

## **SPRU Training Course: Innovation Policy in a Changing Global Context**

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### **Day 3: Grassroots innovation and policy encounters**

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Grassroots innovation involves neighbours, community groups, and activists working together to generate bottom-up solutions for sustainable development - novel solutions that respond to the local situation and the interests and values of the communities involved. Historical and comparative research illustrates the central role of grassroots innovation in socio-technical change across a variety of sectors. And yet grassroots innovation is so often absent from national policy frameworks.

This session draws on work at SPRU that has investigated policy responses to grassroots innovation movements in different parts of the world. It explores the political and institutional conditions under which these encounters have been positive and offers lessons for policy-makers in engaging with the grassroots. These issues will be taken up further during the field visit.

