



# Welcome to the Anthropocene !

## Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference 11-13 June 2013

*In the time of Anthropocene, where human behaviour irreversibly affects our environment, social science is increasingly called for as the quick fix to solve problems of excess consumption, conflicts over land use, and lack of effective regulation. But as suggested by Einstein, we cannot solve problems using the same kind of thinking that created them. The purpose of this conference is to provoke thought on new ways for social theory to explore environment-society relations.*

*With this conference, we warmly welcome you all to present and discuss your newest research related to aspects of social and environmental change and their interaction!*

### Dear participants, welcome to Copenhagen!

We look much forward to seeing you here, and to share with you this year's NESS programme!

Four highly esteemed key note speakers will set the scene for the theme 'Welcome to the Anthropocene. These are Professor Elizabeth Shove, Lancaster University, Professor Maarten Hajer, University of Amsterdam, Professor Nicholas Robinson Pace Law School, and Professor John Renner Hansen, Dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen. Welcome!

In eleven working groups, more than 150 carefully selected research papers will be presented by each of you, and discussed with your peers, with the aim to develop the field of environmental social science research. We look forward to hear about your research!

See the programme of the conference below and in the separate Working Group Programme. You are encouraged to contribute actively in your own WG, but do have a look at the other working groups as well, and feel free to join other WGs for selected papers. Should you not be enrolled in any WG yet, do contact us.

The abstracts will be available on [www.ness2013.ku.dk](http://www.ness2013.ku.dk) shortly, and the full papers will be circulated within the WGs only. Should you want to learn more about a paper in another WG, we kindly ask you to contact the individual author and/or the WG leader. Papers may only be cited with the permission of the authors.

We wish you a pleasant and enriching conference!

On behalf of the organisers,

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## Conference organisers

NESS 2013 is organised by Department of Food and Resource Economics in cooperation with Department of Geosciences and Natural Resources Management, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen.

## Conference venue

Radisson Blu Falconer, Falkoner Allé 9, Frederiksberg, Copenhagen

## Map

Click here for [map](#) where you can see the location of the conference, the reception, the dinner, and hotels!

## Programme

(Also see the separate working group programme)

### Tuesday 11 June 2013

11 June	Activity	Location
8.00-9.00	Registration	
9.00-10.30	<i>Open World – Thinking through co-operation</i> <b>John Renner Hansen</b> , Dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen  <i>How law shapes the relations between man and nature</i> Professor, <b>Nicholas A. Robinson</b> , Pace University, Pace Law School, Yale Uni. School	Audience
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-12.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
12.00-13.00	Lunch	
13.00-15.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30-18.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
18.30-21.30	Reception	<i>Marmorhallen</i> , University of Copenhagen Thorvaldsensvej 40, Frederiksberg

### Wednesday 12 June 2013

12 June	Activity	Location
8.00-9.00	Coffee	
9.00-10.30	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break	
11.00-12.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
12.00-13.00	Lunch	
13.00-14.00	<i>Social theory and climate change: conceptualising demand for energy &amp; mobility</i> Professor <b>Elisabeth Shove</b> , Lancaster University, UK	Audience
14.00-15.00	<i>No Cockpit – perspectives on governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i> Professor <b>Maarten Hajer</b> , University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Audience
15.00-15.30	Coffee Break	
15.30-18.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
18.30-	Dinner	The Playhouse ( <i>Skuespilhuset</i> ) Sankt Annæ Plads 36, Copenhagen

### Thursday 13 June 2013

13 June	Activity	Location
8.00-9.00	Coffee	
9.00-10.00	<i>Rethinking the role of social science in the era of Anthropocene</i> Tove Enggrob Boon, University of Copenhagen	Audience
10.00-12.00	Working Groups 2-12	Group rooms
12.00-13.00	Plenary: Summing up and announcement of NESS 2015 (Sandwiches to go)	Audience

## **Working groups (see separate programme)**

1. Cancelled
2. Practice theory
3. Interplay between local authorities and citizens in environmental governance
4. Adaptive environmental legislation in a dynamic environment
5. Strategic planning and collaborative innovation
6. Adapting to climate changes in urban areas
7. Energy – provision and efficiency
8. Forest policy in transition
9. Representations and representation in natural resources governance
10. The green state
11. The quest for policy integration
12. Partnership for rural sustainable development

## **Key note speakers**

**John Renner Hansen** is Professor of High Energy Physics, and the Dean of the Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen.

He has a solid career as a scientist in high energy physics (325 peer reviewed articles), more than 35 years of teaching experience, and active contributions to natural science policy, including, e.g. chairman of the Danish Natural Science Board 2001-2005 and delegate to EU FP6-7 research infrastructures committee.

After a master's degree in 1980, he joined the European center for particle physics, CERN in Geneva, where he worked until 1986 and again from 1992 to 1993. He received his PhD. in 1987, became associate professor at the Niels Bohr Institute in 1995 and professor in 2002.

Since 1997 he has been part of management at the Niels Bohr Institute, first as responsible for teaching, then as deputy head, and 2005-2012 as head of department until was appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Science.

**Nicholas A. Robinson** is University Professor for the Environment at Pace University, and Gilbert & Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental law at Pace Law School, and Professor Adjunct at the Yale University School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

Professor Nicholas A. Robinson's scholarly research explores how law shapes relations between humans and nature. His research and applied studies address the norms, methods and frameworks for environmental law, and sustainability law at local, regional and global scales.

Employing comparative environmental legal analysis, he has worked with scholars and universities in legal systems in Asia, Latin America, North America, Eurasia, Europe and the Middle East.

He chaired the Commission on Environmental Law for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for eight years, was a delegate to environmental law negotiations between the USA and USSR from 1974 to 1992, and currently serves on the Environmental & Social Advisory Council for the

European Bank for Reconstruction & Development (EBRD). He edited the *travaux preparatoires* for the 1992 UN Conference on the Human Environment, and is author of many books and articles, including *Comparative Environmental Law & Regulation* (Oxford University Press) and a new text on *Climate Change Law*.

**Maarten Hajer** is professor of Public Policy at the University of Amsterdam since 1998. The Dutch Cabinet appointed him as Director of the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL – Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving) in 2008. He continues his professorship part time.

As director of the Environmental Assessment Agency, Professor Maarten Hajer is responsible for the strategic assessments and policy evaluations to facilitate political deliberation and decision making, ranging from environment, nature, land-use to water and transport. While primarily focused on the Dutch political decision making PBL is also active for international bodies, such as the European Commission, OECD and UNEP. For more information on the role, tasks and responsibilities of the Agency, please refer to <http://www.pbl.nl/en/>.

Professor Maarten Hajer is also member of the UNEP Resource Panel concerned with strategic issues of resource scarcity, decoupling and resource-efficiency.

**Elizabeth Shove** is Professor of Sociology at Lancaster University.

Professor Elizabeth Shove has recently completed an ESRC funded fellowship, “Transitions in Practice: Climate Change and Everyday Life”. She is a member of the Sustainable Practices Research Group, and is about to become co-director of DEMAND, a five year research centre dealing with the dynamics of energy and mobility demand starting in 2013.

Professor Shove is author of “Comfort, Cleanliness and Convenience: the social organization of normality” (Berg 2003). More recent books include “The Dynamics of Social Practice” with Mika Pantzar and Matt Watson (Sage 2012) and “Sustainable practices: social theory and climate change”, edited with Nicola Spurling (Routledge 2013)

### **Scientific advisory committee**

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