

## RSA Workshop on Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone Liverpool, 07.09.17 – 09.09.17

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### The Activity - RSA Network Meeting in LJMU, Liverpool UK

#### Theme of Meeting - *Food-Energy-Transportation Systems Transitions*:

The RSA network is organized by Liverpool John Moores University, UK, University Centre of the Westfjord, Iceland and Southern Connecticut State University, USA. This second meeting of the RSA network on Coastal Transitions aimed to expand upon and develop the 'boundaries' and potentials of the research network. Spatial understandings of transitions processes, largely neglected by the academic community to date, were front and centre to discussions. The theme of this meeting in Liverpool was: *Food-Energy-Transportation Systems Transitions* with a focus on uneven development processes and spatially and socio-spatially differentiated impacts of current trends of dynamic change and transition. The workshop benefited from contributions from the UK, USA, New Zealand, Northern Ireland and Iceland, continuing our international and outward looking ethos. The following researchers contributed to the Liverpool workshop:

- John Morrissey            LJMU, UK
- Jason Kirby             LJMU, UK
- Kostas Kiriakoulakis    LJMU, UK
- Patrick Heidkamp        SCSU, USA
- Cat Chambers            UCW, Iceland     *SKYPE CONTRIBUTION*
- Kristin Weiss            UCW, Iceland
- Christina Kelly          QUEENS UNI, BELFAST, NI   *SKYPE CONTRIBUTION*
- Nick Lewis                UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND, NZ

### Outline of Workshop

The primary aim of the workshop was to continue to develop research links, and as a networking and relationship building exercise. In this regard, the event was a success, and a range of options for future collaboration, including identification of potential PhD projects and flagging of appropriate funding schemes were discussed. Contributors discussed progress to date, and presented updates on publication and dissemination progress.

The following achievements were noted:

- Submission of book proposal / signing of contract for an edited volume with Routledge, titled: *Towards Coastal Resilience and Sustainability*. This edited volume will be part of the Series of books of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces.
- Heidkamp and Morrissey have co-edited two special issues of *Regions* magazine: Heidkamp, C. P., & Morrissey, J. E. (2017). Coastal Sustainability I: Challenges, Methods and Opportunities: Coastal Sustainability—the Critical Coastal Arena. *Regions Magazine*, 307(1). Heidkamp, C. P., & Morrissey, J. E. (2017). Coastal Sustainability II: Frontiers For Regional Transition. *Regions Magazine*, 308(1).
- Heidkamp and Morrissey are in the process of developing a special issue proposal on the topic of *Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone*.

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of the RSA network on *Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone* will take place in **May 2018**, with the venue to be decided.

The agenda for the meeting is: **Governance and Sustainability Citizenship in the Coastal Zone.**

The workshop will address current limitations to sustainability and capacity for systems transformation, with reference to core concepts from the transitions literature and case studies forwarded and developed by the workshop attendees.

## Agenda:

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### Regional Studies Association Research Network on Sustainability Transitions in the Coastal Zone

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<b>Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 2017:</b>		<b>Speaker</b>
<b>13.00</b>	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Morrissey - LJMU</i>
<b>13.30</b>	Coastal Transitions Research Agenda	<i>Heidkamp - SCSU</i>
<b>14.00</b>	Energy Transitions: The ENTRUST project	<i>Morrissey - LJMU</i>
<b>15.00</b>	Coffee and networking	
<b>16.00</b>	Energy Systems Transitions in a Coastal Context	<i>Group Workshop</i>
<b>Friday Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 2017:</b>		
<b>09.30</b>	Containerisation, Niches and Uneven Development	<i>Heidkamp - SCSU</i>
<b>10.00</b>	Coastal Food Transitions: The View from Iceland	<i>Chambers - UCW</i>
<b>10.30</b>	Coffee & Discussion	
<b>11.00</b>	<b>Invited Papers – Limited Spaces Open</b>	
<b>13.00</b>	Lunch	
<b>14.30</b>	Publication Strategy & Special Issue	<i>Group Workshop</i>
<b>15.30</b>	Funding Opportunities and Collaboration	<i>Group Workshop</i>
<b>17.00</b>	Finish	
<b>19.00</b>	Group Dinner	
<b>Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 2017:</b>		
<b>10.00</b>	Liverpool Maritime Museum & Tour	
<b>13.00</b>	Wrap up & Group Lunch	
<b>14.30</b>	Finish	

**Meeting Venue: Room 326, Redmonds Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool L3 5UG**