



# Urban Research Program

## 2009 Seminar Series

### Johanna Mustelin

#### Understanding climate change adaptation: The role of context, individuals, communities and institutions

Climate change adaptation has emerged as a prominent policy issue alongside mitigation in recent years. Although there is growing research literature on adaptation, still there is some uncertainty in what it actually means. This seminar examines the different interpretations of adaptation, looking at the roles that context, individuals, communities and institutions play in framing adaptation strategies, research and policy. It will also outline the critical challenges that faced in adapting to an uncertain future of climatic change.

Johanna Mustelin is a Doctoral Researcher with the Griffith Centre of Coastal Management and Urban Research Program. Her research interests relate to climate change adaptation strategies, policy and decision-making, and the role of public participation in the management of coastal environments.

**Friday 18th September**

11.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Gold Coast campus - Room G31 3.17