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Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals: Towards a New Social Contract

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In 2013, the United Nations will take stock of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). It is inevitable that the question of what to do next will be asked. What to do after the expiry of the MDG in 2015? The goal of the Third *Rencontres Internationales de Reims* in Sustainability Studies is to contribute to this debate, to produce some elements to answer to this question about sustainability. Particular attention will be paid to environmental governance, regional development and social justice.

The Millennium Declaration proclaimed the "collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level"¹. Of course, but how to go beyond lip service and do it concretely? More precisely, how to take into consideration new global phenomena such as and of the dimension of climate change, the depletion of natural resources, financial crises, demographic dynamics, migrations and mobility.

Moreover, the political, environmental and economic context has deeply changed. Emerging countries have become the center of all attentions, given that their economies make the world go around. In the mean time, disparities among developing countries and within them are still too high. Environmental performance indicators greatly suffered at the same time, particularly in developing countries. With the diffusion of the transition to sustainability, new actors have emerged, especially in the private, associative and local sphere. They joined traditional institutional actors such as states and international organizations. It is not an accident that the two major topics of Rio+20—during which the negotiations of the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals were launched—were "the green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication" and "the institutional framework for sustainable development."

Indeed, the institutional framework for sustainable

development is not yet very stable, as shown by the Second *Rencontres de Reims* in Sustainability Studies last September. In particular, the recurring question of coordination mechanisms – be it at the local, regional, national or international level – is far from settled. But that's not all: the effectiveness of sustainable policies lies largely in their acceptance, in their collective appropriation, which is indirectly related to institutional arrangements. To think about post-2015 also means—in the tercentenary of the birth of Jean-Jacques Rousseau—to define a new social contract and to include stakeholders, neighborhood communities and groups of individuals capable of forming voluntary associations among the major players of sustainable development.

To determine the conditions and forms of this new social contract is the third objective of the Third *Rencontres Internationales de Reims* in Sustainability Studies. This is done in the footsteps of Elinor Ostrom, who showed that communities of interest or neighborhoods could be more effective in collectively managing commons than the market or traditional organizational structures.

It is important, in fact, in order to shape truly sustainable policies, to define what constitutes a "good" environment for the societies involved: one in which the improvement of environmental conditions strictly speaking (water quality, air pollution, biodiversity, rational use of resources, soils and energy, etc.) will lead to the improvement of living conditions; one in which technical devices and technologies, deployed in spaces large enough to accommodate imported sustainability, may be appropriate through new lifestyles.

*François Mancebo,
Director of the IRCS.*

1. <http://www.un.org/millennium/declaration/ares552e.htm>

Wednesday, June 19th

- 9h00 AM Welcome around a coffee pot
- 10h00 AM **Inaugural address**
Marie-Hélène Aubert, Adviser to the President of French Republic for International Negotiations on Climate and Environment
- 10h00 AM **Welcome speech**
Gilles Baillat, President, Rheims University
- 10h10 AM **Opening**
François Mancebo, Professor, Rheims University - Director, International Research Center on Sustainability (IRCS)

INAUGURAL SPEECH

- 10h20 AM **Managing the Anthropocenic Era: the IPCC legacy ten years after**
Carlo Rubbia, Scientific Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Potsdam - Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1984
- 10h45 AM **Rousseau, Rio and the Green Economy**
Carlos Lopes, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- 11h10 AM **Integrating equity considerations into the SDGs**
Leena Srivastava, President, TERI University, and Executive Director, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), Delhi
- 11h35 AM **Debate - Lunch**

TOWARD A NEW SOCIAL CONTRACT?

- 2h30 PM **Issue Linkage and the Prospects for SDGs Contribution to Sustainability**
Peter Haas, Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2h55 PM **Navigating the Anthropocene: Improving Earth System Governance**
Frank Biermann, Professor and Head, Department of Environmental Policy Analysis, VU University Amsterdam, and Director-General, Netherlands Research School for Socio-Economic and Natural Sciences of the Environment
- 3h20 PM **Debate - Break**
- 4h05 PM **Putting the Individual at the Centre of Development: Indicators for a New Social Contract**
Arthur Dahl, President, International Environment Forum (IEF), and former Deputy Assistant Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 4h30 PM **Reflections on Global Energy Governance and Post-2015 SDGs**
Nigel Jollands, Principal Policy Manager for Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- 4h55 PM **Debate - Break**

SUPPORTS INTERVENTIONS

- 5h40 PM **Suez Environnement**
Thomas Perianu, Director Sustainable Development at Suez Environnement
- 5h55 PM **UNITAR**
Alex Mejia, Director of Local Development Programme of UNITAR (United Nations Institute for Training and Research)
- 6h10 PM **Debate - End of the first day**

