

Special seminar on place attachment

Deuxième séminaire sur l'attachement au lieu



Après le séminaire du mois de Mars 2016 organisé à l'occasion de la visite de Chris Raymond, nous avons le plaisir de recevoir Patrick Devine-Wright et Tara Quinn de l'université d'Exeter. Le séminaire sera tenu en anglais.

Location: Maison des Sciences de l'Homme de Montpellier, salle du bas

Date: November 9th, 9h30-12h00

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Program:

9h30-10h00 Patrick Devine-Wright

Exploring the implications of multiple varieties and scales of place attachment for public engagement with energy infrastructures

In this presentation, I will introduce the concept of place attachment, drawing on recent Environmental Psychology theory and research, as well as fundamental research by Human Geography scholars on sense of place. The relevance of these for understanding public beliefs about and responses to high voltage power lines (forms of development often objected to by local communities in ways typically described as 'NIMBY') will be discussed. The implications of different varieties of place attachment and attachment at different scales (local, national and global) will be explored drawing on both qualitative and quantitative datasets.

Prof. Patrick Devine-Wright specialises in researching significant, policy-relevant environmental problems using an interdisciplinary collaborative approach that is theoretically informed and has clear pathways to impact. His research specialisms include:

- understanding the symbolic and affective dimensions of people-place relations, particularly concepts of place attachment and place identity
- investigating social and psychological aspects of siting new energy infrastructure such as wind farms and power lines, including 'NIMBYism' and public engagement
- understanding the motivation for pro-environmental and pro-social actions, particularly conceptions of citizenship applied to energy and environmental problems

Prof. Devine-Wright held posts at the University of Manchester's School of Environment and Development (Senior Lecturer, then Reader) and DeMontfort University's Institute of Energy and Sustainable Development (Research Fellow, then Senior Research Fellow) before joining the University of Exeter to take up a Chair in Human Geography in 2009.

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10h00-10h30: Discussion with the participants

10h45-11h15: Tara Quinn

Exploring the role of place attachment in experience of risk - lessons from two English case studies.

Populations do not act uniformly in the face of risk. In this presentation I will explore how people's attachment to their house and local places can shape their experience of flood risk and how this varies within populations. I will discuss what this means for social differentiation of risk and the implications for how we communicate and manage uncertainty associated with natural hazards.

Tara Quinn is a researcher in geography at the University of Exeter and has a particular interest in how place attachment influences peoples' understanding and responses to flood risks, and on institutional framings of climate change adaptation and associated risks.

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11h15-12h Discussion with the participants