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A WORD OF WELCOME

On behalf of the [University of Glasgow](#) and the [School of Social and Political Sciences \(SPS\)](#), welcome to the Environmental Politics and Governance Conference 2023. We are delighted to be following Penn State and other prestigious institutions as host of this important gathering of scholars from around the world.

You will be spending your time in a city and at a university that take the issue of the climate emergency and the challenges of sustainability seriously. Glasgow hosted the [COP26](#) summit less than two years ago, at which important agreements were reached on a number of issues such as climate adaptation funding, standards for reporting on net-zero commitments, and transparency in climate risk disclosures. However, although the UN 'recognizes the importance of the best available science for effective climate action and policymaking', we all know that politics often has the upper hand over science when it comes to climate action, which is why meetings such as the EPG conference are important for advancing our ability to respond to the climate emergency.



The University of Glasgow made a declaration on the climate emergency in May 2019 and produced its formal response in November 2020. The [Glasgow Green](#) strategy commits the University to reducing its carbon footprint by 45% by 2035. At the same time, the University signed the UN Sustainable Development Goals accord in October 2017 and has since sought to advance its interdisciplinary research on sustainability.

The University of Glasgow was ranked 13th in the world in the [Times Higher Education Global Impact Rankings 2023](#), which measure universities' contributions to achieving the UN SDGs through its research, teaching, civic engagement and the operation of its estate. Ongoing research in SPS formed a significant part of the university's contribution to six of the SDGs.

To advance its interdisciplinary research, knowledge exchange and impact on climate and sustainability issues, the university established its [Centre for Sustainable Solutions](#) which includes the £10 million [GALLANT](#) programme that uses the city of Glasgow as a living laboratory for trialling new solutions for flood risk, biodiversity loss, brownfield land regeneration, inclusive and active mobility, and sustainable energy. This work – involving engineers, medical and health scientists, geographers, arts scholars, lawyers and social scientists – is carried out in the university's new [Advanced Research Centre \(ARC\)](#) which has Global Sustainable Development as one of its core themes. Within SPS, research on environmental issues spans our five Subject Areas (Economic and Social History, Central and East European Studies, Politics and International Relations, Sociology and Urban Studies) and covers topics including sustainable water use, energy transitions in the housing sector, conflicts over mineral resources, corporate climate commitments, and the effectiveness of foreign and development aid for achieving sustainability goals.

Against the background of our strong interest in research on the climate emergency, environmental challenges and sustainability objectives, we are very pleased to be hosting the EPG Conference 2023. We look forward to hearing more about the conference proceedings with a view to learning more about how we can further incorporate the political dimension into our ongoing work in these areas.

Professor Ade Kearns

Director of Research, School of Social and Political Sciences

FUNDERS

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Without this generous support, this year's EPG conference could not have been hosted.



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TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT

Arrival information

If you arrive into Glasgow International Airport, the easiest way to get to your accommodation is by taxi. Taxis leave from in front of the terminal building and are between £25-30 to the city centre and West End. Alternatively, you can take the **Glasgow Airport Express Service** (purple bus 500) to the city centre (£10 one way, £16 return trip, takes about 15 minutes). St Vincent Street is the best stop to get to Motel One and to get onto the subway at Buchanan Street to get to the West End.

If you arrive into Edinburgh International Airport, the best way to get to Glasgow is by using the Airlink 100 bus to Edinburgh city centre (£5.50 one way, £8.00 return trip, takes about 25 minutes). Exit at the Haymarket stop and get a train from Haymarket station to either Glasgow Queen Street Station or Central Station. Either station is very close to Motel One. If you need to get to the West End, either take a cab from in front of the main stations or take the subway from Buchanan Street to the West End. If you prefer bus travel to trains, coaches operate directly from Edinburgh Airport to Glasgow Buchanan Bus stop. I would recommend to pre-book though because buses might be full during busy times, so buying tickets from the driver may cause delays for your onward journey.

Getting around Glasgow

Getting around Glasgow is straightforward. Getting back and forth between the West End/University of Glasgow campus and the city centre is best done by subway. Glasgow has the fourth oldest subway in Europe, operating since 1896 and also called “clockwork orange” because of its carriages. It only has two lines that operate in a loop, so you will always get to where you want to get to, but depending on the direction of travel it may take a bit longer. The stop closest to the University campus is Hillhead on Byres Road; the stop closest to the Motel One hotel is St. Enoch. If you want to go from the city centre to the University, you take the Inner Circle for five stops. From campus to the University, you need to take the Outer Circle. Buchanan Street is the stop that services Queen Street Station/George Square. You can get single tickets and day tickets or buy a smart card, which you can load with money to then tap and out at the gates.

