

Communicating Climate Science

Lecture Theatre 220, Mechanical Engineering Building, Imperial College
London, South Kensington Campus, London SW7 2AZ

Wednesday 7th November 2012, 14.00

Programme: Several recent reports have emphasised the need to communicate the scientific evidence concerning climate change in a way the general public can more readily engage with. However, the best way to achieve this is not self-evident, and the design and implementation of improved communication strategies will require significant involvement both from those undertaking climate science research, and those undertaking dissemination. This open meeting, jointly hosted by the Royal Meteorological Society and the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), will explore how the communication of climate science might be improved. It will include the presentation of results from a recently published report entitled *Climate Science, the Public and the News Media*, on research carried out in 2011 with the UK public.

Meeting Organisers: Emily Shuckburgh, Rosie Robison, Nick Pidgeon

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| 14.00 | Welcome and introduction | Emily Shuckburgh British Antarctic Survey/DECC |
| 14:20 | A scientist's perspective on communicating climate change | Tim Palmer RMets/University of Oxford |
| 14:40 | Climate science, the public and the news media | Rosie Robison Global Sustainability Institute, Anglia Ruskin University |
| 15:00 | Science communication in the UK: have we moved from top down to discursive models? | Alice Bell Science and Technology Policy Research, University of Sussex |
| 15:20 | Tea/Coffee | |
| 15:40 | Four degrees and beyond? Emissions trajectories and future challenges | Alice Bows University of Manchester/Tyndall Centre |
| 16:00 | Public perceptions of climate change: a social science view | Adam Corner Understanding Risk Research Group, Cardiff University |
| 16:20 | Communicating with the public | Chris Rose |
| 16:40 | Panel discussion | |
| 17.30 | Meeting Close | |

This meeting is open to all, from expert to enthusiast. Non members are welcome to attend this meeting. Where seating capacity is limited, priority will be given to members.

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