

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ENERGISING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: A REVIEW OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL (SDG) 7

A ONE-DAY HYBRID WORKSHOP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
HUDDERSFIELD, HUDDERSFIELD, UK, 29TH AUGUST 2025

We invite abstract submissions for an interdisciplinary workshop on **Energising Sustainable Development: A Review of SDG 7**, supported by the Society of Legal Scholars' Small Projects and Events Fund.

Workshop Overview

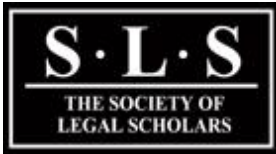
As we approach the 2030 target date for the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), this workshop aims to critically examine the progress made and challenges encountered in ensuring “access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.” The workshop will bring together experts, policymakers, practitioners, and academics to explore the real-world impacts of energy access initiatives across the Globe.

Key Themes:

We welcome abstracts addressing (but not limited to) the following themes:

- **Rural Urban Disparities:** Exploring gaps in energy access and quality between rural and urban areas
- **Interconnected SDGs:** Examining how energy access impacts other Sustainable Development Goals
- **Governance Challenges:** Balancing national energy strategies with local priorities and traditional practices
- **Techno-Economic Factors:** Implications of technology choices and economic models of sustainability and social equity
- **Unintended Consequences:** Unexpected outcomes of energy access initiatives in local communities

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- **Policy Gaps:** Misalignments between national policies, international development agendas, and local realities
- **Financing Models:** Comparative analysis of different financing approaches for energy access projects
- **Capacity Building:** The importance of local skills development and community engagement
- **Environmental Impact:** Assessing the ecological footprint of renewable energy projects
- **Data and Monitoring:** Challenges in tracking progress toward SDG 7 targets
- **Legal and Regulatory Frameworks:** Analysis of laws and regulations governing energy access and sustainable development
- **Post-Pandemic Challenges:** Impact of COVID-19 on sustainable energy initiatives and funding

Keynote Speakers:

- **Professor Raphael Heffron**, Professor in Energy Justice, University of Pau and Adour Countries, France
- **Professor Benjamin Sovacool**, Professor of Energy Policy, University of Sussex, UK and Professor of Earth and Environment, Boston University, USA

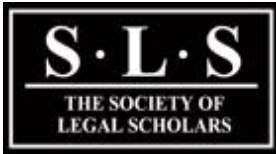
Abstract Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words
- Include a brief author biography (150 words maximum) and a head and shoulder's photo
- Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact details
- Submissions should be in Word format (.doc or .docx)

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th June 2025**
- **Notification of Acceptance: 15th July 2025**
- **Workshop Date: 29th August 2025**

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Submission Process:

Please submit your abstract to:

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With copies to:

- **Dr Augustine Arimoro** (Augustine.Arimoro@uwl.ac.uk)
- **Dr Tam Egbe** (tam.egbe@leicester.ac.uk)

Expected Outcomes

The workshop aims to synthesise lessons learned from diverse global experiences, identify best practices, and develop policy recommendations to accelerate progress towards SDG 7. Participants will have the opportunity to network with colleagues from various disciplines and potentially develop new research collaborations.

Further Information

For queries regarding the workshop or abstract submission process, please contact Dr Igho Dabor at I.L.Dabor@hud.ac.uk copying: Dr Augustine Arimoro at Augustine.Arimoro@uwl.ac.uk and Dr Tam Egbe at tam.egbe@leicester.ac.uk

We look forward to your contributions to this important discussion on sustainable energy and development.