

# Monash Sustainability Institute Seminar Series 2010

## “Perspectives on *The Politics of Climate Change*”

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Alan Petersen - School of Political and Social Inquiry

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

**Venue:** Monash Sustainability Institute, Building 74, Clayton

No RSVPs necessary. Light refreshments will be provided.

### Abstract

This seminar presents three perspectives of Anthony Giddens’ 2009 book ‘*The Politics of Climate Change*’. Giddens argues that climate change isn’t, politically, at the forefront of political action or people’s minds and that it needs to be systematically incorporated into policies. Giddens also contends that, as the problem of energy security will result in many of the same actions required to deal with climate change, there is an opportunity for concerted action on both issues. The three speakers will engage critically with Giddens’ arguments and explore the implications for future action. Pre-reading of the book is welcome but not required!

### About the speakers

**Ray Ison** is Professor, Systems for Sustainability, based in the School of Geography and Environmental Science, the Monash Sustainability Institute and Uniwater, with research interests in systems thinking, systemic inquiry and social learning. **Bob Birrell** is a Reader in Sociology, based in the Centre for Population and Urban Research, with research interests including immigration issues and urban planning. **Alan Petersen** is a Professor of Sociology, in the School of Political and Social Inquiry, with research interests including sociology of health and illness, as well as the politics and sociology of risk.

### Further information:

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