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# DECARBONISATION, BREXIT AND THE “FOUNDATION INDUSTRIES”: HOW TO MAKE STUFF LIKE ALUMINIUM, GLASS AND STEEL IN A NET-ZERO-ORIENTED NATION

## PROF. STEVEN YEARLEY (THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH)

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This lecture reports on research being conducted as part of the UK's [TransFIRE Hub](#).

TransFIRE is about the meeting point of two huge challenges and transformations confronting UK industry, particularly the so-called Foundation Industries – the industries that produce the material from which other products are made (for example, metals, glass and ceramics). Ordinary people are seldom customers for foundation-industry products, but they (we) buy the things made from Foundation Industries outputs.

The first challenge is Brexit; the second challenge is how to meet obligations towards decarbonisation and net-zero emissions.

In this talk, Steven Yearley, Professor of the Sociology of Scientific Knowledge, will draw on policy analyses and two industry case studies to investigate how the future of Foundation Industries is being shaped, and imagined or ignored in the UK. Though this research is focused on the UK, the talk will conclude with a consideration of parallels in comparable EU member states.

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**Wednesday, 2nd November 2022**

**6:15 PM**

**Bundesstraße 53, Room 22/23.**

**The event will be streamed via Zoom**

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