



**British Sociological Association
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Re-Configuring Everyday Practices for a Post-carbon World

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University of Surrey

CALL FOR PAPERS

Energy consumption permeates all aspects of everyday domestic life in modern industrial countries. One way to conceptualise energy consumption is to treat it as an outcome of interconnected patterns of social practices, such as keeping clean, preparing food, communicating, and keeping warm. While these practices are far from new, they have evolved significantly over the last 50 years as the social and material arrangements within which they are embedded have changed. It will be necessary for these everyday practices to be re-configured once again if the government is to hit the ambitious targets of reducing domestic energy emissions from residential properties by 31% on 1990 levels by 2020 (National Energy Efficiency Action Plan 2014) and the legally binding economy wide target of 80% on 1990 levels by 2050 (Climate Change Act 2009).

While much has been written about the dynamics of contemporary energy intensive social practices and how they have emerged and evolved over time, there has been relatively little discussion about how they can be re-configured to be less energy intensive in the future. Consequently, the EPSRC funded Whole Systems Modelling Project and the British Sociological Association Climate Change group are hosting a workshop with the intention of producing an edited collection, published as part of the Sage Sociological Futures series, on *Re-Configuring Everyday Practices for a Post Carbon World*.

We welcome contributions from researchers at all career stages. Papers may discuss the following and related questions:

- What would everyday practices in a post carbon world look like?
- What role can models play in understanding the transition in everyday practices for a post carbon world?
- What methodological innovations might be needed for exploring what everyday practices may look like in a post-carbon world?
- How might new technologies, such as automated devices, change every day practices and associated energy demand?
- What is the role of government and policy in shaping practice for a post-carbon world?

If you would like to discuss a potential contribution prior to submitting an abstract please contact Dr Thomas Roberts (t.m.roberts@surrey.ac.uk)

The workshop will be held at the University of Surrey, Guildford, GU2 7XH, United Kingdom.

Abstract Submission

If you are interested in contributing to the proposed book and workshop please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words and a brief biography to Dr Thomas Roberts (t.m.roberts@surrey.ac.uk) by 12th February 2016.

Please note: All authors of accepted contributions will need to prepare a written summary of their book chapter (between 3000 and 4000 words in length) one month before the workshop (April 5th 2016) and a full book chapter (approx. 8000 words) by the end of August 2016.

All presenters/authors and participants are required to register for the event on line:

<http://portal.britisoc.co.uk/public/event/eventBooking.aspx?id=EVT10490>

(Presenters this should be done after we have responded to your proposals).

There is a small charge for attendance to help cover the event costs: £10 for students/concessionary BSA members, £15 for BSA members and £20 for non-members.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Funding for travel and accommodation is available for all first authors of accepted papers.