



# Urban Research Program

## 2009 Seminar Series

**Dr Michael Howes**

### **Australian Climate Policy and Ecological Modernisation**

Climate change has been cast in many different roles - from a global swindle to a comprehensive market failure. The school of ecological modernisation (EM) treats the issue as a challenge that has been generated by inefficiency. It proposes better technological and institutional design as the core of an effective response. The focus of this seminar is on mitigation strategies at the national level, with particular attention paid to the historical development of the Rudd government's *Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme*.

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**Friday 21st August**

11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Gold Coast campus - Room G31 3.17