



Our islands, Our future Sustainable Development.

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University College London

Abstracts and Speaker Biographies

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Sukey Cameron MBE

UK representative of the Falkland Islands Government.

Biography:

Born in the Falkland Islands, Sukey has been working for the Falkland Islands Government Office in London since it opened in 1983 and was appointed Representative in 1990. She is a founding member of the UK Overseas Territories Association (which was established in 1994) and is currently Chair, having held the position four times previously. She was awarded an MBE for services to the Falkland Islands in 2003.



Tara Pelembe

Senior Overseas Territories Adviser, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC)
Deputy Director, South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI)

Biography:

Tara is currently seconded to the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) from the Joint Nature Conservation Committee (JNCC) in UK where she continues to play a part-time role as JNCC's Senior Overseas Territories Adviser. Tara was previously the Director of the Environmental Management Directorate on St. Helena and Head of the Conservation Department on Ascension Island.



Tara's interest and experience covers the whole spectrum of environmental management from conservation and biodiversity to waste management and climate change. She has considerable experience in the management of both small-scale and larger scale multi-disciplinary projects and has led and/or contributed to a large number of programmes and projects that range from on-the ground implementation initiatives to multi-party partnership working platforms. She collaborates with a large number of partners from across the globe.

<http://south-atlantic-research.org/our-people/saeri-staff/139-tara-pelembe>

Robert Fish

Reader in Human Ecology, School of Anthropology and Conservation
University of Kent

Biography:

Rob Fish is a Reader in Human Ecology at the University of Kent. A social scientist and human geographer by training, Rob works with natural scientists and policy makers in the area of natural resource management. He has a particular specialism in the sustainable management of rural landscapes and is currently co-running Defra's Sustainable Intensification Research Platform and the NERC's Valuing Nature Research Programme.



As a researcher Rob has a particular interest in promoting public dialogue about the future of the natural world and recently conducted the UK government's largest ever public engagement exercise on environmental issues as part of the UK National Ecosystem Assessment.

Abstract:

What has nature done for you today?

The ground beneath your feet? The background scenery of your life? Perhaps just a pleasant diversion? Dare I say it: even a bit of a luxury? Too often people think of nature as just 'out there', like space, when in fact the natural world is hardwired into our everyday lives and routines. In this presentation I will explore the many and diverse ways that nature is an asset for people and how policy makers and researchers now endeavour to account for this in the way our landscapes are imagined, planned and managed.

More generally I argue that nature is fundamentally a life-giving, life-saving and life-affirming force that needs to be reflected in the businesses we grow, the institutions we build and the actions we take as consumers and members of communities. What has nature done for you today? Perhaps we should restate the question: What hasn't it done?

Xavier Lemaire

Senior Research Associate, University College London, Energy Institute

Biography:

Dr Xavier Lemaire has a background in management and sociology. He worked on a rural solar electrification project in French Guiana for the French agency ADEME (1992-1993). He conducted research for his PhD and an EU-Marie Curie Fellowship on the implementation of large infrastructure and territorial development projects in French Guiana and Guyana (1994-2004).



He worked with associations of energy regulators on clean energy policies and energy access as coordinator of the REEEP - Sustainable Energy Regulation Network (2005-2013). Xavier is currently researcher at UCL, responsible of two international research projects funded by DFID on energy transition in African countries

<https://iris.ucl.ac.uk/iris/browse/profile?upi=XMLLE28>

Abstract:

Eco-energy systems in the Islands

Energy systems in small islands - compared to large energy systems are more prone to technical failures, higher cost and low resilience to climate change due to their isolated nature.

Conventional centralised electricity systems on small islands and overseas territories rely often mainly on diesel generation; imported fossil fuels have to be transported to the islands; volatility in international oil prices can be a hindrance to local economies.

Sustainable energy consumption can reduce dramatically the use of electricity and also oil consumption for transportation. The systematic use of solar collectors, the production of electricity by decentralised renewable energy systems, the dissemination of energy efficient appliances compliant to stringent standards, the adoption of an architecture suited to the local conditions, the promotion of low carbon mobility are ways to decrease the cost of energy for islanders and to increase the resilience of local energy systems.

This presentation will provide examples and case studies on the move towards a low carbon society and on the way to overcome technical difficulties in the context of small isolated energy systems - like the intermittency of particular renewable energies - or to circumvent political constraints linked to vested interests.

Gabriella Hoy

Undergraduate Student – University of Derby.

Biography:

Gabriella Hoy is a Falkland Islands student studying international tourism management at the University of Derby at the Buxton campus. She has a specific interest in sustainable tourism.



Abstract:

The Falklands Example

In her talk, 'The Falklands Example', Gabriella Hoy will explore what lessons can be learned by others from looking at the example of the Falkland Islands in terms of their approach to Renewable Energy in particular and, in broader terms, to their work in relation to Sustainable Development and Sustainable Tourism. Given their geographic position, as well as various other factors, the Falkland Islands face a number of challenges in terms of their development, but their situation also represents some advantages in terms of the opportunities presented to them. The wind offers a plentiful and consistent energy supply, and the nature of the tourism in the main, (mainly day visitors from cruise ships), means a lessened impact on the local environment than longer term visitors. The Islands also share a number of goals and opportunities common to various other Overseas Territories. In this talk we hope to explore those themes

Dr. the Honourable Kedrick Pickering

Deputy Premier and Minister for Natural Resources and of the Government of the Virgin Islands

Biography:

Dr. the Honourable Kederick D. Pickering was sworn in as Deputy Premier of the Government of the Virgin Islands by His Excellency Governor Boyd McCleary on 9 November 2011, following the general elections of 7 November 2011. Dr. Pickering is also Minister with responsibility for natural resources and labour and, additionally, for the development of the country's airport.



