

SUSTAINABILITY & CONSUMPTION NEWS

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From the Chair of the Board

Dear readers,

As you can see the newsletter has a fresh look! This is thanks to our new newsletter editor Steph Johnson Zawadzki. However, you will of course still find the latest news on funding opportunities, events and publications in the newsletter.

Enjoy!

-Ellen van der Werff,

Chair of the Board for the Virtual Community on Sustainability and Consumption

VCSC Newsletter Gets a Facelift

Dear VCSC Readers,

I'm Steph Johnson Zawadzki, and I'll be serving as your VCSC newsletter editor. With this new face comes a fresh look for our beloved newsletter. Our goals are to improve the layout of the newsletter so it is easier to read, requires less paper if printed, and highlights the content most important for our research community. If you have comments or suggestions, I look forward to hearing them.

-Steph Johnson Zawadzki, VCSC newsletter editor



APA Div 34 Conference Program Announced

The APA Division 34 for the Society of Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology has announced its final program for this year's APA conference in Washington DC, USA. This year's program features a first-ever "Summit for Animals," chaired by Div. 34 president, Dr. Mary Gregerson. Also scheduled is a special poster session, aimed at covering Environmental Psychology's 4 key themes: Research, Theory, Policy, and Practice.

Please visit the website for a schedule of sustainability-related events and list of sessions.

Board of the Virtual Community

Ellen van der Werff University of Groningen, Chair of the board; **John Thøgersen** Aarhus University; **Mario Teisl** University of Maine; **Linda Steg** University of Groningen; **Anders Biel** University of Gothenburg; **Lucia Reisch** Copenhagen Business School; **Paul Stern** NAS, Washington DC; **Tim Jackson** University of Surrey; **Bas Verplanken** University of Bath; **Ellen Matthies** Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg; **Satoshi Fujii** Kyoto University

Call for papers

Energy Research and Social Science is seeking papers for an upcoming special issue on '**Problems of method in the social study of energy and climate change**'. This Special Issue aims to explore insights arising from how we go about researching energy and climate change from a social perspective.

See <http://tinyurl.com/ybglw2xd> for more details.

Funding opportunities

The Innovation and Networks Executive Agency invites proposals for its Connecting Europe Facility energy call. This supports the implementation of projects within the framework of the trans-European networks policy in the energy sector. The budget is worth €800 million.

<http://ondzk.nl/2pFafQ5>

Deadline: 12 October 2017

Positions

Conservation Action Analyst

Houston Zoo, TX, USA

The ideal candidate will have experience supporting and growing existing programs aimed at conservation action through research, facilitation, coordination, development, implementation and evaluation/tracking.

<https://www.houstonzoo.org/careers/>

June

19-21: Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) Europe Annual Meeting, *Lisbon, Portugal*

21-24: XIV Conference on Environmental Psychology – PSICAMB, *Évora, Portugal*

22: PERSON event, European Commission Sustainable Energy Week, *Brussels, Belgium*

23-24: WINK – The Nudge Conference, *Utrecht, the Netherlands*

26: TEDDINET-Ctech Non-domestic Energy Symposium, *London, UK*

27-29: BfN/ENCA European Conference on Biodiversity and Health in the face of Climate Change, *Bonn, Germany*

27-1: 20th Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress, *Christchurch, New Zealand*

July

3-7: 4th Summer School on Theories in Environmental Psychology (STEP 2017), *Dublin, Ireland*

6-8: Interdisciplinary Conference: Building Bridges in a Complex World, *Chania, Crete, Greece*

August

3-6: APA Division 34 (Society for Environmental, Population, and Conservation Psychology) Conference, *Washington DC, USA*

30-1: International Conference of Environmental Psychology (ICEP) 2017, *A Coruña, Spain*

September

13-17: International Association for Research in Economic Psychology 2017 Conference (IAREP), *Rishon LeZion, Israel*

19-21: International Cycling Conference (ICC) 2017, *Mannheim, Germany*

October

15-18: Behavior, Energy & Climate Change Conference, *Sacramento, CA, USA*

If you have any information you would like to share with members of the Virtual Community, please feel free to use our listserv.

