



ESRC Stakeholder Seminar on accounting for and modelling the pollution content of trade flows, carbon footprints and other indicators of sustainable development

6th April 2009 (10.30am-3pm – lunch will be provided)

**Committee Rooms 1 & 2
Glamorgan Building
King Edward VII Avenue
Cardiff
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Dear Colleague

The UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) have recently funded one of six ESRC Climate Change Leadership Fellowships to conduct a programme of research in the area of accounting for and modelling the pollution content of interregional trade flows within the UK and internationally. This work will make an important contribution to knowledge and help to develop capacity in the UK on accounting for measures such as carbon footprints at the firm, industry and economy-wide level. It will also help inform policymakers and other stakeholders on how to analyse the impacts of policy and other changes in economic activity on such indicators of sustainable development.

The Fellowship is based at the Department of Economics and Fraser of Allander Institute, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, under the leadership of Dr Karen Turner. However, potential collaborators on this work include members of the ESRC BRASS Centre in Cardiff, the Stockholm Environment Institute and the ESRC RESOLVE centre in Surrey within the UK, as well as the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois and a number of other international researchers.

One of the first activities under the Fellowship is to run an open workshop/seminar in conjunction with the ESRC BRASS Centre in Cardiff. The purpose of this event is to inform key stakeholders about the project and its objectives, and to invite discussion and feedback as to the most useful directions this research may take. We would like to invite you to attend this seminar. Speakers currently confirmed are Dr Karen Turner (the ESRC Climate Change Leadership Fellow), Professor Max Munday (BRASS), Angela Druckman (RESOLVE) and Jim Poole (Environment Agency Wales). A final programme will be sent out when all speakers are confirmed. If you would like to attend, please fill out the attached delegate form and return to janine.de-fence@strath.ac.uk. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be kept informed about our research, please email Janine and ask to be placed on our mailing list. Please also forward this invitation to any colleagues who may be interested in attending.

Kind regards,

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