CUHK-UQ-Exeter Joint Symposium on Environmental Sustainability

The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), The University of Queensland (UQ), and the University of Exeter (Exeter) are world-leading in environmental science with a strong dedication to the advancement of sustainable development. The three universities have separately established the QUEX Institute and the CUHK-Exeter Joint Centre for Environmental Sustainability and Resilience (ENSURE) to tackle challenges emerging from the changing environment and its influence on planetary health.

To share current work and to inspire collaboration, the CUHK-UQ-Exeter Joint Symposium on Environmental Sustainability will showcase some of the projects undertaken by QUEX and ENSURE in the areas of marine science, air pollution, climate adaptation and conservation, and microplastics pollution. The event will feature a panel discussion to shed light on the power of global partnership in a post-COVID world.

The Symposium will be of interest to those passionate about research in addressing environmental sustainability and those who may be interested in working with CUHK, UQ, and Exeter in this endeavour. It is particularly relevant to early career researchers who are keen to develop their global network. All are welcome.

Date: Tuesday, 9 November 2021
Time: 8:00am-9:30am (GMT)/4:00pm-5:30pm (HKT)/6:00pm-7:30pm (AEST)
Registration: Link
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### Programme Rundown  
*(As of 21 Oct 2021)*

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| 8:00am-8:15am GMT/4:00pm-4:15pm HKT/6:00pm-6:15pm AEST | **Opening**  
Welcome remarks by:  
- Prof. Rocky S. Tuan, Vice-Chancellor & President, CUHK  
- Prof. Deborah Terry AO, Vice-Chancellor & President, UQ  
- Prof. Lisa Roberts, Vice-Chancellor & Chief Executive, Exeter |
| 8:15am-8:25am GMT/4:15pm-4:25pm HKT/6:15pm-6:25pm AEST | **Partnership Showcase**  
Overview & achievements of **QUEX Institute** by:  
- Dr. Sarit Kaserzon, Co-Theme Lead for Global Environmental Futures, UQ  
- Prof. Catriona McKinnon, Co-Theme Lead for Global Environmental Futures, Exeter  
Overview & achievements of the **CUHK-Exeter Joint Centre for Environmental Sustainability & Resilience (ENSURE)** by:  
- Prof. Joe Lee, Co-Director, ENSURE, CUHK  
- Prof. Gavin Shaddick, Co-Director, ENSURE, Exeter |
| 8:25am-9:05am GMT/4:25pm-5:05pm HKT/6:25pm-7:05pm AEST | **Project Presentations**  
QUEX Project: “Gene Drive Governance for Climate Adaptation & Conservation”  
- Dr. Pedro Fidelman, Acting Director, Centre for Policy Futures, UQ  
- Prof. Sarah Hartley, Associate Professor, Business School, Exeter  
ENSURE Project: “Sustainability of Coastal Megalopolises in the Face of Global Environmental Change: China’s Greater Bay Area”  
- Prof. Joe Lee, Co-Director, ENSURE, CUHK  
QUEX Project: “Tackling the Challenge of Microplastics Pollution”  
- Prof. Kevin Thomas, Director, Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences, UQ  
- Prof. Tamara Galloway, Professor of Ecotoxicology, College of Life & Environmental Sciences, Exeter  
ENSURE Project: “Transboundary Air Pollution in China & the UK: Intensity, Attribution & Impacts”  
- Prof. James Haywood, Professor of Atmospheric Science, College of Engineering, Mathematics & Physical Sciences, Exeter |

### Q&As
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| 9:05am-9:30am GMT/5:05pm-5:30pm HKT/7:05pm-7:30pm AEST | **Panel Discussion “Global Partnership in a Post-COVID World”**  
Moderator:  
- **Prof. Stuart Bearhop**, Chair in Animal Ecology, Centre for Ecology & Conservation, Exeter  
Speakers:  
- **Prof. Mai-har Sham**, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research), CUHK  
- **Mr. Rongyu Li**, Vice-President (Global Engagement), UQ  
- **Prof. Mark Goodwin**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global Engagement), Exeter  
**Closing Remark** |