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

Highlights from our members' recent publications

Trine Mørk's team examined psychological predictors of organic food choices when dining in public institutions.

Mørk, T., Bech-Larsen, T., Grunert, K. G., & Tsalis, G. (2017). Determinants of citizen acceptance of environmental policy regulating consumption in public settings: Organic food in public institutions. Journal of Cleaner Production, 148, 407-414.

Kaitlin T. Raimi and colleagues evaluated several analogies to more effectively communicate climate science to the public.

Raimi, K.T., Stern, P.C., and Maki, A. (2017) The promise and limitations of using analogies to improve decision-relevant understanding of climate change. PLOS One, 12(1), e0171130.

Paul C. Stern and his collaborators' new review article outlines a research and policy agenda to help countries meet the ambitious goals of the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

Stern, P. C., Janda, K. B., Brown, M. A., Steg, L., Vine, E. L., & Lutzenhiser, L. (2016). Opportunities and insights for reducing fossil fuel consumption by households and organizations. Nature Energy, 1, 16043.

More recent publications from our community

Admiraal, J. F., van den Born, R. J., Beringer, A., Bonaiuto, F., Cicero, L., Hiedanpää, J.,... & Naukkarinen, O. (2017). Motivations for committed nature conservation action in Europe. *Environmental Conservation, 44*(2), 148-157.

Eriksson, L., Björkman, C., & Klapwijk, M. J. (2017). General Public Acceptance of Forest Risk Management Strategies in Sweden: Comparing Three Approaches to Acceptability. *Environment and Behavior, 0013916517691325*.

Fischer, D., Haucke, F., & Sundermann, A. (2017). What does the media mean by 'sustainability' or 'sustainable development'? An empirical analysis of sustainability terminology in German newspapers over two decades. *Sustainable Development*.

Isley, S.C., Stern, P.C., Carmichael, S.P., Joseph, K.M., and Arent, D.J. Online purchasing creates opportunities to lower the life cycle carbon footprints of consumer products. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 113*(35), 9780-9785.

Klößner, C. A., & Ofstad, S. P. (2017). Tailored information helps people progress towards reducing their beef consumption. *Journal of Environmental Psychology, 50*, 24-36.

Mangone, G., Capaldi, C. A., van Allen, Z. M., & Luscuere, P. G. (2017). Bringing nature to work: Preferences and perceptions of constructed indoor and natural outdoor workspaces. *Urban Forestry & Urban Greening, 23*, 1-12.

Ofstad, S. P., Tobolova, M., Nayum, A., & Klößner, C. A. (2017). Understanding the mechanisms behind changing people's recycling behavior at work by applying a comprehensive action determination model. *Sustainability, 9*(2), 204.

Reisch, L. A., Sunstein, C. R., & Gwozdz, W. (2017). Beyond carrots and sticks: Europeans support health nudges. *Food Policy, 69*, 1-10.

Schuitema, G., Ryan, L., & Aravena, C. (2017). The consumer's role in flexible energy systems: An interdisciplinary approach to changing consumers' behavior. *IEEE Power and Energy Magazine, 15*(1), 53-60.

Stern, P.C., Wittenberg, I., Wolske, K.S., & Kastner, I. (in press) Household production of photovoltaic energy: Issues in economic behavior. In A. Lewis, ed. *Cambridge Handbook of Psychology and Economic Behaviour*.

Stern, P.C. (2017) How can social science research become more influential in energy transitions? *Energy Research & Social Science, 26*, 91-95.

Sunstein, C. R., Reisch, L. A., & Rauber, J. (2017). Behavioral insights all over the world? Public attitudes toward nudging in a multi-country study.

Thøgersen, J. (2017). Housing-related lifestyle and energy saving: A multi-level approach. *Energy Policy, 102*, 73-87.

Thøgersen, J., Pedersen, S., Paternoga, M., ... & Aschemann-Witzel, J. (2017). How important is country-of-origin for organic food consumers? A review of the literature and suggestions for future research. *British Food Journal*

White, M. P., Pahl, S., Wheeler, B. W., Depledge, M. H., & Fleming, L. E. (2017). Natural environments and subjective wellbeing: Different types of exposure are associated with different aspects of wellbeing. *Health & Place, 45*, 77-84.