International conference and workshop on language and climate, Bergen 25–26 October 2012

The conference "Different Voices, Different Stories: Perspectives on Language Use in Climate Change Text and Talk" is organised by the Department of foreign languages, University of Bergen, in co-operation with the Norwegian School of Economics with funding from the Norwegian Research Council and will take place on October 25 2012, followed up by a workshop for PhD candidates and master students on October 26 2012.

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today. The conference will be a meeting place for a multidisciplinary group of researchers and users across a number of sectors. The topics of the conference will address aspects of communication about climate change which are considered to be vital to groups such as politicians, industry, NGOs, journalists and educators.

Human values and belief systems have a clear influence on human responses and lead to different attitudes and preferences for courses of action or inaction. Research shows that the meaning that people ascribe to climate change is closely related to how climate change is portrayed in the communication.

The conference contributions will be in the form of keynotes and shorter contributions, followed by a focused discussion between researchers, politicians, journalists, activists as well as the general public.

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Plenary speakers:
Professor Marianne Ryghaug, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Professor Brigitte Nerlich, University of Nottingham
Professor George Philander, Princeton University
Dr Michael Jones, Harvard University

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NB! Further information on the programme and registration can be found in the attached programme (see link)