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**The developing interdisciplinary field of valuing nature for natural resource management is often set within wider commitments to strengthen and deepen stakeholder and public engagement in decision making. In principle, participatory approaches offer a socially extended, pluralistic and deliberative context in which to explore, debate, clarify and capture the many and diverse values that cohere around the natural environment to inform decisions and priorities.**

This conference, co-sponsored by the University of Kent and the Valuing Nature Programme, explores the critical, creative and practical challenges that arise when interests in valuing nature are extended into the participatory realm. It asks: how might a participatory approach transform the way valuation analyses are carried out within research and practice? And, how might valuing nature agendas affect the way researchers and practitioners think and go about participation?

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We look forward to welcoming and encouraging the involvement of researchers from the UK and beyond who are active in the area of valuing nature and/or participatory research, as well as those wishing to learn more about the general case for participatory approaches to valuation, their contexts and dynamics of use, and their implications for approaches to evidence gathering and decision making. This includes researchers at all career stages from across the natural and social sciences and arts and humanities. More generally, the conference will appeal to policy makers and practitioners seeking to contribute to emerging research debates regarding participatory approaches from an applied starting point.



## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

- Closing date for presentation and poster contributions, and applications to attend, is Wednesday June 15th 2016
- Conference themes include:
  - Contexts and rationales for a participatory approach to valuation
  - Innovations in analytic-deliberative approaches to valuation
  - Doing science in a participatory valuation context
  - Stakeholder and public affiliation with valuing nature concepts
  - Rethinking the 'participant' in valuing nature based decision making

Full overview of conference themes and how to apply for a place are available at: [valuing-nature.net/valpart](http://valuing-nature.net/valpart)

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Dr Joseph Tzanopoulos

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## EVENT DETAILS

- Event commences 12.00 July 19th and closes 16.00 July 20th
- This is a fee-free event — with food and refreshments provided
- Places are limited to 100 participants
- On site accommodation for night of 19th July available at £49.50