



Strategic Environmental Assessment by **Distance Learning**

- how to carry out SEA or sustainability/environmental appraisal
- structured learning programme from the UK's foremost planning department
- up-to-date (written Spring 2001, revised Summer 2003) and of international relevance
- information on the SEA systems of 30 countries
- information on more than 300 SEA reports and the full text of almost 100 SEA reports

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Strategic environmental assessment – or environmental/sustainability appraisal – is the process of assessing the impacts of policies, plans and programmes on the environment (or on sustainability). Oxford Brookes University is offering a range of CD-and Web-based distance-learning training packages on SEA:

- a. A free introductory session on www.brookes.ac.uk/schools/planning/SEAmicro/SEA.html
- b. A 2 to 4-day package for practitioners who are carrying out an SEA on their policy, plan or programme. This comes in two formats: for individuals or groups, and also acts as a 'taster' for the other courses.
- c. A certificate course for those who want an academic qualification. This involves about 15 days' work, and can be done at any time in the 15-week period of the course. It could count for CPD (Continuing Professional Development) credits and 20 CATS at M Level credits, for those who want an academic qualification.
- d. Tailor-made training packages lasting a half-day to four days for groups with specific needs, for instance a focus on forestry or on a developing country context.

Each package includes structured learning sessions, examples, and access to a range of SEA reports and case studies. The most comprehensive (Package C) includes information on the SEA systems of 30 countries and on 300 existing SEA reports, and feedback on exercises from the course tutor.

The packages cover (in differing depth):

- SEA definitions and concepts
- Alternatives
- The status of SEA worldwide
- Baseline environment
- The overall SEA process
- Prediction and evaluation
- Objectives
- Mitigation and monitoring
- Indicators and targets
- Bringing the process together

Course tutor

The packages have been developed by Dr Riki Therivel, who is also the certificate course tutor. Dr Therivel is a partner of the sustainability consultancy Levett-Therivel and a visiting professor at Oxford Brookes University's Department of Planning. She has written three books and many articles on SEA and has run training courses in many countries, including Iran, Austria and New Zealand. She has advised many local and regional authorities on their SEA/appraisals. She wrote the UK guidance on how to implement the European SEA Directive for land use plans and is the 2003 recipient of the International Association for Impact Assessment's award for Individual Contribution to Impact Assessment.

Signing up

Course prices for 2003 are:-

- Package B £200 individual, £1000 group
- Package C £600
- Package D to be agreed on an individual basis

If you want to order Packages B or C, please:

1. Complete the booking form on the right
2. Answer the following questions and email to riki@levett-therivel.fsworld.co.uk or answer online by going to www.brookes.ac.uk/schools/planning/SEAmicro/SEA.html and clicking on the 'questionnaire' button.
 - What is your name, address (to send CD/diskettes to), fax and email address (if available)?
 - Does your computer (or one that you have easy access to) have a CD reader? Access to the Web?
 - In a paragraph, what is your background and why you are taking this course? Are you taking the course to help you appraise a specific plan for work, as part of a formal programme of continuing professional education, etc?
 - Do you know anybody else who will be taking the course? Will you be taking the course as a group? How big is the group?
 - If you are taking this course to allow you to appraise a specific policy/plan/programme, could you explain a bit about it? What constraints – time, resources, etc. – are you working under? Only a few sentences are needed at this stage.
 - Do you have any preliminary questions about the course?

Four ways to book

Post the completed booking form to:
**Karen Hughes, Course Administrator, Department of Planning,
Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Oxford OX3 0BP UK**

Fax the completed booking form to +44 (0) 1865 483559

Phone +44 (0) 1865 483560 to make a provisional booking, then post or fax the completed form to confirm

Email: khughes@brookes.ac.uk asking her to send you an invoice



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Please book me on this course for the following package:

- Package B - individual booking £200
- Package B - group booking £1,000
- Package C - individual booking £600

Title First name

Surname

Address

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..... Postcode

Day-time telephone Fax

Email address

Organisation

Occupation

Payment details on back of this form



Payment Details

- Please find cheque enclosed (payable to Oxford Brookes University)**
- Please debit my credit card (Visa/Mastercard/Access/Amex/Switch/Delta)**

Card no

Start date Expiry date Issue no (where applicable)

Amount £ Signature

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- Please invoice**
(for applicants being funded by their employer)

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Your Purchase order no

- Please send this form with either:
- i) your purchase order; or
 - ii) written authorisation from your sponsor

Applicant's signature

Why you should choose Oxford Brookes University

The Department of Planning at Oxford Brookes University is one of the largest centres of planning education and research in the UK. The Department has long been involved in a wide range of commissioned research, education and advisory work in land use planning and environmental planning, and is recognised as a centre of excellence.

Within the Department, the Impact Assessment Unit (IAU), led by Professor John Glasson, is a well-established centre for research and training. It has undertaken extensive and influential research in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), socio-economic impact assessment and related areas for a range of clients in the public and private sectors. The IAU carried out studies into changes in the quality of environmental statements, and revisions to the screening thresholds and criteria for projects requiring EIA, for the UK government. Work has also been undertaken recently for the EU on revised EIA guidance for EU projects for developing and transitional countries.

In 1997 we became the only UK planning department to receive a 100% rating for the quality of our academic provision. We received a 4 ranking in the UK government's 2001 Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). This puts us at the top amongst the new university planning departments and endorses the Guardian newspaper's university league tables 2001, which nominated Oxford Brookes as the top planning department in the UK.

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