



# The Nexus Network

*New connections in food, energy, water and the environment*

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# What is the Nexus Network?



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Funded by the ESRC, the Nexus Network brings together researchers, policy makers, business leaders and civil society to develop collaborative projects and improve decision making on food, energy, water and the environment.

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What works at the nexus?  
Conference on 27 Nov 2014, London

Join us at the first Nexus Network conference: 'What works at the nexus? New connections in food, energy, water and environment' on Thursday 27 November from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm. This is an opportunity for network members to meet, hear high-profile keynote speakers, discuss nexus challenges from a variety of perspectives, and find out [...]

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preparing our @uk\_nexus talk with #fromamarshall for the @esrc @research\_uk meeting next week in Delhi  
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Join the waitlist for the 27 Nov #whatworksnexus & we will let you know when places become available

- Launched in June 2014, with ESRC funding for 3 years.
- Open to researchers, business, policy, practitioners and civil society with an interest in Nexus issues.

[thenexusnetwork.org](http://thenexusnetwork.org)

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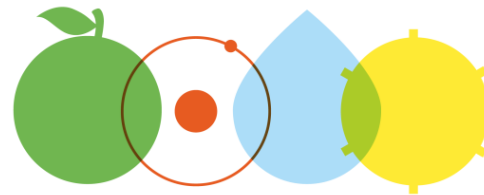
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# The core team



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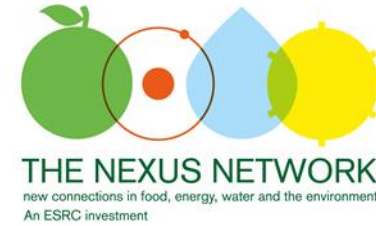
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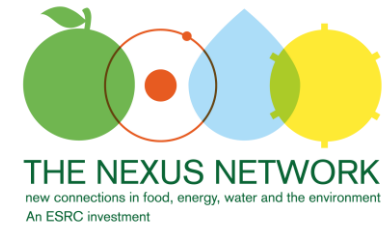


# Aspirations of the Nexus Network



- Catalyse novel inter-disciplinary and cross-sectoral research collaborations
- Support the social science research community and others to develop and share new data, conceptual frameworks, methodologies, skills and practices
- Provide a UK interface for international initiatives with nexus dimensions
- Support the move from rhetoric to reality in confronting nexus challenges

# Focus: Social Science of the Nexus



While natural science perspectives on nexus challenges are developing fast, social science understanding is less well developed – yet urgently needed.

Multiple social science disciplines and inter/ transdisciplinary perspectives are required to:

- Characterise the social, cultural, economic and political drivers and dynamics that impact on food, energy, environment interactions.
- Untangle interdependencies and trade-offs at various scales; address consequences as experienced and valued by different people; elucidate the actors, interests and power relations that shape governance and decision-making processes.
- Elucidate connectedness and global nature of issues to address nexus challenges e.g equitable access to resources, understanding and encouraging sustainable behaviours, financing the green economy

# Activities

*Small grants, events/ workshops, placements,  
training:*

# Nexus Network grants



- £500,000 over three years.
- **Thinkpieces** (up to 5K) - launched July 2014
- **Small grants for Network building** (up to £20K): call recently closed
- **Placements** (up to £5K), 2015 onwards (current Fellow placed in Defra for 4 months)
- **Small projects (x2)** (up to £150K): to be launched in Nov 2015

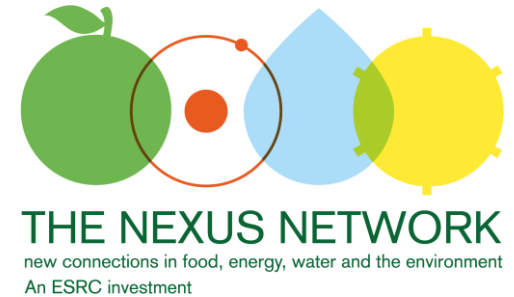
# Upcoming workshops/events



- Natural Bridge: Exploring business-led action at the nexus  
- 15 & 16 April 2015, Cambridge
- Transdisciplinary Research Methods – 29 & 30 June, Sussex
- Annual conference – Nov Date TBC
- Resources and conflicts – Nov date TBC
- Urbanisation and nexus challenges (2016)
- Green technologies and transformations (2016)
- Evidence, policy, transformation (2016)



# Contacts



To find out about upcoming events/ funding join the  
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