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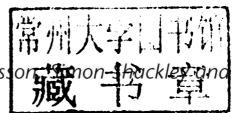
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# THE SOCIAL DYNAMICS OF CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE

Carbon capture and storage (CCS) has emerged rapidly as a crucial technological option for decarbonising electricity supply and mitigating climate change. Great hopes are being pinned on this new technology but it is also facing growing scepticism and criticism. This book is the first to bring together the range of social and policy issues around CCS, shedding new light on this potentially vital technology and its future.

The book covers many crucial topics including the roles and positions that the public, and different NGOs, industries, political parties and media are taking up; the way CCS is organised, supported and regulated; how CCS is being debated and judged; how innovation, demonstration and learning are occurring and being conceptualised and promoted; and the role of CCS in the transition to a low carbon energy future.

The authors draw on a variety of approaches, concepts, methods and themes and provide a new understanding of innovation in the energy and climate change fields. It tackles the many issues in a way that speaks not only to those concerned to understand these developments, but to those who are involved in the scientific and technological work itself, as well as those charged with evaluating and making decisions relevant to the future of the technology.

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# **DEDICATION**

This book was conceived in 2010 as a result of discussions between ourselves and Dr Stewart Russell. Stewart, Deputy Director of Science, Technology and Innovation Studies at the University of Edinburgh, was to have been one of the editors. As the project progressed, Stewart fell seriously ill and died in September 2011. We miss you greatly as a friendly soul and a stimulating colleague and collaborator! We dedicate this book to you – it could have been a better one with your insights.

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# ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ACC anthropogenic climate change

ACCSEPT Acceptance of CO2 Capture, Storage, Economics, Policy and

Technology project

ACF advocacy coalition framework
AEP American Electric Power

AIDS auto immune deficiency syndrome

ANT actor network theory

BECCS biomass energy with carbon dioxide capture and storage

BUND Bund Für Umwelt und Naturschutz Deutschland (FoE Germany)

CATF Clean Air TaskForce

CCGT Combined Cycle Gas Turbine

CCJ Carbon Capture Journal

CCS carbon dioxide capture and storage CCSA Carbon Capture and Storage Association

CDM clean development mechanism

CFC chlorofluorocarbons

CH<sub>4</sub> methane

CHP combined heat and power

CO<sub>2</sub> carbon dioxide

COP Conferences of the Parties

CSIRO Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

CSLF Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum

CSP concentrated solar power

DECC Department of Energy and Climate Change

DNV Det Norske Veritas

DOE US Department of Energy

DTI Department of Trade and Industry

KEPCO Kansai Electric Power Co.

KLIF Norwegian Climate and Pollution Agency

kWh kilowatt-hour

LTS large technical system m<sup>3</sup>/day cubic metre per day

marginal carbon abatement cost(s) MAC(s) MACC marginal abatement cost curve

METI Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

MHI Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Ltd

MIT Massachusetts Institute of Technology

MLP multi-level perspective

MPE Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy MRCSP Midwest Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership

MW megawatt

N-Nitrosodimetylamin NDMA

N2 nitrogen

NER new entrants reserve

NETL National Energy Technologies Laboratory

ng/m³ nanogrammes per cubic metre NGO nongovernmental organisation

NILU Norwegian Institute for Air Research

NIMBY not in my back yard

NIPH Norwegian Institute of Public Health Norwegian Ministry of Finance NMF

NMTI Norwegian Ministry of Trade and Industry

NOAH FoE Denmark NOK Norwegian krona NO. nitrous oxides

Norwegian Petroleum Directorate NPD

new social movement NSM not under my back yard NUMBY

NZEC Near Zero Emissions Coal project

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD

Office of the Gas and Electricity Markets Ofgem

Oslo and Paris Convention for the Protection of the Marine OSPAR

Environments of the North-East Atlantic

PIU UK Cabinet Office's Performance and Innovation Unit

part per million by volume ppmv

Petroleum Technology Research Centre PTRC

PV photovoltaics

R&D research and development

RCEP Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

research, development and demonstration RD&D

robust decision-making RDM

# xxiv Abbreviations and acronyms

REACH EU Regulatory Framework for the Management of Chemicals

SACROC Scurry Area Canyon Reef Operators Committee

SBSTA UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological

Advice

SCCS Scottish CCS

SCOT social construction of technology

SP Scottish Power

SRCCS IPCC Special Report on CCS STS science and technology studies

t/day tonne per day

TCM Test Centre Mongstad

tCO<sub>2</sub> tonne CO<sub>2</sub>

TIC Technology and Innovation Centre

TIS technical innovation systems
TNS Taylor Nelson Sofres PLC
toe tonne of oil equivalent
TSB Technology Strategy Board

TWh terawatt-hour

UAE United Arab Emirate

UNFCCC United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

WRI World Resources Institute
WWF Worldwide Fund for Nature
ZEP Zero Emissions Platform

ZERO Zero Emission Resource Organisation

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