



# MILEN: Environmental Change and Sustainable Energy

A University of Oslo Interfaculty Research Area  
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# Participating institutions

Faculty of Social Sciences

Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences

Faculty of Law

Centre for Development and the Environment

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## Ambitions

- Provide a visionary and dynamic arena for the development and exchange of knowledge in the field.
- Initiate innovative, interdisciplinary research through networks of multidisciplinary cooperation and exchange
- Recruit a new generation of scholars (from different academic disciplines)

# Themes

Theory, policies and practices associated with:

- Renewable energy
- Sustainable consumption
- Climate and energy policy
- Globalization and development
- The promotion of interdisciplinarity

# Actions

- Events: Organize workshops, seminars, lectures and international conferences to facilitate dialogue and generate new research initiatives
- Academic courses: Develop new PhD courses and encourage masters theses
- Inter-sector network building: academics, policy makers, business actors, NGOs
- Seek inter-institutional and cross national research partners and projects

# Examples of MILEN initiatives

- **PhD course:** The science and policy of climate change (January)
- **Workshops/seminars:**
  - The role of nuclear power in the age of climate change (April)
  - Solar energy as a cross disciplinary and global theme (September)
  - CDM and Climate Policy (18 November)
  - The electric car: An environmental lifecycle perspective (upcoming, 9. December)
  - Making interdisciplinarity happen (upcoming, January 2010)
  - Green and white certificates (upcoming, March 2010)
  - Energy is a social good: new perspectives on sustainable consumption (upcoming, June 2010)
  - International conference on sustainable energy (upcoming, November 2010)
- **Invited lectures:** Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister of Development and Environment: *The Climate Summit in Copenhagen: What is at stake?* (September)

# MILEN initiatives (2)

- New research projects with external financing:
  - The University of Oslo – University of Dar Es Salaam Cooperation, 'Environment and Conservation' (Norad)
  - Public transport in India, a cooperative project with CUTs India: examine the regulatory and policy challenges associated with the promotion of viable public transport systems in India (The Norway – India institutional cooperation agreement).