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Sustainable living experiments and the costliness of involvement

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2pm, Tuesday, March 31st 2009
Arthur Lewis Building, G.035/0.36

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This paper discusses how experiments with sustainable living provide occasions for the definition of public engagement in socio-material terms. Analysing attempts to introduce CO₂ in everyday life as a unit of measurement, it explores how such initiatives deploy domestic devices and settings as tools of involvement, and end up challenging ideals of "involvement made easy."

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