



SCORAI Europe Workshop Program, August 29-30, 2016 Budapest
Sustainable Consumption and Social Justice in a Constrained World

The Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights

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DAY 1: August 29, 2016. 1:00pm-6:00pm

1:00-2:00pm: Lunch (provided by organizers)

2:00-3:00pm - Welcome and opening

- **Marcel Szabó**, Ombudsman for Future Generations in Hungary: Future generations and just consumption in a constrained world
- **Sylvia Lorek**: introduction to the workshop and SCORAI Europe
- **Edina Vadovics**: introducing the principles behind the practical organization of the workshop

3:00-4:15pm - Session 1: Defining the limits in relation to wellbeing and planetary boundaries

How can we grasp sustainable consumption limits, how are they defined? What heterodox concepts and theoretical strands need to be taken into account? How do limits relate to human needs, human development and wellbeing on the one hand, and planetary boundaries on the other?

Chair: **Marlyne Sahakian**

Note taker: **Edina Vadovics**

Presenters, delivering 5 min. long summaries of their papers:

1. **Doris Fuchs and Antonietta Di Giulio**: Consumption corridors: integrating the good life and justice in sustainable development
2. **Joachim Spangenberg**: Sufficiency, degrowth and sustainable consumption
3. **Lewis Akenji**: Ossified materialism: on achieving Absolute Reductions

Discussant (10 min.): **Anders Hayden**

Questions, comments, contributions by participants

4:15-4:45pm: coffee break



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4:45-6:00pm - Session 2: Grappling with social justice

How does social justice relate to sustainable consumption? What perspectives need to be taken into account? (gender, class, socio-economic status, etc.) What transformative tools are currently available, towards more equitable forms of consumption? How do we quantify and qualify what is meant by social justice in a constrained world? What lessons can we learn from differing contexts? (cities vs. rural, developing countries, emerging economies, countries in transition).

Chair: **Klára Hajdú**

Note taker: **Ágnes Zsóka**

Presenters, delivering 5 min. long summaries of their papers:

1. **Filka Sekulova**: The economics of sharing: an empirical study from Barcelona (Spain) and Bulgaria
2. **Edina Vadovics** and **Simon Milton**: Social justice in a constrained world: introducing Convergence Mapping
3. **Janis Brizga**: Multiple gaps in sustainable consumption – climate justice perspective

Discussant (10 min.): **Philip Vergragt**

Questions, comments, contributions by participants

7:00/7:30pm: Dinner at Korhely Hungarian Restaurant (paid by participants)

DAY 2: August 30, 2016. 9:00am-2:00pm

9:00-10:15am - Session 3: Implementing the “limits” approach, with social justice

How can restrictions come about, either voluntary or imposed? How do restrictions relate to collective conventions or general understandings of entitlement and excess? How do people understand their roles, in relation to social change? What examples exist around policies, institutional changes and political interventions? How can policy measures further support absolute reductions? What other efforts are necessary?

Chair: **Edina Vadovics**

Note taker: **Sylvia Lorek**

Presenters, delivering 5 min. long summaries of their papers:

1. **Veronika Kiss** and **Klára Hajdú**: Limiting energy consumption while considering equitable distribution
2. **Marlyne Sahakian**: (Un)sustainable energy consumption at the upper limits – Social capital and feeling rules among Geneva expats
3. **Mária Csutora** and **Ágnes Zsóka**: Breaking through the behaviour impact gap and the rebound effect in sustainable consumption

Discussant (10 min.): **Halina Brown**

Questions, comments, contributions by participants



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10:15-10:45am: coffee break

10:45-12:00pm - Session 4: Potential actions

What are the proposed actions towards sustainable consumption and social justice in a constrained world? How can this viewpoint of sustainable consumption be understood as attractive, equitable and empowering, a “new normal”, that involves a good life for all in a constrained world? What have the conceptual developments revealed, in terms of setting limits and grappling with social justice? What meso- and macro-level empirical evidence exists, across Europe? What evidence is lacking? What transformative tools exist and which ones are lacking? What is missing from the discussion and needs to be taken into account?

Chair: **Barbara Muraca**

Note takers: **Edina Vadovics** and **Marlyne Sahakian**

Discussion, comments, contributions by participants

12:00-1:00pm: lunch (provided by organizers)

1:00-2:00pm - SC teaching series

We invite select participants to prepare a 5m talk to be filmed as part of the SC teaching video series, organized by Marlyne Sahakian and Robert Orzanna.

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