A physician by training, Dr Pickering earned his medical qualifications at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica in 1985, subsequently earning specialist qualifications in obstetrics/gynecology at the University of the West Indies, Mona, in 1992, also completing his residency at the University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica in that year. A Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FACOG), Dr Pickering has served the Virgin Islands in both the public health arena and in private practice and continues to maintain a private practice as Obstetrician/Gynecologist and co-owner of a multi-disciplinary medical practice in the British Virgin Islands.

Dr. Pickering was first elected to public office in 1999, serving as an Opposition Member of the Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands for the period 1999-2003. He was elected to his second term of office in 2003, serving as Government Backbencher in the Legislative Council of the Virgin Islands. From 2007-2011, Dr Pickering held his third term in office, serving as a Member of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in the House of Assembly, Government of the Virgin Islands. He is currently serving his fourth term in elective office, having resoundingly won his district in the last elections, gaining 70% of votes cast.

Dr Pickering has, throughout his life, been deeply involved in community development, still lives in the community in which he was born and raised, was active in softball and basketball as a younger man and has coached several sports teams from his community. He has also had a longstanding interest in matters pertaining to the environment and served for several years on the board of the BVI National Parks Trust. Now, in his capacity as a Minister of Government, he has played a central role in a number of critical initiatives in which the Government of the Virgin Islands is currently involved, including the Caribbean Challenge Initiative, intended to catalyze the high-level political will needed to protect and better manage marine and coastal resources across the region and for which the BVI will serve as Co-Chair in 2013, the European Union (EU)-Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT) Forum, for which the BVI serves as Secretariat (2012), and the BVI's Climate Change Policy.

Dr Pickering is married to Alice née Henry and they have four children.

Annette Broderick

Associate Professor of Marine Conservation, University of Exeter.

Biography:

Dr Annette Broderick is Associate Professor of Marine Conservation at the Centre for Ecology and Conservation at the University of Exeter's (UK) Cornwall campus. She is a conservation biologist working predominantly on marine species, in particular turtles and sharks. Her research focuses on the management of populations, assessment of threats, in particular climate change and direct harvest. She collaborates with colleagues all over the world in the research and management of marine species and systems, including Ascension Island, the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands.



https://biosciences.exeter.ac.uk/staff/index.php?web_id=annette_broderick

Abstract:

Turtle Stew? and You?

Many of the UK Overseas Territories have globally important marine turtle populations, in their waters or on their beaches, and this often play a significant role in ecotourism for the islands. Yet for many OTs turtle meat is a valued resource, both culturally and economically. With many marine turtle populations recovering from past exploitation, particularly green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) populations, we need to consider whether turtle should be eaten and how to do this sustainably. Case studies from Ascension Island, the Cayman Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands will be presented.

Ben Collen

University College London.

Biography:

Dr Ben Collen is a conservation scientist and Reader in Biodiversity at University College London. He leads a research group that works on projects focussed on understanding the status and trends of wildlife populations, using new monitoring techniques to enable us to understand and mitigate against human impact. He has carried out field projects in Kenya, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Mongolia, Australia, Tanzania, and the Antarctic. He was recently awarded the Marsh award for Conservation Biology by the Zoological Society of London, in recognition of the impact of his research on conservation, and an Honorary Research Fellowship at the United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre.



<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/cber/about-us/ben-collen>

Abstract:

Fishing for our future

Well-managed sustainable fisheries provide a range of benefits for many island nations, including food, employment, cultural services and long-term economic and environmental benefits. However, managing fisheries is hard: it has been famously likened to trying to manage a forest in which the trees are invisible, eat each other, and keep moving around. We'll discuss the development of fishing resources and ask how risk averse should we be when developing and managing finite resources that can provide a multitude of benefits.

Luc Clerveaux

MSc student, University of Portsmouth

Biography:

Mr Luc Clerveaux is currently an MSc student at the University of Portsmouth, completing a degree in Coastal and Marine Resource Management. He has served as a research assistant as well as Environmental Officer, with the Department of Environment and Maritime Affairs, (DEMA) in the Turks and Caicos Islands. DEMA is the environmental regulatory agency/authority responsible for the management of the natural resources of the Turks and Caicos Islands.



Mr Clerveaux has been working in the environment field for over 10 years, engaging in numerous regional and national projects and initiatives aimed towards the sustainable management of nature and biodiversity for the benefit of the people of the Turks and Caicos Islands and its visitors.

In relation to this student Conference, it is also worthy to note that he was also an active participant in the very first OT student workshop held at the JNCC Office, Peterborough in 2010. Mr Clerveaux's MSc Studies are being funded by Darwin Plus Fellowship managed by the Marine Conservation Society.

Sarah Young

Director of Democra-SEA

Biography:

Miss Young is a marine social psychologist who works on marine governance issues. After consulting in the United States for 4 years she ran a DEFRA funded project looking at 'the future of coral reefs in the face of climate change in the UKOTs'. She now works for the World Wide Fund for Nature and consults part time on how to engage the public in environmental policy making.



Washeema Guishard

British Virgin Islands Student

Biography:

Washeema Guishard is a recent first class graduate in Accounting and Finance from the Manchester Metropolitan University. She currently occupy the position of Account Controller at Sainsbury's Manchester office while pursuing the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants qualification. She enjoys travelling, networking and socialising with friends and loved ones.