If you want to enjoy a ride on a double-decker bus, bus number 4/4a connect the West End and city centre. Depending on the provider, you really need to know where you go (i.e., communicate with the driver) or can use tap in-tap out to pay your fare.

Should you be wanting to use taxi, my recommendation would be to use black cabs instead of Uber. Uber is often more expensive, and the Glasgow cabbies know where they are going. Also, a great opportunity to tick “understanding Glaswegians” off of your bucket list. The easiest is to download to use the Glasgow taxi app and use it for your journeys and payment.



EXPLORING GLASGOW

Should you arrive early for EPG or spend a day longer, please do me the favour and do not head to Edinburgh to be squeezed up the Royal Mile with another million tourists. Instead, explore Glasgow, which has more than enough to offer. Here are some of my favourites:

MUSEUMS AND SIGHTS

Glasgow offers several major museums, most of which are free. Key among them are **Kelvingrove Galleries and Museum** next to wonderful Kelvingrove Park and the University of Glasgow campus in the city's West End. The museum has free organ recitals each day at 1pm (3pm on Sundays) and hosts an interesting exhibition on Charles Rennie Mackintosh. The COP26 state banquet was hosted there.

The newly re-opened **Burrell Collection** in Pollok Park is worth a visit for its exhibition, architecture, and amazing landscape setting. Check out the free guided tours and make sure to stroll from the museum to Pollok House for a chance to see Scottish Highland cattle in **Pollok Country Park**.

The **Riverside Museum** is for everyone with a keen interest in transportation and Glasgow's industrial history.

The **Glasgow Science Centre**, which hosted the UK Pavilion during COP26 and features the largest IMAX in Scotland, makes for a perfect (rainy) day out with kids, but also has a great exhibition on the future of energy on its third floor.

Other great places to visit are **Glasgow Cathedral** and the Necropolis close to the city centre, with stunning views over the city (Batman Dark Knight was filmed there) and the University of Glasgow's Gilmorehill campus.

PARKS

Glasgow translates to “dear green place”, so unsurprisingly has many parks and attractive green spaces. In the West End, you will find **Kelvingrove Park** and the **Botanic Gardens** with access to the Kelvin Walkway, which is a leafy path along River Kelvin (which was our sanctuary during Covid). Closer to the city centre, Glasgow Green with the **People’s Palace** offer nice green space, while you find Queens Park, **Pollok Country Park**, and **Rouken Glen** a bit further out.



HIKING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

If you have a day and want to get a good sense of beautiful Scottish landscape, **Conic Hill**, overlooking Loch Lomond or **Ben A’an** close to Loch Katrine are your best bets within less than an hour’s drive.

The town of **Balloch** and the little village of **Luss** offer great water sports activities, including loch cruises, kayaking, speed boats, and swimming (if you can stand the mostly cold waters).



WHISKY (AND BEER)

The water of life is everywhere in Scotland and Scots are very proud of their whisky. With more than 140 distilleries in the country, there is a lot to explore. The distillery that is the easiest one to access is the **Clydeside Distillery**; they also sell limited edition COP26 small batch whisky (guess, who has one at home). It is however a new distillery, so if you are after something more traditional, **Auchentoshan** and **Glengoyne** are better, yet more difficult-to-reach, alternatives. If you won't be able to visit a distillery, but don't want to come home empty-handed, the **Whisky Shop** in Buchanan Galleries offers a good selection and so do Glasgow and Edinburgh Airports. Besides whisky, Glasgow is home to **Tennent's**, Scotland's oldest brewery, and **WEST brewery**, which is based in the beautiful Templeton Building, a former carpet factory. All distilleries and breweries offer guided tours.

PUBS

The UK is known for its pub culture, and so is Glasgow. Good places to check out in the city centre area are **Waxy O'Connors** next to Queen Street Station, complete with 6 bars over 3 levels and its own organ; the **Pot Still** and the **Piper Whisky Bar** (also live music 7 days/week) for a fine selection of whiskies; and **Shilling Brewery** for a wide selection of beers. In the West End, many pubs found homes in former churches, and if you have time make sure to check some of these out: **Oran Mor**, **Secession**, **Cottiers**. **Inn Deep** on the banks of River Kelvin is also nice, especially if you can sit outside.

AFTERNOON TEA

Afternoon tea is another UK tradition. The best afternoon tea can be found in **Mackintosh at the Willow** on Sauchiehall Street. This tea room is situated in a Mackintosh designed building where Mrs Cranston opened Glasgow's first tea room in 1903, so you get the typical afternoon tea experience in a very scenic setting. Reservations are recommended.

