Invitation to submit articles to a special issue on Social Inclusion and Climate Change for the journal Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability.

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We will respond to abstracts by 30 January.

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The journal Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability, investigates the links between science, practice and policy in the context of social justice and sustainability.

Socially inclusive practice in policy and scientific arenas is crucial in furthering equitable and sustainable environmental planning. The link between social inclusion and climate change is one area which merits further investigation. Social inclusion is one way in which the nature and scope of advantage/disadvantage within society can be understood and addressed. In a climate change context, the incorporation of social inclusion principles into climate change adaptation and planning practice can help promote equitable and sustainable decision making. Given that climate change will disproportionately affect those that are already socially and otherwise disadvantaged, in depth investigation into the role that social inclusion plays as a driver for achieving culturally palatable and socially just change is merited. Further, understanding how social inclusion operates as a factor in this space will assist in identification of the barriers and opportunities for moving the climate change agenda forward.

We would like to invite contributions for a special edition that address the linkages between social inclusion and climate change. Papers may address one or multiple themes that investigate the relationships between social inclusion and climate change in relation to (but not limited to): (i) adaptation and mitigation, (ii) gender, (iii) household dimensions (income, education, age, employment etc), (iv) biodiversity, (v) Indigenous peoples, (vi) social capital, (vii) migration, (viii) local (and/or other levels of) government/policy, (x) mobility, (xi) governmentality and (xii) health. Other ideas/case studies welcome.

We encourage contributions that are interdisciplinary in nature (drawing from both the social science and scientific disciplines), theoretical papers and case study applications. We are specifically interested in case studies/papers from authors working in the Australasian region, although all contributions are welcomed.

Please contact Dr. Melissa Nursey-Bray for any further queries.