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The conference will take stock of what has been learned in the IHDP-IT (International Human Dimensions Programme Core Project on Industrial Transformation) over the last years, as well as move forward the new research agenda now supported by the APN (Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research). We welcome an international network of researchers, practitioners, policy makers and other actors who are interested in exploring alternative, more sustainable development pathways.

The conference has two goals:

1. To synthesise and reflect on the current knowledge about pathways, barriers and opportunities for sustainability transitions in Asia.
2. To set up new research agendas on fostering the transformative potential of sustainability experiments in Asia.

Short papers should be 2000-3000 words in length and respond to one or more of the conference themes. Session proposals will also be considered. They should include a session overview (600 words max) plus the set of 3-4 papers proposed for a session. A session chair should be identified. Both, short papers and session proposals should be submitted to this mail adres by the 30th of April 2010.

The Conference Committee will provide decisions on selected abstracts by the 30 May 2010. All accepted papers will be made available on the conference website here.

Additional information about the Conference can be found here (PDF)

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### Call for Poster Presentation Abstracts in Global Change Research

The APN invites you to submit poster presentation abstracts for the Networking Poster Session that will be held on 17 March 2010 on the occasion of the APN 15th Inter-Governmental Meeting (IGM) and Scientific Planning Group (SPG) Meeting, which is officially being hosted by the Ministry of Environment, Government of the Republic of Korea, at the APEC Centre for Climate Change, Busan, Republic of Korea. The Session will provide up to 20 young scientists with an opportunity to display and present their research work to invited esteemed members of the scientific and policy communities from within and outside of the Asia-Pacific region. Winning poster will have the opportunity to present a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation to the 15th IGM/SPG Meeting on Friday, 19 March 2010.

For more information on this Call and to view eligibility criteria and guidelines for abstract submission, additional information can be found [here](#)

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### Announcement Special issue on Material Flow Analysis

The Journal of Industrial Ecology announces a special issue on applications of MFA. Material flow analysis (MFA), the tracking and analysis of materials through the environment and the economy at various scales, holds out the promise of a unique lens through which to examine environmental challenges, providing a valuable addition to the toolkit available to analysts and decision makers.

This special issue describes a variety of ways in which MFA has addressed real world situations around the globe, particularly relating to problems of resource scarcity, pollution abatement and waste management. Articles in the special issue are available for free download [here](#)

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## Call For Papers: First Berlin Forum on Innovation in Governance May 2010

The Innovation in Governance Research Group at the Technische Universität Berlin is pleased to publish a Call for Papers for the First Berlin Forum Innovation in Governance, which will take place in Berlin on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 May, 2010. This Forum is the first in an initial series of four, which will take place on an annual basis until 2013. Entitled "Studying the emergence and development of new forms of governance", the first Forum aims to lay the conceptual and methodological grounds for studying the genesis, dynamics and politics of new forms of governance.

We therefore invite you to submit proposals for papers that discuss and/or probe particular approaches to conceptualise innovation in governance and trace the development of governance patterns through time and space. We also invite proposals for poster presentations. A planned poster session will include a concourse with five minutes for each poster to highlight questions, approach and findings. We will be able to cover travel expenses for a limited number of participants. Please therefore indicate your need for travel funds when submitting your proposal.

The deadline for the submission of all abstracts is Sunday, 14 February 2010.

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Masterclass Cradle to Cradle in Higher Education

As of Thursday, 21 January 2010, Erasmus University Rotterdam offers for the first time the Masterclass Cradle to Cradle® in Higher Education. The masterclass consists of four intensive days during which the inclusion of the principles of Cradle to Cradle® in higher education as well as the relevant scientific issues regarding C2C will be further discussed.

The masterclass Cradle to Cradle has been especially developed for the world of education, for example academic staff, PhD-students, lecturers and professors. Interested parties from municipalities or other public services are of course also welcome to participate. Additional information can be found here.

