

Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network Seminar Series

From 2018–2020, the [Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network](#) Seminar Series will address each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each seminar focuses on an individual Goal, offering an opportunity to explore the intent of the Goal, its targets, and some of the initiatives being undertaken to deliver on them. Each seminar will be accompanied a [Briefing Paper](#).



SDG 2: Zero Hunger

Tuesday, 26 February 2019, 12:30pm – 2pm

RMIT City Campus

Council Chamber, Level 2R, RMIT Building 1

124 La Trobe Street, Melbourne

Sustainable Development Goal 2, *Zero Hunger*, aims to ‘end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.’ Amid rising calls to address food security and mitigate the effects of climate change through radical change to global food and agricultural systems, this seminar will address SDG2 through the lens of both the local and the global. Panellists will address the question of food security at the local level, discussing how this connects to global agricultural production and the local and global threat posed by climate change.

Panellists

Associate Professor Lauren Rickards

Co-Leader, Climate Change and Resilience Research Program, Centre for Urban Research, RMIT University

Lauren’s research uses qualitative approaches to unpick the bio-politics and environmental justice implications of climate change, the Anthropocene and responses to them, including the rise of resilience thinking. Projects include analyses of the official and unofficial narratives about the Hazelwood coal mine fire, how scenario planning is perceived and used for climate change adaptation within government, rural communities’ experiences of the Millennium Drought and subsequent floods, challenges raised by the implementation of resilience agendas, and questions prompted by the Tasmanian bushfires about which life forms we value in the Anthropocene and why.

Lauren has also empirically investigated the philosophical, political and practical challenges of doing interdisciplinary research, particularly for qualitative researchers. She has an extensive range of collaborators within and beyond Australia and was a contributing author to the 2014 IPCC Working Group Two Report on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability.

Nikki Robinson, Prevention Coordinator
Claire Tartaro, Food Security Officer – Latrobe
Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership



Nikki Robinson and Claire Tartaro's roles at the Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership involve the coordination of the Baw Baw Food Security Coalition and the community-led food security coalition known as Food For All Latrobe Valley. Nikki and Claire both utilise co-design and collective impact principles in their roles to develop partnerships between the community, local organisations, producers, retailers and local government as they work towards sustainable food solutions across Gippsland.

Dr Mary Johnson

Research Fellow, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University

Mary is a Research Fellow at RMIT and chief investigator for a six-year Australian government funded project to improve methods and impacts of agricultural extension in conflict vulnerable areas of Mindanao, Philippines. This project focusses on improving livelihoods for small-holder farmers (including Indigenous People); sustainable agricultural practice; promoting gender equality; and the interests of rural communities. Mary has worked extensively in community development, agricultural, natural resource management and education both within Australia and internationally.

Chair: **Emma Shortis**, Research Officer at the EU Centre, and member of the Social and Global Studies Centre at RMIT University.

Light refreshments will be served.
This is a free event.

Registration is essential. To RSVP, click [here](#).

Accessibility Information

An accessibility/mobility access map is available to download [here](#) (please scroll to the end of the webpage). RMIT's Building 1 can be accessed via the adjacent Building 21. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information.

About the Jean Monnet Sustainable Development Goals Network

The [Jean Monnet SDG Network](#) formalises relationships amongst researchers, policy think tanks and Non-Government Organisations who share a primary interest in enhancing the effective contribution of the EU to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Asia Pacific. By strengthening collaboration amongst researchers and policy makers, the Network promotes a more effective evidence-base for EU institutions to engage with nations in the region to implement the SDGs. Its core question is: how can European Union integration be more effective in supporting the implementation of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific than would be possible for individual Member States? How can this role be developed further?

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