

***Energy Futures, Nuclear Power and Climate Change:  
The Role of Public Acceptability and Framing***

**Discussion Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006  
8:45 am to 12.00 pm (followed by lunch 12-1 pm)**

**Venue: The Royal Society, 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG**

**A meeting held jointly by the Programme on Understanding  
Risk and the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research**

The meeting will seek to contribute to the evolving UK policy debate on climate-energy futures, and in particular reflect upon the position of nuclear power within this debate.

New evidence, from a nationally representative survey by MORI for the Understanding Risk Programme and the Tyndall Centre, on *Public Attitudes Towards Different Forms of Energy Generation* - including that of nuclear power framed in the light of climate change concerns - will be presented. The discussion meeting will also aim to address the following more generic questions:

- *What different framings of the energy futures issue exist, and how might they be reconciled?*
- *What institutional mechanisms might need to be put in place to achieve consensus upon UK energy futures?*
- *How can public trust in relation to these issues be gained, if at all?*
- *Is a wider forum for public debate and deliberation about the issue a desirable goal?*

The meeting will also include invited panel contributions and commentary from:

*Dr Chris Anastasi, Senior Environmental Advisor, British Energy plc*  
*Professor Gordon MacKerron, Director Sussex Energy Group SPRU, University of Sussex*  
*Stephen Tindale, Executive Director, Greenpeace UK*  
*Dr David Vincent, Technology Director, The Carbon Trust*

**Attendance is by invitation only, and places are expected to be limited. Accordingly, please respond by return on the attached reply sheet.**



The *Understanding Risk Programme* is a consortium of research partners co-ordinated from the University of East Anglia, supported by the Leverhulme Trust. Partners include Cardiff University, Liverpool University and the Institute of Food Research. For further information - see <http://www.uea.ac.uk/env/pur/index.html>

The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research brings together scientists, economists, engineers and social scientists, who together are working to develop sustainable responses to climate change through trans-disciplinary research and dialogue on both a national and international level - see <http://www.tyndall.ac.uk/>

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<b>REGISTRATION &amp; COFFEE</b>		<b>8:45 – 09:15</b>
<b>Session 1</b>	<p><b>INITIAL REMARKS</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor J. Richard Eiser <i>(University of Sheffield and the ESRC's Strategic Research Board)</i></p>	<b>09:15 – 09:20</b>
	<p><b>MAIN FINDINGS OF THE UEA/MORI ENERGY FUTURES SURVEY</b></p> <p><i>Public Risk Perceptions, Climate Change and the Reframing of UK Energy Policy</i></p> <p>Professor Nick Pidgeon Dr Wouter Poortinga Dr Irene Lorenzoni <i>(University of East Anglia)</i></p>	<b>09:20 – 10:30</b>
<b>TEA &amp; COFFEE</b>		<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>
<b>Session 2</b>	<p><b>PANEL COMMENTARIES AND GENERAL DISCUSSION</b></p> <p>Chair: Professor Alan Irwin, <i>(University of Liverpool)</i></p> <p><i>* What different framings of the energy futures issue exist, and how might they be reconciled?</i></p> <p><i>* What institutional mechanisms might need to be put in place to achieve consensus upon UK energy futures?</i></p> <p><i>* How can public trust in relation to these issues be gained, if at all?</i></p> <p><i>* Is a wider forum for public debate and deliberation about the issue a desirable goal?</i></p>	<b>10:50 – 12:00</b>
	<b>OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OVER LUNCH</b>	
<b>BUFFET LUNCH</b>		<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>
<i>Opportunity for informal discussion over lunch in the Marble Hall</i>		
<b>CLOSE</b>		<b>13:00</b>

Meeting sponsored by the Science in Society and the Sustainable Technologies Programmes of the ESRC

**REPLY SLIP – Discussion Meeting , 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006, 8:45-12pm (followed by lunch)**

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- I would like to attend** the workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006
- I am **not able to attend** on this occasion
- I would like to send my colleague ..... in my place

*Please indicate any dietary requirements for lunch:*

- None
- Vegetarian     Vegan     Dairy Free     Wheat/Gluten free
- Other: please specify  
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- I am not able to attend the lunch between 12am and 1pm
- I would like to receive a copy of the survey report separately

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY (details as you would like them to appear on the guest list)**

NAME .....

TITLE .....

POSITION .....

COMPANY .....

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**PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY AS PLACES ARE LIKELY TO BE LIMITED CLOSER TO THE DAY**