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## Conference on KNOWLEDGE COLLABORATION & LEARNING FOR SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION

The Delft knowledge institutes TU Delft, HH, and TNO organise next year the major European conference on sustainable consumption and production, the ERSCP, in conjunction with the EMSU. To realize sustainable innovation, innovation networks and systems, as well as knowledge generation and education all need to become sustainable. Innovations are needed that lead to sustainable consumption and production through attractive products and services that are accepted by society and adopted by end-users, which may require behavioural, cultural and structural changes. At the system level the required changes are referred to as system innovations and transitions to sustainability.

Consequently, there are various issues that will be addressed at the conference:

- How can networks of actors, including end-users and traditional knowledge suppliers work together and share the knowledge that is needed to enhance sustainable innovation, and how can they contribute more effectively to developing and establishing practices of sustainable consumption and production?
- How can these actors work together to form knowledge networks at a regional level as well as networks facilitating regional system innovations and transitions tot sustainability?
- How can the exchange of knowledge between North and South be enhanced and, in particular, what the North can learn from the South with regard to sustainable innovation?

The programme includes regular paper & poster sessions, workshops & dialogue sessions, and social events, including a conference dinner and excursions. The programme includes special activities for students, firms and staff members involved in developing sustainable operations at universities and other organisations. The programme also includes

festivities surrounding the new building of the Academy of Technology, Innovation & Society Delft, a demonstration of sustainable innovations on campus in Delft and, on

Monday 25th of October 2010, pre-conference training courses and workshops on various issues that are relevant to the scope and theme of the conference. Network and capacity building will be facilitated at the conference and pre-conference activities. On Friday 29th of October, there will be excursions.

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Conference - Energy transitions in an interdependent world

The Sussex Energy Group at SPRU (Science & Technology Policy Research), University of Sussex is organising and hosting an international conference to discuss and debate emerging research agendas in energy social science. The conference will be held at the University of Sussex, near Brighton, on the 25th and 26th February 2010 and is open to academics, policy makers, industry and non-governmental organisations working in the field of energy transitions. We welcome abstracts that outline theoretically robust and empirically informed contributions to one or more of the following themes: low carbon energy innovation; secure and resilient energy systems; the politics of sustainable energy transitions.

Further details including the full conference call and application guidelines are available from the conference website [here](#)

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Publication now available on the Scientific Capacity Building/Enhancement for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries (CAPaBLE Programme)

The CAPaBLE Phase 1 In Review brochure is now available.  
This publication highlights the key outcomes of the Scientific Capacity

Building/Enhancement for Sustainable Development in Developing Countries (CAPaBLE Programme) in its first phase from April 2003 to March 2006. To download a copy of the brochure and other APN publications, please visit the APN Products webpage [here](#)

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Special issue of 'Technological Forecasting and Social Change'

special issue of 'Technological Forecasting and Social Change' was published, resulting from a collaboration between researchers of IHDP-IT and KSI. It is entitled 'Sustainability Transitions in Developing Asia: Are Alternative Development Pathways Likely?', and edited by Frans Berkhout, David Angel and Anna J. Wiczorek.

The references and links to ScienceDirect can be found [here](#)

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Special issue of JIE on Materials Use Across World Regions

The Journal of Industrial Ecology has recently published a special issue on Materials Use Across World Regions: Inevitable Pasts and Possible Futures. The special issue examines resource use on a global scale--focusing on materials use at national and world regional levels, detailed analysis of metals cycles within this context, and assessment of existing governmental policies that are based on material flow analysis (MFA). Countries and regions examined include Australia, Japan, Austria, the USA, Europe, Latin America, and the transition economies. Articles in this special issue specifically address:

\* The global sociometabolic transition

- \* Resource productivity in Japan
- \* Resource use trajectories in Australia
- \* Historical carbon flows in Austria
- \* Comparative material flows in Latin America
- \* Material use changes in transition economies
- \* Platinum group metal flows in Europe
- \* An approach to historical material flow analysis
- \* The "hidden" trade of metals in products
- \* Prospects for material flow accounts in the U.S.
- \* Japan's government policies based on material flow analysis

The Journal of Industrial Ecology is an international, multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed bimonthly published by Wiley-Blackwell, owned by Yale University, and headquartered at the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. The special issue is edited by Helga Weisz, of Klagenfurt University, Austria, and Heinz Schandl, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia.

The special issue is available [here](#)

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