

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION PROGRAM (CCAP) "BORREL"

A monthly social event consisting of a guest speaker (20 minutes plus Q & A), followed by drinks and nibbles, and the chance to engage with CCAP team members and others attending the Borrel

TITLE

Using scenarios for Climate Adaptation

By: Lauren Rickards, Research Fellow, University of Melbourne

DATE

Wednesday 5th October 2011

TIME

16:30 - 18:00

VENUE

Conference room, Building 96, 17-23 Lygon Street (opp. Trades Hall)

RSVP

By Monday 3rd October, to: ccap@rmit.edu.au

The Talk

This talk will present some select findings from the Scenarios for Climate Adaptation project. Funded by the Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation, the research investigated the rising use of scenario based methods among government agencies in Victoria as an 'alternative' management tool for governing under climate change. Based on quantitative and qualitative research, it contrasts the value participants are drawing from scenario based methods with serious limitations to their use in the current government environment. Notably, there is contestation about what scenario processes are and how they relate to the existing governance environment.

Biography

Lauren is a Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne working with a range of groups on sustainability-related issues. Lauren has been an Associate Partner at RM Consulting Group, Vice-Principal of one of the University of Melbourne's academic colleges, and a post-graduate student and non-stipendiary lecturer at the University of Oxford, where she had a Rhodes Scholarship. Lauren completed her D.Phil. in cultural geography on constructions of the "ideal agriculturalist" in formal agricultural education institutions. A fellow and inaugural chair of the Board of the Centre for Sustainability Leaders Fellowship Program, Lauren is also Deputy Chair of the Terrestrial Ecosystems Research Network