

AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

**« Challenging ‘the climate consensus’.
Perspectives from the social sciences and humanities
to analyze ‘skepticism’ and ‘dissonant voices’ on mitigation and adaptation
in the public debate on climate change ».**

International Conference organized by
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Thursday March 7 from 9:30am to 5:30pm
Friday March 8 from 9:00am to 1:00pm
Espace Isadora Duncan, Meudon, France

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
March 7 and 8 (morning)

**"Challenging the 'climate consensus'.
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climate change"**

organized within the project ENVIGLOB
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**March 7 & 8
2013**

Espace Isadora Duncan
CNRS campus
1, place Aristide Briand
92195 Meudon

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
March 8 (afternoon)

**"Individual and collective
representations of climate change :
interdisciplinary perspectives"**

organized by GIS Climat-Environnement-Société

Detailed program and free registration on
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Climate change is one of the most important global challenges of our time, and scientists have firmly established the reality of the phenomenon, its man-made origins and the necessity to take mitigation and adaptation measures. Yet, like in other fields where political action is closely associated to scientific expertise, “dissonant voices” continue to challenge the mainstream view, obtaining more or less visibility in mass media in different countries and at different moments of the climate debate. How can we explain these phenomena? While research in social sciences has seen the emergence of a rich literature on “climate skeptics”, “climate controversies” and “climate denial” lately, no common explanation seems to be able to encompass the specificities of national climate debates and the multiplicity of reasons to challenge “the climate consensus”.

This international conference succeeds to the workshop “climate controversies in the media” that we organized in September 2010 in Paris. It aims at confronting different theoretical approaches and methodologies, in order to determine what each approach can contribute to a more complete understanding of the phenomenon, what it helps to see and what are its dead angles.

March 7, 2013

- 9:00-9:30 Welcome coffee
- 9:30-10:10 Opening - Welcome and Introduction
 Sylvie Joussaume, director of the Research Consortium Climate-Environment-Society
 Stefan C. Aykut, LATTs, University Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée and IFRIS
- 10:10-11:10 *Analyzing organized resistance to climate change. The American anti-environmental movement and its political impact*
 Riley Dunlap, Oklahoma State University
Discussant: Pierre Lascombes, CNRS/Cevipof (to be confirmed).
- 11:10-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:30 *Anatomy of dissent: a cultural analysis of climate skepticism*
 Myanna Lahsen, Center for Earth System Science Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais
Discussant: Jean Foyer, ISCC.
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00-15:00 *A public problems approach to dissonant voices in the public debate on climate change in France.*
 Jean-Baptiste Comby, CARISM, Université Panthéon-Assas:
Discussant: Bilel Benbouzid, LATTs, Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée
- 15:00-16:00 *Challenging climate change or its dominant framing? Epistemic cultures in climate debates.*
 Hélène Guillemot, Centre Alexandre Koyré, EHESS:
Discussant: Nathalie Jas, INRA, RiTME.
- 16:00-16:20 Coffee break
- 16:20-17:30 *First roundtable: Climate-skepticism, public debate and political action: what are the links?*
 Amy Dahan, Centre Alexandre Koyré, CNRS/EHESS
 Nicolas Chateaufneuf, France 2 (to be confirmed)
 Jean-Paul Bozonnet, Pacte, Sciences Po Grenoble (to be confirmed)
 Jean-Charles Hourcade, CIRED (to be confirmed).
 Hervé Le Treut, IPSL



March 8, 2013

- 9:00-10:40 *Mapping controversies on climate change adaptation.*
 Nicolas Baya-Laffite or Tomasso Venturini, Sciences-Po Paris
Coastal flooding, uncertainty and climate change: Science as a solution to (mis)perceptions?
 Juan Baztan, Marine Sciences for Society
Discussant: Stefan Aykut, LATTs (Université Paris-Est Marne-la-Vallée).
- 10:40-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:00 *Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions and Everyday Life.*
 Kari Norgaard, Oregon University
Discussant: Pierre-Benoît Joly, INRA/Ifris (Labex Sites).
- 12:00-13:00 *Second roundtable: Analyzing skepticism and dissonant voices in the climate debate: research interests, analytical tools and their normative implications.*
 Alain Nadai, CIRED
 Bruno Latour, Sciences Po Paris (to be confirmed)
 François Gemenne, Iddri / Sciences Po Paris (to be confirmed)
 Valérie Masson-Delmotte, LSCE
- 13:00 *Lunch*

The conference will be followed by a **workshop on representations** organized by the Research Consortium Climate-Environment-Society.

Workshop outline

Climate change has in recent years moved from being mainly a physical phenomenon to being simultaneously a political, social, cultural and ethical phenomenon. At present, both individual and collective attitudes and behaviour seem an equally serious challenge in the climate issue as scientific knowledge of the phenomenon itself. In this the various representations of climate change are crucial. The understanding of such representations, which would contribute to an improvement of the climate change knowledge base, calls for interdisciplinarity. With this as a starting point, the present workshop aims at generating fruitful discussions on different kinds of representations (linguistic, cognitive, cultural, social) and on the possibilities for crossdisciplinary collaboration.

