

Programme for:

New Directions in Climate Change Governance

Closing Conference for CIDEA: Citizen Driven Environmental Action

Time: 20th-21st October 2014

Venue: Festauditoriet, Bülowsvej 17, 1870 Frederiksberg. University of Copenhagen.

On the theme:

While the role of local governments and local communities in systematic action on sustainable development and climate change was recognized already with the adoption of the Agenda 21 Convention at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 the current phase in climate change governance seem to be characterized by a "reorientation towards the local". While this reorientation is spurred by the disappointment about the outcomes of global climate negotiations especially after COP15 in Copenhagen, it is also the result of new energies in local communities, and an increased determination in many local governments and cities to act on the threat of climate change. This development has meant the creation of new spaces where citizens and local authorities meet to seek out solutions concerning climate change mitigation and adaptation. These new 'collaborative arrangements' represents new forms of governance, and the purpose of this conference is to explore these 'arrangements' from different perspectives. One perspective is that of citizen engagement: how and why do citizens become engaged in action on climate change? What are the necessary preconditions for citizen engagement in this area to initiate and stay alive? Another perspective is that of local governments wanting to initiate or facilitate citizen action on climate change: what policy instruments need to be developed, and how do they work? How far can public authorities go in targeting peoples everyday lives, homes and workplaces in order to make citizens 'do their share'? To what extent can the development of a new 'green citizenship' be a result of a voluntary process, and where must/should public authorities intervene? These question relate to the third, normative perspective: how should we evaluate these new form of governance from a steering and a democratic point of view?

These questions will be discussed through a number of keynote presentations, and in two parallel workshops: one focusing on citizen and community engagement, and the other on local government organization and policies.

Finally, a number of municipalities at the forefront of climate change action in Denmark, are presenting their newest ideas and initiatives in this area through an exclusive event at the "Dome of Visions" near the Royal Library in Copenhagen to which all participants are invited.

Schedule:

20 October

- 8.30 – 9.00. Registration of participants. Light breakfast
- 9.00 – 9.15 Opening Speech
- 9.15 – 10.00 ”Collaborative arrangements and climate change policies in Danish municipalities – a governance perspective”
Professor Jens Hoff, Department of Political Science, UCPH, Denmark, Leader of CIDEA project
- 10.00-10.20 Break. Coffee and tea, etc.
- 10.20-11.05 “How to achieve environmental behavior change? Some lessons learned from the CIDEA research project”
Associate Professor Quentin Gausset, Department of Anthropology, UCPH, member of the CIDEA team.
- 11.05 – 11.20 Break.
- 11.20 – 12.00 “The balance between climate change adaptation and mitigation – are we doing the right thing?”
Associate Professor Bjarne Westergaard Strobel, Department of Plant and Environmental Science, UCPH, member of the CIDEA team.
- 12.00 – 13.00 Lunch
- 13.00 Transportation to Dome of Visions
- 13.30 Opening remarks by Casper Harboe, Director, Sharing Copenhagen.
- 13.45 – 14:00 “Introduction to the Dome of Visions”, Martin Manthorpe, Director Strategy, Sales & Business Development, NCC Construction Denmark.
- Presentations by different municipalities
- 14.05 – 14:20 “Fantastic Føns Sustainable Village”, Morten Westergaard, Climate Chief, municipality of Middelfart.
- 14.25 – 14:40 “New circular business models”, Line Thastum, Environmental Coordinator, municipality of Herning.
- 14.45 – 15:00 “Citizen and Municipality Sharing Electric Cars”, Esther Juel Jepsen, Environmental Advisor, municipality of Køge.

14.45 – 15:00 “New ways of Bicycling”, Troels Andersen, Traffic planner, municipality of Odense.

15:15 – 15:45 “Sharing Copenhagen” Lene Bjerg Kristensen, Project Manager, municipality of Copenhagen.

15:50 Closing remarks by Casper Harboe, Director, Sharing Copenhagen.

16.00 Reception. Drinks, etc.

21 October

9.00 – 9.45 ”Catalyzing Pathways to Decarbonization – can small scale initiatives lead to broad transformative change?”
Professor Matthew Hoffman, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada.

9.45 – 10.00 Break

10.00- 10.45 ”Urban innovation – low carbon, eco-city developments”
Xuemei Bai, Professor, Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU, Australia.

10.45 – 11.10 Break. Coffee, tea, etc.

11.20-12.00 ”Assembling Climate Publics”,
Professor Harriet Bulkeley, Durham University, UK.

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 17.00 Workshops

The format of the workshops are short (15 min.) problem-raising and provocative presentations, leaving time for comments and group discussions.

Workshop A

New forms of organization and instruments in local climate policies

Moderator: Jens Hoff

Presentations:

“Conditions for emergence, stability and change in new organizations in the field of citizens climate action” by Maria Josefina Figueroa, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark.

“Vital Climate Politics: Biopolitics of Decarbonization” by Johannes Stripple, University of Lund, Sweden

Presentation by Peter Poul Bjerregaard, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Workshop B

Citizen and community engagement in local climate policies

Moderator: Quentin Gausset

Presentations:

”How can technology create engagement – the case of major social challenges” by Mette Wichmand, University of Roskilde & Christian Elling Scheele, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

“Energy renovations from a local perspective” by Lise Tjørring, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

”Centripetal and centrifugal trajectories of dialogue: how to engage citizens in a transition process?” by Inger Lassen & Anne Grethe Pedersen, University of Aalborg, Denmark.

Please register with Malaika Thomsen, MSc. Research Assistant
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Please send an e-mail noting the following:

Full Name	
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Organization	

Participating both days? Yes/No	
Participating one day, which? 20 th /21 st	
20 th of October: Do you need transportation from conference venue to The Dome of Visions? Yes/No	
21 st of October: Which workshop will you be participating in? A/B	

Participation in the conference is free, but there is a ‘no show’ fee of D.kr. 500, - per day.