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Methods for decreasing excess atmospheric CO_2 , for example by eliminating CO_2 from gas-streams during air purification processes, are high on the environmental agenda. The chemistry of carbon dioxide at metal centres through the co-ordination of CO_2 or by reacting CO_2 with metal complexes to prepare carbon containing derivatives may hold some of the answers.

This timely web theme issue issue, guest edited by Dr. Roger Guilard, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Bourgogne in Dijon, France addresses exactly this topic. With contributed articles printed in regular issues of *Dalton Transactions* and collected online on a dedicated webpage, this first web theme issue from a series to appear in *Dalton Transactions* hails a new age in dynamic and flexible special issue publishing.

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