

INVITATION

Upstream Public Participation in Sustainable Energy Transitions

Thursday 24 June 2021
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CEST
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ABOUT THE EVENT

Renewable energy projects often face public resistance, especially if people feel excluded from the decision making. Studies indicate that public participation in the decision-making process at an early stage of the research and development process can lead to more socially acceptable energy projects. Such participation is often referred to as "upstream public participation".

Yet, it is unclear when and how upstream public participation is most likely to lead to more acceptable renewable energy projects and thus facilitate a sustainable energy transition worldwide. This symposium brings together international speakers with interdisciplinary backgrounds to further understanding of these questions.

THE PROGRAMME

TIME	ACTIVITY
14.00	Opening
14.10	Nick Pidgeon <i>History and Recent Development of Upstream Public Participation</i>
14.40	David Bidwell <i>Participation Lessons from the First U.S. Offshore Wind Farm</i>
15.10	Plenary discussion round 1
15.10	Break
15.40	Goda Perlaviciute, Lorenzo Squintani & Lu Liu <i>Bridging Gaps Between Disciplines on Upstream Public Participation</i>
16.00	Jerzy Jendroska <i>Public Participation in Plans, Programs and Policies from a Legal Perspective</i>
16.30	Plenary discussion round 2
17.00	Closing

THE SPEAKERS



Nick Pidgeon is a professor of Environmental Psychology, Director of the Understanding Risk Research Group at Cardiff University. He does interdisciplinary research on public engagement with risk and technology, and valuation of ecosystem services.



David Bidwell is associate professor of Department of Marine Affairs at the University of Rhode Island. His research focuses on public acceptance of renewable energy technologies, public participation, environmental attitudes and decision making, and climate adaptation.



Jerzy Jendroska is professor at Opole University as well as Riga Graduate School of Law. His research focuses on environmental law and human rights and democracy.



Goda Perlaviciute is associate professor in Environmental Psychology at the University of Groningen. Her research interests lie in public evaluations and acceptability of energy sources, systems and policies, and which factors influence these evaluations and acceptability judgements.



Lorenzo Squintani is senior lecturer in European and Economic Law at the University of Groningen. His research focuses on environmental democracy, with a particular focus on equal opportunities in public participation processes.



Lu Liu is a post-doc researcher in Environmental Psychology at the University of Groningen. Her research interests lie in when and how public participation and trust are most effective in enhancing public acceptability of renewable energy projects.

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