

## The Development of a European Environmental Conscience

Call for Papers/expression of interest:

Date: **4-5 April 2019 (Thursday – Friday)**

Convenor: **EU-Asia Institute at ESSCA School of Management, Angers, France**

Venue: **ESSCA School of Management, Bordeaux, France.**

The interdisciplinary research workshop will bring together scholars and practitioners in the field of sustainable development research, encompassing all its dimensions - economic, and social and environmental sustainability. The objective of the workshop is to analyse the dynamic of European integration in the fields of sustainability policy and action. Questions will be posed about the extent to which a 'narrowing' in the definition of the concept of sustainability has taken place, as seen through the lens of the Sustainable Development Goals and in the response of the European Union and European nations in particular. The European Union is portrayed as a global actor in the development of Sustainability Policy. A key question to be addressed is the veracity of this statement and the extent to which a European model of sustainability has emerged.

The focus of the workshop is to address the dynamics of European integration in the fields of sustainability policy and action, including providing insights into the diverse reasons for the European Union to position energy, climate, environment, waste, and water at the centre of its actions on sustainability. However, these are not the only policy arenas influenced by European sustainability action. Contributions on new economic models [such as the evolution of the European social business initiative] that are concerned with establishing action leading to sustainable development are also welcome.

Overall, we invite contributions dealing with the political agenda of the EU with regard to environment and energy issues, sustainable business models and approaches to social policies. The papers should address at least one of the following themes:

- Evolution of a European environmental conscience
- Interdependency of energy, environmental, and climate policy (or other policies e.g. water, waste, and transport) as well as their repercussions for the politics, policies and polity of the EU
- European social policies, such as redistribution mechanisms with the objective of sustainable development
- New economic models, such as the evolution of the European social business initiative, or "post growth", which is supported by various political groups in the European Parliament aiming to re-think future policies and discuss alternatives respecting the environment, human rights and viable economic development (<https://www.postgrowth2018.eu>).
- The EU as a Global Actor in Sustainability Policy.

The workshop has a number of objectives including: -

1. To stimulate academic collaboration between practitioners and scholars.

2. To establish an interdisciplinary study group on European sustainable development, leading to joint funding applications

Proposed outputs include: -

1. An edited book based on selected contributions from the call for papers and invited contributors. [Peer review of all the papers from the workshop will be undertaken].

Please send an abstract of 150-200 words to Professors Thomas Hoerber [ESSCA] ([Thomas.Hoerber@essca.fr](mailto:Thomas.Hoerber@essca.fr)) and Gabriel Weber ([Gabriel.Weber@essca.fr](mailto:Gabriel.Weber@essca.fr))

**Deadline for paper proposals: 31 January 2019**

You will be notified if your application has been successful by **Monday 18 February 2019**.

There are no registration fees for this workshop. Venue, lunch and coffee breaks will be covered by ESSCA. Some travel funding may be available for young, early career researchers.