

A group of scholars from different institutions are putting together panels for next UACES conference in Lisbon (1-4 September 2019) under the umbrella of **'The European Union's role in global sustainable futures'**. We would like to widen our audience so we invite proposals from any discipline interested on any of these three main topics and/or related areas:

- Green economy and green growth: With special attention to green jobs and their contribution to improvement of social welfare. The public seems to look at renewable energy and recycling as sources of green jobs, but there are many other sectors. What are member States doing about them? Can the EU knowledge be transferred to third countries (associates or developing countries, for instance)?
- Renewable energy: Given the high energy dependency of the EU, renewables have been praised by their contribution to local energy production, but how is this affecting deals with third country suppliers, many of which are middle income or low income countries that would benefit from diversification and international investment in their own sustainability? How is renewable energy contributing to Energy Union goals such as energy security and strengthening of relationships with third countries? Are the efforts contradictory in this policy area?
- Sustainable Development Goals: The European Environment Agency published a report on sustainable food systems and specifically addressed the issue of the EU complying with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the 2050 vision of the Seventh Environment Action Programme, in line with long-term sustainability objectives. The Commission has also acknowledged that to comply with SDGs, budget modifications will be necessary. Bearing this in mind it should become apparent that the EU cannot solely focus on international development aid when talking about contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and actions need to be taken within member States. Are they doing so? Are we really on track to reach the 2030 targets? Is it the other way round, i.e., are we focusing on domestic actions and forgetting our responsibility and commitments towards third countries?

If you are interested, please send a provisional title with a 250 words abstract to r.fernandez@chester.ac.uk, no later than December 13th. Acceptance of your proposal would be confirmed the following week so that we have enough time to put panels together and submit before the deadline.

Thanks in advance and kind regards

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