

## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY NEW APPOINTMENT

### Suzanne Vallance



Suzanne Vallance, MA(Cant), PhD(Lincoln), has recently been appointed as a lecturer in Urban Studies at Lincoln University.

Suzanne's research interests are diverse but tend to focus on different socionatural arrangements and relationships and how these are made, perpetuated and moderated. Current questions revolve

around the limited utility of the concept of sustainability in social, economic and ecological terms, the problematic rural/urban dichotomy, and the strengths and vulnerabilities of the urban 'exoskeleton'.

Specific questions for environmental management and planning pertain to ways in which knowledge is generated and used, and the new tools available to decision-makers in a risk-sensitive, consumption-driven world. She is involved in an emergent project comparing and contrasting two socio-ecological movements (gardening and slow Foods) in terms of resistance and resilience, and another investigation exploring sustainability as a socio-political process rather than a steady-state goal.

Her research has employed both qualitative and quantitative approaches and she has an interest in using 'mixed methods' where appropriate.