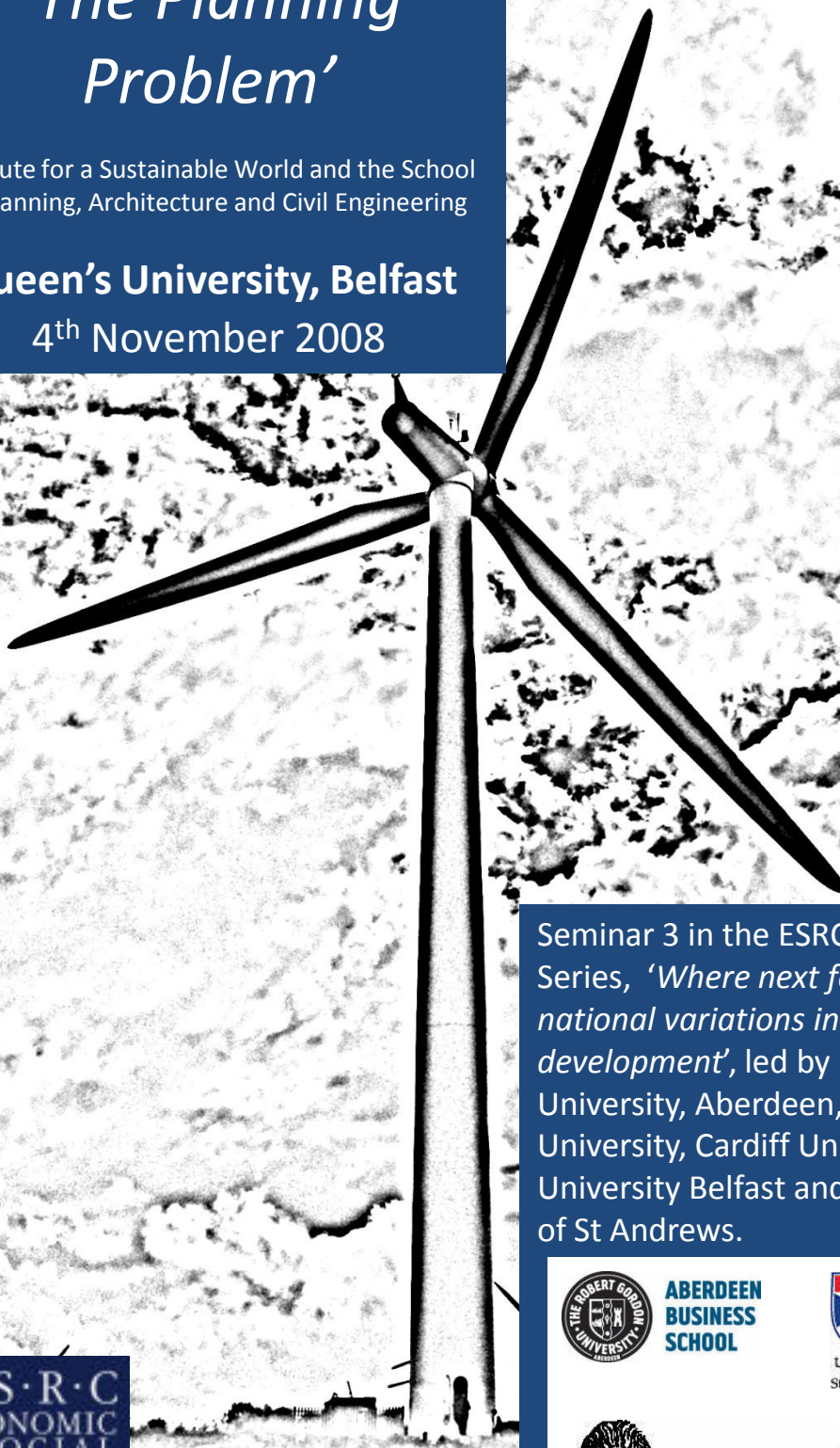


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Two issues haunt the expansion of wind power in many European countries – the seemingly fragile social acceptance of what can be very visible developments, and questions about how land use planning should balance the demands of delivery and democracy. These issues apply with equal urgency to related issues of grid upgrading in peripheral locations, and the 'off-shoring' of renewable energy development beyond the reach of conventional planning. This seminar brings state-of-the-art social science research to bear upon these pressing public policy questions.

Programme

0900–0930: Registration

0930–0940: *Welcome* by Prof. Tom Millar, Dean of Engineering and Physical Sciences, QUB

0935–0940: *Over view of the "Where next for wind?" seminar series* (Dr. Peter Strachan, Aberdeen RGU)

0940–0950: *What are the problems with planning for wind?* (Dr. Geraint Ellis, QUB)

0950–1020: *Social acceptance of wind power* (Dr. Maarten Wolsink, University of Amsterdam)

1020–1050: *Wind power and the planning problem: The French case* (Dr. Alain Nadai, CIRED)

1050–1110: Coffee and Tea

1110–140: *Defining democracy in wind power project planning and it's role in social acceptability*
Dr. Joyce McLaren Loring (University of Sussex)

1140–1200: *Reflections on the planning of a wind farm through the eyes of developers and objectors*
Mhari Aitken, Aberdeen RGU

1200–1230: *The developers perspective of the planning process* (Richard Hadwin REP Ltd)

1230–1315: Discussion

1315–1345: Lunch

1345–1415: *The planning problems of offshore wind development* (Dr. Stephen Jay, Sheffield Hallam Uni)

1415–1515: *Transnational perspectives on wind power deployment, planning and social acceptance:*

- *England:* Peter Ellis, Department of Communities and Local Government
- *Scotland:* Colin Imrie, Scottish Government
- *Wales:* Rosemary Thomas, Welsh Assembly Government
- *Northern Ireland:* Stephen Hamilton, Department of the Environment (NI)

1515 – 1615: Panel Discussion

1630: Close

Attendance at the seminar is free, but places are limited and pre-registering is essential.
If you would like to attend, please book a place with Geraint Ellis
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