



Why interfaculty and interdisciplinary environmental research at the University of Oslo?

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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

CIENS institutes



MILENs Goal

To strengthen the University of Oslo's role as a leading academic contributor to the resolution of important energy and environmental challenges



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
- Reducing energy demand (consumption)
- Climate and energy policy
- Globalization and development
- Interdisciplinarity

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- **Workshops and seminars:**
 - Solar energy as a cross disciplinary and global theme (September, 70 participants)
 - CDM and Climate Policy (November, 60)
 - The researcher as social actor (February, 30)
 - The future of nuclear power as a climate initiative (April, 20)
 - The electric car: potentials and life cycle costs (December, 5)
- **Invited lecture:** Erik Solheim, Norwegian Minister of Development and Environment: *The Climate Summit in Copenhagen: What is at stake?* (September, 95)
- **PhD course:** Climate change: The societal challenge (January, 15)

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- Interdisciplinarity (with CIENS, 1. March)
- Making energy visible: Green and white certificates (28. April)
- Sustainable consumption (mid June)
- Technologies and embedded knowledge (September)
- International conference: Visions and strategies to address sustainable energy and climate change (25. and 26. November)
- Climate change impacts on environmental services (December)
- PhD course: New approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation (October)