RESTAURANTS

Glasgow has an amazing food scene with plenty of nice restaurants in the West End and Finnieston, including two Michelin star restaurants (Cail Bruich and Unalome). Classics are **Ox and Finch**, **Ubiquitous Chip**, and **Six by Nico**, the **Gannet**, and the **Bothy**, while **Shucks**, the **Finnieston** and **Grabshakk** are great choices for seafood.

COFFEE

This is a selective list, but to me, the best coffee shops in the city centre are **Garment Factory** and **Spitfire**. In the West End, there are several nice places around the University, including **Alchemy Experiment** (art studio turned coffee place), **1841**, and **Kaf Big Bear Bakery** has amazing coffee and baked goods, but is only open from Thursday through Saturday.

GOLF

Scotland is the home of golf and Glasgow has many courses to choose from. Without a car, Pollok Park may be your best bet, which features three courses: **Haggs Castle Golf Club**, **Cowglen Golf Club**, and **Pollok Golf Club**.

MURAL TOUR

Glasgow has a very vibrant cultural scene, so if you are into book shops, vinyl records, vintage clothing, and art, you will be able to find many places that cater to this interest. There is also an active street art scene, and the City of Glasgow has curated a **Mural Trail** in the city centre, including an audio map. You can follow the murals around the city, including RogueOne's famous Floating Taxi (if you came through Heathrow, you can spot an updated version in Terminal 5). There are several providers that offer **guided tours**, too.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Day One

Tuesday 11th July

Glasgow City Chambers:

George Square, Glasgow, G2 1DU [[Google Maps](#)]

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| 18:00–18:30 | Civic Welcome Address
Bailie Linda Pike on behalf of the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow |
| 18:30–21:00 | Welcome Reception: Canapes and drinks |

Day Two

Wednesday 12th July

University of Glasgow Advanced Research Centre (ARC)

11 Chapel Lane, Glasgow, G11 6EW [[Google Maps](#)]

Conference Suite 237B and Exhibition Space

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| 09:00–09:20 | Welcome Remarks
Professor Ade Kearns, Professor of Urban Studies,
Director of Research, School of Social and Political
Sciences, University of Glasgow |
| 09:20–10:40 | Panel 1: Climate Policy Making |
| 10:40–11:00 | Coffee Break (ARC Atrium) |
| 11:00–12:20 | Panel 2: Climate Politics in Western Democracies |
| 12:30–13:30 | Lunch (ARC Atrium) |
| 13:30–14:50 | Panel 3: Firms in Times of Climate Emergency |
| 14:50–15:50 | Coffee Break and “Walk & Talk” in Kelvingrove
Park/Gilmorehill Campus |
| 15:50–17:30 | Panel 4: Environmental Policies in Developing Countries |
| 17:45–18:45 | Steering Committee Meeting (Marshall Meeting Room
237A) |

Glasgow University Union (10-minute walking distance from ARC)

32 University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8LX [[Google Maps](#)]

Dining Hall

19:00–20:00 Drinks Reception

20:00–22:00 Dinner

Day Three

Thursday 13th July

University of Glasgow Advanced Research Centre (ARC)

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Conference Suite 237B and Exhibition Space

09:00–10:40 Panel 5: *Determinants of Environmental and Climate Attitudes*

10:40–11:00 Coffee Break (ARC Atrium)

11:00–12:20 Panel 6: *Civil Society, Unrest, and Climate Activism*

12:30–13:30 Lunch (ARC Atrium)

13:30–14:50 Panel 7: *Climate Finance and Markets*

15:00–15:40 Panel 8: *Politics of Climate Science*

15:40–17:00 Coffee Break and Poster Session (ARC Exhibition Space)

17:00–18:00 Panel 9: *Politics of Energy Transition*

Trades Hall of Glasgow (30-minute transfer from ARC)

85 Glassford Street, Glasgow, G1 1UH [[Google Maps](#)]

Saloon and Grand Hall

19:00–20:00 Reception and Guided Tours

20:00–22:30 Dinner



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY

Authors in bold are attending the conference.

PANEL 1: CLIMATE POLICY MAKING

9:20–10:40, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Mark Buntaine (UC, Santa Barbara)

Magdalena Larreboure (Harvard University): “From natural disaster to climate law: a 5-year journey.”

Sam Rowan (Concordia University): “Conditional and unconditional climate policy.”

Todd Eisenstadt (American University) and **Jennifer Lopez** (American University): “Electoral time horizons and domestic climate policy stringency.”

Detlef Sprinz (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and University of Potsdam) and **Vegard Tørstad** (University of Oslo): “Time inconsistency and credibility in long-term climate policy.”

