



# BSA Annual Conference 2021: Building Equality and Justice Now

Call for Papers

## Environment & Society Stream

### Submissions

We would like to invite you to submit a paper to the Environment & Society stream - hosted by the Climate Change Study Group - at the next British Sociological Association Annual Conference, which will take place [online](#) between 20-22 April 2022.

Sociology has an increasingly important role to play in shaping and contributing to public and policy debate about environmental change. The study group provides a forum in which to explore how to effectively bring sociology's unique perspective to bear on this most pressing of challenges. We pay particular attention to the inequalities that differentiate the experience of environmental change, as well as the rights and responsibilities brought to bear upon different social groups in so doing.

This year, we host a stream plenary that will explore the intersections between equality, justice, and environment, bringing focus on environmental issues in relation to the conference theme of building equality and justice now.

We are keen to encourage authors to submit papers that speak to the wider conference and stream plenary theme, but also in relation to broader areas of environmental sociological research including:

- **Justice, inequalities & environment**

This theme invites papers that consider the justice dimensions of environmental degradation and change. A wide range of topics are encouraged from across energy and climate justice, and through to issues of wider environmental degradation, such as those associated with waste and toxicity. As are papers that address questions about 'just transitions' across different contexts and spaces.

- **Sustainable consumption and production**

This theme invites contributions that analyse the relationship between consumption and production as a means to understand environmental problems, and the potential solutions.

- **Everyday life, materiality, and the non-human**

This theme considers how theories of social practice, materiality, and non-human, help us to understand trajectories through which sustainable ways of life might become normal.

- **Governing transitions**

This theme invites analyses that address environmental governance and the politics of change and transition. This includes work that addresses policies and governmental activities but also that which focuses on enactments of governance across different spaces.

- **Climate adaptation, transitions, and wellbeing**

This theme addresses research that is concerned with the ways that processes of climate change and related processes of adaptation and transition intersect with human wellbeing.

These are suggested thematic areas but we welcome submissions relevant to issues of environment and society more broadly as well as those that connect across these different themes.

### **How to submit**

Please submit your abstract under the preferred stream of 'Environment & Society' on the online submission system. All paper abstracts and proposals for other events can be submitted online at: <https://www.britisoc.co.uk/events/key-bsa-events/bsa-annual-conference-2022-building-equality-and-justice-now/submissions/>

The deadline for submission of abstracts is: **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

For further information visit the [BSA webpages](#) or contact the *Environment & Society stream co-ordinator*, Catherine Butler Email: [c.butler@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:c.butler@exeter.ac.uk).

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