MOVEMENTS AND RESEARCHERS:
Defining the Questions
SYMPOSIUM

Friday 21 October 2016 | 9.00 – 5.30PM
The Refectory | Holme Building | Science Road
University of Sydney
Movements and Researchers: Defining the Questions

What can movements and scholars learn from one another and, more importantly, what are the key questions we should continue to explore together?

Day one of the ‘Hope in the Dark’ National Environmental Meeting is to get movement activists and university researchers to engage on key developments and issues, from justice to social media to hope and our everyday lives.

This is a closed day for NGO staffers, activists and allied scholars. There will be four panels discussing crucial issues for the environmental sector, with key speakers providing their own knowledge and experience on how we can grow as a movement.

The day will end with drinks and networking, to be held at the University of Sydney.

Workshop conveners

- Associate Professor Charlotte Epstein, Department of Government and International Relations, University Sydney
- Professor David Schlosberg, Co-Director –Sydney Environment Institute, Department of Government and International Relations, University of Sydney
- David Ritter, CEO Greenpeace Australia –Pacific
- Kate Smolski, CEO Nature Conservation Council of NSW

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9.00 – 9.30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

David Ritter, Greenpeace Australia – Pacific
David Schlosberg, University of Sydney

Chair: David Schlosberg, University of Sydney

What role does the idea of environmental justice play in recent movement campaigns? How has this important discourse had an impact on groups, and what is unique about environmental or climate justice in the Australian context?

Larissa Baldwin, SEED
Archie Law, Action Aid
Lauren Rickards, RMIT
Brendan Sydes, Environmental Justice Australia
Dinesh Wadiwel, University of Sydney

11.00 – 11.30 Morning tea

11.30 – 1.00 | New forms of Political Organising – The Impact of Social Media
Chair: Stewart Jackson, University of Sydney

How has the rise of social media campaigning engaged audiences – old and new? What lessons can movements learn from recent research on the relationship between new media and political campaigns?

Ariadne Vromen, University of Sydney
Carolyn Hendricks, Australian National University
Felicity Ruby, Digital Rights Watch
Kajute O’Riordon, GetUp! Field Director
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1.00 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.30 | Everyday Life and the Australian Environment
Chair: Robert Macneil, University of Sydney

Much environmental organizing now engages practices of everyday life – food, energy, transport, and more. What does this shift (or expansion) from the environment as ‘outside’ to the environment as everyday experience mean for organizing?

Jenny Gray, CEO of Zoos Victoria
Rebecca Huntly, Author
Kate Johnston, University of Sydney
Tania Lewis, RMIT
Bronwen Morgan, University of New South Wales

3.30 – 4.00 Afternoon tea

4.00 – 5.30 | Hope in the Wake of Climate Change
Chair: Rebecca Pearse, University of Sydney

‘This is an extraordinary time full of vital, transformative movements that could not be foreseen. It’s also a nightmarish time. Full engagement requires the ability to perceive both.’ Rebecca Solnit. Discuss.

Peter Christoff, University of Melbourne
Tim Doyle, Adelaide University
David Ritter, Greenpeace Australia Pacific
Rev Dr Seforosa Carroll

5.30 Close & Networking Drinks