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Climate Change and Social Policy

Professor Ian Gough

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Location

Room 305, Lincoln's Inn Fields
(an LSE building on the south side of the square)

Ian's book *Heat, Greed and Human Need* was published in October. See for details the flyer overleaf and the website:

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Heat, Greed and Human Need

Climate Change, Capitalism and Sustainable Wellbeing

Ian Gough, Visiting Professor, Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion, London School of Economics, UK



This book builds an essential bridge between climate change and social policy. Combining ethics and human need theory with political economy and climate science, it offers a long-term, interdisciplinary analysis of the prospects for sustainable development and social justice. Beyond 'green growth' (which assumes an unprecedented rise in the emissions efficiency of production) it envisages two further policy stages vital for rich countries: a progressive 'recomposition' of consumption, and a post-growth ceiling on demand. An essential resource for scholars and policymakers.

'There are few scholarly books about climate change that take the issue of the distribution of its costs, and of the costs and benefits of its mitigation, as seriously as their absolute value. This is probably the best of those books that I have come across. Rigorously rooted in Gough's earlier work on theories of human need, the book is relentless in its pursuit of equity in respect of climate change and responses to it. Not everyone will agree with all its conclusions – for example that "green capitalism merits the term 'contradiction'" – but they are unfailingly thought-provoking, as all good scholarship should be. Highly recommended.'

– Paul Ekins, UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources, UK

'Gough applies his trademark scholarship on universal human needs to the urgent question of social policy for the transition to a de-carbonised world. Based on a clear-eyed analysis of a wide swathe of the social science literature, and an eco-social political economy perspective, his approach is both pragmatic and deeply rooted in ethics and social justice. Highly recommended and suitable for teaching at all levels.'

– Juliet B. Schor, Boston College, US

'Ian Gough has done something no one else has yet achieved. He has brought together theoretical and empirical analysis in four different fields – economy, ecology, social policy and politics – to produce a coherent and convincing analysis of why climate change is occurring, its human and social consequences, and how it can be addressed. Gough attaches the rigour of social science to a deeply humanitarian ethical framework; he provides at once a profound understanding of how serious climate change is and a clear-eyed realism about the kind of political and economic programme which might be able to stop it. This is a very important book.'

– Michael Jacobs, University College London, UK

'Ian Gough has hit the sweet spot. He has shown us how it is possible to reduce inequality, satisfy human needs in culturally diverse ways and reduce the risks of dangerous climate change. What's more, his commanding and wide-ranging critical engagement with the theory and practice of managing the transition to a safer climate demonstrates that, far from being a diversion from this project, prioritising human needs and reinventing the welfare state are critical to its political success.'

– Robyn Eckersley, University of Melbourne, Australia

'A profoundly original intervention in the ongoing debate about climate change. A particularly interesting feature of the book is the way in which the author brings his expertise on welfare to bear on climate policy. Sustainable wellbeing is his guiding principle.'

– Anthony Giddens, Member of the House of Lords and former Director of the LSE, UK

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