PANEL 2: CLIMATE POLITICS IN WESTERN DEMOCRACIES

11:00–12:20, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Sarah Anderson (UC, Santa Barbara)

Parrish Bergquist (Georgetown University): “Get out the (targeted) vote: Using climate-focused and identity-oriented appeals to turn out low-propensity, climate-concerned voters.”

Gabriela Nagle Alverio (Duke University): “Racial disparities in U.S. climate migration.”

Dennis Kolcava (ETH Zurich) and **Keith Smith** (ETH Zurich): “Operationalising support for climate taxes and subsidy removals policy designs with choice experiments.”

Francesca Vantaggiato (King's College London): "The pork barrel of flood funds? Flood schemes allocation in England between 2015 and 2021."

PANEL 3: FIRMS IN TIMES OF THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY **13:30–14:50, ARC Conference Suite**

Chair: Xun Cao (Pennsylvania State University)

Lorenzo Crippa (University of Glasgow) and **Dafni Kalatzi Pantera** (University of Essex): "Greening criminal records: How companies use environmental programs to mitigate corporate scandals".

Jared Finnegan (University College London) and **Jonas Meckling** (Berkeley): "Corporate ownership, short-termism, and climate policy preferences."

Paasha Mahdavi (UC, Santa Barbara) and **Denis Lomov** (UC, Santa Barbara): "The time inconsistency trap of climate disclosure in the fossil fuel industry."

Christina Luise Toenshoff (Leiden University): "Collective irresponsibility: The effects of inside climate lobbying on outside reputations."

PANEL 4: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES **15:50–17:30, ARC Conference Suite**

Chair: Jean-Frédéric Morin (Université Laval)

Mark Buntaine (UC, Santa Barbara), **Polycarp Komakech** (UC, Santa Barbara), and **Shiran Victoria Shen** (Stanford University): "Social competition between neighborhoods reduces informal burning of household waste in Uganda."

Susanna Garside (European University Institute): "Responding to climate vulnerability: elite perceptions of public opinion in Malawi."

Jan Freihardt (ETH Zurich): "Trapped by climate change? Linking migration aspirations to actual moves among a climate-vulnerable population in Bangladesh."

Erika Weinthal (Duke University) and **Jeannie Sowers** (University of New Hampshire): "Territorial fragmentation and the targeting of oil and water infrastructures in Libya."

Gabe Englander (World Bank Development Research Group), **Patrick Hunnicutt** (Chapman University), and **Sean Denny** (UC, Santa Barbara): "Does private sector management of protected areas in Africa help wildlife and people?"

THURSDAY, 13 JULY

PANEL 5: DETERMINANTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE ATTITUDES

09:00–10:40, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Thomas Bernauer (ETH Zurich)

David Caldwell (Durham University), **Gidon Cohen** (Durham University), and **Nick Vivyan** (Durham University): “Long-run trends in politicization of environmental attitudes: Comparative evidence from thirty countries.”

Luna Bellani (Ulm University), **Nanna Lauritz Schönhage** (University of Konstanz), Gabriele Spilker (University of Konstanz), and **Theresa Wieland** (University of Konstanz): “Economic vs. generational inequality: A survey experiment of intra- and intergenerational cleavages in support of climate change mitigation policies.”

Dafni Kalatzi Pantera (University of Essex): “Glocal governance: The effect of COP meetings on local environmental attitudes.”

Roman Krtsch (University of Konstanz): “Large dams and individual political behavior.”

Sarah Gomm (ETH Zurich): “Experimental evidence on the role of individual carbon emissions for related policy support in an affluent society”

PANEL 6: CIVIL SOCIETY, UNREST, AND CLIMATE ACTIVISM

11:00–12:20, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Vally Koubi (ETH Zurich and University of Bern)

Johannes Brehm (RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research and Hertie School) and Henri Gruhl (RWI – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research and Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): “Climate protests increase climate change concerns.”

Noémie Laurens (Geneva Graduate Institute): “Civil society involvement at the trade–environment nexus: Successful submissions on environmental law enforcement.”

Viktoria Jansesberger (University of Konstanz): “Disastrous weather events and rampant urbanization in Indian cities: Hotbeds for societal unrest?”

Nina Hall (Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies) and **Mette Eilstrup-Sangiovanni** (Cambridge University and Sidney Sussex College): “Climate activism and digital technologies.”

PANEL 7: CLIMATE FINANCE AND MARKETS
13:30–14:50, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Liam Beiser-McGrath (London School of Economics)

Julio Galindo-Gutiérrez (University of York): “It’s not easy being green. Labelled sovereign green bonds, and the question of additionality.”

