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Theorising Climate Governance

One day workshop for UK-based PhD students

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How can we make sense of the world of climate governance? Multi-levelled, multi-sited, involving a plurality of public and private actors in a range of governance roles, the world of climate change politics is increasingly complex. What challenges does this pose for multi and inter-disciplinary understandings of climate governance? How adequate are existing theoretical tools and approaches to capturing contemporary landscapes of climate governance?

This one-day workshop sponsored by the ESRC and the Leverhulme Trust brings together doctoral students working on different aspects of climate governance from a range of social science disciplines to encourage debate and reflection on the value and limitations of different theoretical approaches to the question of climate governance.

To address the themes of the workshop, presentations will draw on insights from case studies and provide thoughts on the following questions as a means to stimulate further discussion:

- Which are the primary theoretical approaches you are currently using in your PhD?
- What problems and challenges are you facing in theorising climate governance in the context of your work?
- How would you summarise your approach to conceptualising climate governance?

Presentations are grouped under grouped into three broad and overlapping themes: Governing Technology; Non-state Governance; and Power, Justice & Governance.

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