Thursday, June 20th

- 9h00 AM Welcome around a coffee pot

PANEL 1

- 10h00 AM **Plea for a new social contract**
Ignacy Sachs, Honorary Professor of Development Economics, School of Advanced Social Studies (EHESS), Paris
- 10h25 AM **The Future of Global Environmental Governance**
Maria Ivanova, Assistant Professor and Co-Director, Center for Governance and Sustainability, McCormack - Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 10h50 AM **Debate**
- 11h20 AM **Un pacte social mondial : peut-on concevoir des objectifs de développement à l'échelle du monde ?**
Christian Comelieu, Honorary Professor of Development Economics, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- 11h45 AM **The collaboration paradigm: a new pact for the knowledge economy**
Ladislau Dowbor, Professor of Economics, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo
- 12h10 AM **Debate - Lunch**

PANEL 2

- 2h30 PM **Legitimacy of global energy governance**
Sylvia Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy, Wageningen University
- 2h55 PM **The rescaling of global environmental governance**
Liliana Andonova, Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, as well as Co-Director, Center for International Environmental Studies, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva
- 3h20 PM **Debate - Break**
- 4h05 PM **Governance options for steering transition to low-carbon cars**
Marc Dijk, Research Fellow, International Center for Integrated Assessment and Sustainable Development (ICIS), Maastricht University
- 4h30 PM **Sustainable development governance in trans-boundary mountain regions: Lessons and prospects**
Jörg Balsiger, Senior Researcher and Lecturer, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zürich (ETH), as well as Senior Researcher, Department of Geography and Environment, University of Geneva
- 4h55 PM **Debate**
- 5h30 PM **Closure**
François Mancebo (Professor, Rheims University and director of the IRCS)

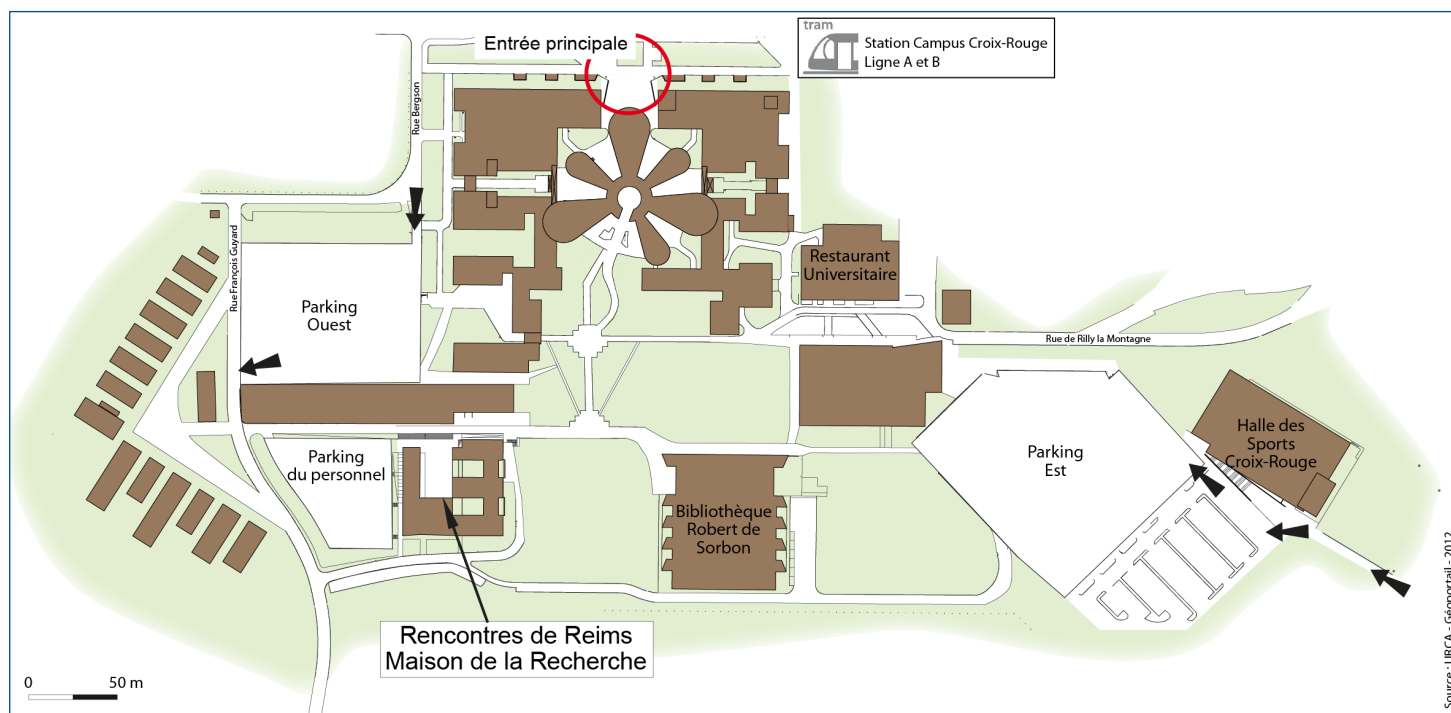
General Information:

Free registration: <http://www.univ-reims.fr/habiter>

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The Conference will take place at:
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