Björn Bremer (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies) and **Jeffrey M. Chwieroth** (London School of Economics): “Public opinion on green central banking and its trade-offs: Evidence from a survey experiment.”

Muzhou Zhang (University of Essex): “Idiosyncratic economic insecurity and popular opposition to carbon taxation.”

Meir Alkon (Fordham University): “Political Favoritism Exacerbates Deforestation Impacts of Overseas Investments.”

PANEL 8: POLITICS OF CLIMATE SCIENCE
15:00–15:40, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: David Konisky (University of Indiana, Bloomington)

Hasti Narimanzadeh (Aalto University), **Arash Badie Modiri** (Aalto University), **Iuliia Smirnova** (University of Helsinki), and **Ted Hsuan Yun Chen** (George Mason University): “Contentiousness and incivility surrounding climate science communication: Evidence from COVID-19 era Twitter.”

Tyler A. Scott (UC, Davis), **Liza Wood** (UC, Davis), **Sojeong Kim** (UC, Davis), and **Cory Struthers** (University of Georgia): “Science politics: How political context shapes public agencies’ use of science in environmental policymaking.”



POSTER SESSION

15:40–17:00, ARC Exhibition Space

Poster #1: Chris Koski (Reed College) and **Paul Manson** (Reed College): “Using cultural theory to explain support for solar radiation management.”

Poster #2: David Presberger (ETH Zurich), **Dennis Kolcava** (ETH Zurich), and **Thomas Bernauer** (ETH Zurich): “Does international ‘offshoring’ of environmental impacts reflect consumer NIMBYism?”

Poster #3: Nina von Uexkull (Uppsala University), **Vally Koubi** (ETH Zurich and University of Bern), and **Jan Freihardt** (ETH Zurich): “Climate change impacts in Bangladesh –securitization, conflict and cooperation.”

Poster #4: Michael Lerner (London School of Economics), Alexander Gard-Murray (Brown University), Federica Genovese (University of Essex), Danae Kyriakopoulou (London School of Economics), Andres Olarte Pena (Adelphi Research), Samuel J. Okullo (World Bank Group), Marcos Castro Rodriguez (World Bank Group), and Harikumar Gadde (World Bank Group): “Elite preferences for carbon pricing in the Global South: Tensions and trade-offs.”

Poster #5: Sarah Anderson (UC, Santa Barbara), **Mark Buntaine** (UC, Santa Barbara), Mengdi Liu (University of International Business and Economics), and **Bing Zhang** (Nanjing University): “Transparency improves air quality and environmental governance: Evidence from a multi-year follow-up of a nationwide field experiment in China.”

Poster #6: Jean-Frédéric Morin (Université Laval), **Noémie Laurens** (Geneva Graduate Institute), **Clara Brandi** (IDOS), and Jakob Schwab (IDOS): “Trade provisions in MEAs: A carrot to join the club?”

Poster #7: Xun Cao (Pennsylvania State University), Mingqin Wu (South China Normal University): “Anti-corruption campaign and firm pollution.”

Poster #8: Manuel P. Teodoro (University of Wisconsin–Madison), **Austin Cohen** (University of Wisconsin–Madison): “Nuclear bros.”

Poster #9: Liam F. Beiser-McGrath (London School of Economics): “Policy in hard times: How experiences and expectations of energy insecurity shape energy, climate, and social policy preferences.”

Poster #10: Andreas Duit (Stockholm University), Faradj Koliev (Stockholm University), Baekkwon Park (University of Missouri), and Sanna Lundquist (Stockholm University): “Does global environmental change cause social mobilization? Exploring the linkages between protests events and environmental change 1990–2022.”

Poster #11: Patrick Bayer (University of Glasgow) and **Lena M. Schaffer** (University of Luzern): “Popular support for a carbon border adjustment mechanism: Evidence from four European countries.”

PANEL 10: POLITICS OF ENERGY TRANSITION
17:00 –18:00, ARC Conference Suite

Chair: Andreas Duit (Stockholm University)

Florian Egli (ETH Zurich), **Felix Zaussinger** (ETH Zurich), and **Tobias Schmidt** (ETH Zurich): “Reskilling to enable the low-carbon transition.”

Sophia Stutzmann (University of Konstanz), **Marius Busemeyer** (University of Konstanz), and **Tobias Tober** (University of Konstanz): “The green transition, digitalization and welfare state preferences: New evidence from a comparative survey.”

Dennis Kolcava (ETH Zurich), **Keith Smith** (ETH Zurich), and **Thomas Bernauer** (ETH Zurich): “Stringent sustainability regulations are supported across developing democracies.”



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