



Transnational Mega-Events and Global Environmental Governance

Monday 6th of July, Institut des Sciences de la Communication (ISCC), 20 Rue Berbier de Mets, 75 013 Paris (M° Gobelins) (9.00-18.00) Open to the public

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The next climate change conference (COP21) will be taking place in Paris in December (2015). This event, which will attract tens of thousands of people, is regularly presented as a historic opportunity to reinvigorate the global environmental process. A number of in-depth and long term studies have already been devoted to climate change negotiations and climate governance. Our ambition through this seminar is to go beyond the climate negotiations *per se* by focusing on “transnational mega-events”, the most appropriate ways of studying them and their impact on global environmental governance.

In view of their size and their blurred boundaries, international mega-events – Earth Summits, World Social Forums or Climate and Biodiversity COPs – can be hard to study for individual researchers. The diversity of actors, events and spaces of interaction, the complexity and range of issues, as well as countless temporal and spatial overflows, justify the need to adopt a collective approach for the study of on-going global governance processes.

The purpose of this international meeting will be to look at how mega-events influence global environmental processes and shape global governance. What are mega-events' contributions to global environmental governance? What can we learn from the outcomes of these events (often presented as disappointing)? What do they tell us about global governance? What is the real impact of these events on national and local environmental politics? Does global environmental governance act as a “laboratory” for global governance? The morning session will be devoted to presentations of past non-climate related research projects. The afternoon session will focus on global climate governance and key issues relevant to the study of the COP21.



Morning sessions

Session 1 (9.00-10.30): Why and how to study international environmental conferences?

Noella Gray (University of Guelph): Studying Global Environmental Meetings to Understand Global Environmental Governance: Methodological Reflections.

Jean Foyer (CNRS/ISCC): Questioning ecological modernization: Crosscutting perspectives on Rio+20.

Coffee break (10.00-10.30):

Session 2 (11.00-12.30): Towards the emergence of a global civil society?

Johanna Siméant (Université de Paris 1: Panthéon Sorbonne): Observing protest from a place: the World Social Forum in Dakar (2011) as the laboratory for a collective survey in an international event.

Christopher Rootes (University of Kent) and **Clare Saunders** (University of Exeter): Climate change, global justice, climate justice? Patterns of participation and participants' perspectives in street demonstrations around COP15 (Brussels, London and Copenhagen 2009).

Afternoon sessions

- *Session 3* (14.00-15.30): Making the event, the media coverage of climate COPs

Elisabeth Eide (University of Bergen) and **Risto Kunelius** (University of Tampere) : Between global climate and local journalisms. Covering COPs and the IPCC AR5.

Hartmut Wessler (Universität Mannheim): Networks of co-production. How journalists and public relations professionals interact during UN climate change conferences.

Coffee Break (15.30-16.00)

- *Session 4* (16.00-18.00): The COP21 and Climate Governance : What is at stake in Paris 2015 ?

Amy Dahan (Centre Koyré, CNRS) and **Stefan Aykut** (LISIS): The iceberg, the elephant, and the tree that hides the forest. Taking a wider perspective on climate governance.

Björn-Ola Linnér (Linköping University): Preferences for Paris: Results from the International Negotiations Survey among negotiators, Government representatives and NGOs constituencies.