**ESRC-funded Symposium on Marine Conservation and Governance: MPAs and beyond**

24-25 of September 2015, University of Bristol

Venue: Wills Memorial Building, 1.11 Old Council Chamber

**Day 1 (24th Sept): Setting the Scene: MPAs and Wider Marine Governance Issues**

*Welcome Coffee and Registration (9.00-09.30)*

**Introduction**

* Joanna Conaghan and Rich Pancost: Welcome to the Law School and the Cabot Institute (9.30-9.40)
* Margherita Pieraccini: Introduction to the Symposium and to the ESRC Project “Ecologies and Identities” (09.40-09.50)

**Session 1 Ecosystem-Based Management and MPAs (09.50-11.20)**

* Christopher Rodgers: “Managing Coastal Marine Environments: Challenges for an Ecosystem-Based Approach for Protected Areas”
* Mia Pantzar: “Towards Ecosystem-Based Protection of the Marine Environments- Investigating the Scope for marine reserves in Northern Europe under the Marine Strategy Framework Directive”

Discussion chaired by Richard Dunne

*Coffee Break in Staff Common Room (11.20-11.30)*

**Session 2 Society, Institutions and MPAs (11.30-13.00)**

* Louisa Evans: “A comparative analysis of the social, ecological and institutional drivers of successful governance in large scale MPAs”
* Sian Rees: “MPAs and human well-being: How can we align conservation with social and economic needs?”

Discussion chaired by Christopher Rodgers

*Sandwich Lunch in Staff Common Room (13.00-14.00)*

**Session 3 Science and Policy in MPAs (14.00-16.00)**

* Alex Caveen: “The controversy over MPAs: science meets policy”
* Erica Hendy: “Connecting the dots: assessing larval dispersal and connectivity between MPAs”
* Andrea Camedda and G. Andrea de Lucia: “The Benefits and Challenges of ecological networks: the case of the Sardinian network for the conservation of marine turtles”.

Discussion chaired by Sian Rees

**Session 4 MPAs Designation in the UK (16.00-17.30)**

* Margherita Pieraccini: “Designating MPAs in the UK: accounting for socio-economic issues”.
* Tom Appleby: “Sirens of the sea? MPA designation on the Isle of Arran”

Discussion chaired by Ruth Brennan

*Dinner for conference speakers only (19.00 at Bordeaux Quay)*

**Day 2 (25th Sept) MPAs Governance**

**Session 1 UK case studies (9.30-11.00)**

* Margherita Pieraccini: “Divergent perspectives of new marine protected areas: comparing stakeholder legal consciousness in Scilly and Barra, UK ”
* Ruth Brennan: “Cultural transformations in the Scottish marine policy process: the story of Barra”

Discussion chaired by Louisa Evans

*Coffee break (11.00-11.15)*

**Session 2 International case studies (11.15-12.45)**

* Richard Dunne: “Marine Governance in the Chagos Archipelago- a conservation success story but failure of a MPA?”
* Stefania Coppa and Margherita Pieraccini: “Conservation of biological resources and governance challenges in the Sinis MPA (Sardinia, Italy)”

Discussion chaired by Alex Caveen

**Closing Remarks (12.45-13.00)**

*Sandwich Lunch in Staff Common Room (13.00-14.00)*