



**11th Annual ANZSYS Conference / Managing the Complex V**

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**Systems Thinking and Complexity Science: Insights for Action**  
**11th Annual ANZSYS Conference/Managing the Complex V**  
Christchurch, New Zealand, 5-7 December 2005

**Key Note Speakers**

DR MORGAN WILLIAMS

New Zealand Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment  
*Tilling the socio/political landscapes of systems thinking; reflections on actions for traction*

DR. GABRIELE BAMMER

National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, The Australian National University and Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, Harvard University  
*Is it Time to Move from Systems Thinking and Complexity Science to Integration and Implementation Sciences?*

DR KEPE MORGAN

University of Auckland  
*Systems thinking, complexity science, and the indigenous paradigm*

DR ROGER ATTWATER

Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute  
*Managing resilience in landscapes and personal praxis*

The draft agenda (which may be subject to minor changes) is available in PDF format [HERE](#)

A list of the currently accepted papers is available [here](#). A link to the originally submitted version of the paper is given (not the final version which will be available soon on a CDROM proceedings). The conference proceedings (not including final papers) is available for viewing [here](#). Here you will find a full list of participants, as well as details of the Organizing and Review committees.

**Workshops**

[Soft Systems and Sense-Making](#)

[Systemic Knowledge: The V-Model and its Applications](#)  
[Project Management \(applying Complexity Principles\)](#)

**Call for Participants**

[Registration form](#)

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To pay student registration fees online please click [here](#)

Following the success of previous ANZSYS conferences and "Managing the Complex" events, it is a pleasure to announce the 11th Annual ANZSYS / Managing the Complex V Conference. The conference will be held in the city of Christchurch in New Zealand from 5–7 December 2005, and will be co-hosted by the Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited (ESR), New Zealand, and the Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence (ISCE), USA.

A lively forum for discussion and debate will be provided for a wide range of academics and practitioners in the fields of systems thinking, complexity science and management. People from other disciplines who have an interest in the application of systems thinking and complexity approaches will also be invited to participate.

We are bringing together thinkers and practitioners in the fields of systems and complexity as it seems to us that there has been a significant international (re)surgence in these areas in recent years. It would appear that this has been driven by at least four simultaneous forces:

- people right across the public, private and voluntary sectors looking for new ways to manage or deal with increasingly complex and multi-faceted problems;
- the obviously systemic character of many high-profile issues that transcend national boundaries, from global warming to international violence;
- the popularization of a number of systems approaches in the mid-1990s, especially among managers and policy makers;
- and the simultaneous popularization of complexity science, sparking major interest in new approaches to managing uncertainty.

The fields of systems and complexity have many similarities, yet they are being developed by two overlapping research communities that have unique insights to bring to bear on the management of 'wicked' problems. We believe that, by providing forums at this conference in which people working at the frontiers of complexity and systems thinking can learn from one another, significant new insights for action can emerge.

At the end of the day, it is important to the vast majority of those working with complexity and systems ideas that they are able to make a positive difference in people's lives. It is therefore vitally important that we share our insights and build a community of practitioners that can take the research agenda forward. Our aim is to bring together as many people as possible who are engaging with complex environmental, social and business issues, with the intention of promoting an intense and lively debate with real implications for systems and complexity practice.

We want to receive papers from people with a wide variety of backgrounds: academics and practitioners engaging with organisations right across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors. Your paper(s) can focus on theory, practice or a combination of the two. This conference will provide a great opportunity to meet others with similar interests and to communicate with a wider audience, so we really want to encourage you to participate.

We very much hope that you will be able to contribute to this conference, and look forward to an exciting and intellectually stimulating debate with real consequences for action.

Please register your early expression of interest now by email: [anzsys2005@isce.edu](mailto:anzsys2005@isce.edu), providing your contact details and any questions you may have regarding the conference.

Further details of the formal and social programmes will be provided in future announcements.

We look forward to welcoming you to Christchurch.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee:

Peter Allen	Cranfield University, UK
Roger Attwater	University of Western Sydney, Australia
Bob Cavana	Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Vladimir Dimitrov	University of Western Sydney, Australia
Jeffrey Goldstein	Adelphi University, USA
Jan Gregor	Institute of Environmental Science and Research, New Zealand
Wendy Gregory	Institute of Environmental Science and Research, New Zealand
Bill Hutchinson	Edith Cowan University, Australia
Tim Haslett	Monash University, Australia
Gerald Midgley	Institute of Environmental Science and Research, New Zealand
Kurt Richardson	Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence, USA
Robert Woog	University of Western Sydney, Australia

## Timetable

28 February 2005	Registration available
15 May 2005	Abstracts due (250 words): Please submit to <a href="mailto:anzsys2005@isce.edu">anzsys2005@isce.edu</a>
18 July 2005	Submission of papers due. Papers should be no more than 10 A4/letter pages, double-line spaced (or ~3000 words not including references). <b>Late submissions are not permitted as all papers will be double-blind reviewed.</b>
1 August 2005	Draft programme drawn up.
16 September 2005	All paper reviewing completed. Notification to authors of accepted papers begins.
18 October 2005	Deadline for final paper submission. Final acceptance into the conference programme will depend upon the registration of at least one of each paper's authors
20 October 2005	Finalize programme.
15 November 2005	Electronic presentations due to allow time for pre-loading onto computers ready for the conference
5-7 December 2005	Conference (Welcome Function Sunday 4th December 2005, evening)

All papers will be double-blind refereed. Abstracts and papers should be submitted as Word files. We are using E:CO guidelines for paper format (but note that page length is limited to 10 pages double-line spaced). The guidelines can be found at:

[http://emergence.org/ECO\\_site/web-content/sub\\_info.html](http://emergence.org/ECO_site/web-content/sub_info.html)

**NB: Final acceptance into the conference programme will be conditional upon receipt of the final manuscript by the due date (18th October, 2005), and registration of participant paid in full.**

**All accepted papers will be published in an ISBN-referenced CDROM-based proceedings.**

### Accommodation:

At the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Christchurch, where a discount for ANZSYS participants has been negotiated. The Hotel is centrally located for the city, and within walking distance of many local places of interest, restaurants, the Botanic Gardens, Christchurch's Tram service, Museum and Art Centre. An accommodation form is included [here](#), or you can reserve accommodation on-line by e-mailing [hayley.mckay@grandc.co.nz](mailto:hayley.mckay@grandc.co.nz).

Room rates start at NZ\$145-00 per night (includes breakfast). Currency converter as at 21 Feb 2005: AU\$134; US\$105; GBP55; EU80.

Christchurch has many different types of accommodation available, and a good place to start if you wish to locate more modest accommodation is:

<http://www.jasons.co.nz/destinations/christchurch/>

If you plan on taking alternative accommodation, note that the conference venue (the Hotel Grand Chancellor) is located on Cashel Street between Colombo Street and Manchester Street.

### Conference Fee:

The conference fee will be US\$435 with a student rate of US\$290. Currency converter for the standard rate as of 21 Feb 2005: AU\$550; NZ\$600; GBP230; EU330.

Lunch and snacks throughout the three days of the conference are included in the conference fee.

The hotel room, and dinner are the responsibility of the each participant.

**Cancellation Policy**

Any registrations cancelled before 5th November will be refunded minus a 10% administrative fee. After 12:00am US EST on the 6th November (2005) no registration refunds will be given.

**Registration:**

If you would like to attend please fill out and send/fax a completed [registration form](#) with your abstract to:

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