the climate change phenomenon, with a view to further enhancing the inter-disciplinary approach to the subject. Thus, this workshop will provide an opportunity for, among others, social theorists, environmental historians and philosophers to come together to exchange ideas about how to understand the 'climate change phenomenon'.

### Speakers

Dr Kate Soper (Brighton) 'The Humanities and the Environment: contradiction, crisis and the politics of prosperity'

Dr Richard Staley (Cambridge) 'Understanding Climate change historically: What can history bring to a science in debate?'

Dr Jenneth Parker (Schumacher Institute) 'Interdisciplinarity and Climate Change'

Dr Jane Hindley (Essex) 'What Would Descartes Say? Social Imagination and the Challenges of Climate Change'

Dr Paul Davies (Sussex) 'Another Future: Investment without Return'

The workshop will run from 11:00-17:00

Room: BSMS 1.13

There is no fee for the workshop but registration is important as space is limited. To register please email Alex Elliott at [aje28@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:aje28@sussex.ac.uk) or [jamescullis@hotmail.com](mailto:jamescullis@hotmail.com) by the 12<sup>th</sup> October.  
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