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ISEE ANNOUNCES ITS 11th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: "ADVANCING SUSTAINABILITY IN A TIME OF CRISES" TO TAKE PLACE IN OLDENBURG AND BREMEN, GERMANY IN 2010 (Page 6)

The 11th Biennial ISEE Conference, 2010 will take place from 22 - 25 August, 2010 with the theme: "Advancing Sustainability in a Time of Crises". The conference will take place in the two adjacent cities of Bremen and Oldenburg. The city of Oldenburg is the economic, administrative and cultural centre of the Weser-Ems region in north-western Germany.



ISEE Proudly Announces the Leontieff Prize for its President-Elect Bina Agarwal (Page 10)

ISEE President-elect, Bina Agarwal, received the Leontief award at a ceremony held at Tufts University on 29 March. She also delivered an award lecture on the theme: "How will the world feed itself on a sustainable basis?" The award, instituted by Tufts University's Global Development and Environment (GDAE) Institute in honor of Nobel laureate Wassily Leontief, is given "in recognition of outstanding contributions to economic theory that address contemporary realities and support just and sustainable societies."





Parting Shots by Peter May, Past President

As I leave the post of President of ISEE, to which I came somewhat by accident, I assume you still will have enough patience to bear with me for a few ideas on how we're doing as a Society, where we're going and what we need to do to get there.

ISEE is vibrant, dynamic, diversified, self-critical, highly productive and increasingly influential. It represents a wide panoply of views, approaches and positions on an equally wide array of topics. This may represent a strength and at the same time, a weakness, since it is difficult to associate us with a particular theme or matter of concern. Sometimes it seems that anything goes, which is not really the case.

At the same time, despite our opinionated perspective, we have a remarkable tendency to sit on the fence on most of the major issues of our time. The Society does not take positions as such. Sometimes it seems we are a microcosm of the signatories to the UNFCCC: we all agree that what we are doing is meaningful, urgent and deserving of decision, but we have not yet reached consensus on many of the important points (e.g., is it desirable to achieve a steady state? Should we oppose dissemination of GMOs? Should we discount climate mitigation benefits?), and are not likely to do so anytime soon.

One of the great advantages of ISEE is its regional autonomy; the regional societies are now the backbone of our development and penetration - the society itself is now not much more than a weak reflection of our strong regional groupings. Regional policy positions have begun to emerge (witness the "Letter from Cuiabá" widely disseminated in Brazil and beyond by ECOECO), in part due to my urging but also because this is high time we act on these matters. We made some inroads into the strengthening of the regional society in Africa, built links with China and created a new regional society in Meso-America.

The individual publishing options of the regional societies and leadership have been called into question by Elsevier, on the grounds of its exclusive contractual arrangement for Ecological Economics. This may be a good thing: we need to rethink our editorial policy and the dangers of being a creature

dominated by funding from royalties on the journal - over which we hold little influence except to propose an editorial board and a general editor.

A sea change in the academic publishing industry may soon make journals as we know them obsolete (paper issues on the way out, as may also be "issues" and their regular structure) in favor of "article-based publishing". What are our options? What are the consequences? We need to work this through before the next board meets in Germany in August.

We organized an important but calamitous biennial conference in Nairobi in 2008. It was important because it solidified our relationship with UNEP and other international organizations such as IUCN and the TEEB group, and helped to strengthen ASEE, but calamitous in that - by carrying through on our commitment to realize the event, it was necessary to draw down our precious reserves. They are now rebuilt in part, but we will never again be able to sole sponsor a conference of this type. In fact, I would propose we make it a policy to cancel any event that will not be able to generate revenues sufficient to cover its basic costs. This will not be a problem in Germany, given the impeccable organizational and fundraising skills brought to bear by Bernd Siebenheuner and his staff and the organizing committee. We expect it will not be the case in 2012 in Rio (proposal forthcoming), but it pays to be vigilant!

I want to thank all of you for your patience and tolerance with this Presidency, and express appreciation to Marsha Kopan and her support crew for dealing with many day to day needs. There have been important innovations in communications over the past year or so, with the blog, Facebook, Twitter and Linked-In now bringing in new perspectives and ways to promote interchange as well as attracting new members. There are also now a number of interesting experiments in on-line training through the CEECEC project and tools available through the Gund Institute's initiatives, among others.

We should be experimenting in ways to reduce our carbon footprint through video conferencing and other means, to become part of the solution.



ISEE Past President,
Peter May





Editorial:

While economists around the world still speculate on the origins of the financial crisis and the depth of the mistakes that the economic “intelligentsia” made which brought the world economy into the current economic crisis, the ISEE dares to challenge us calling to advance sustainability in a time of crisis.

The biennial meeting in Oldenburg-Bremen Germany this coming August promises to be a landmark event in the development of our transdiscipline. With over 1100 submissions and substantial representation from all regions of the planet, this meeting comes in a timely fashion to strengthen the alternative proposals of Ecological Economics which are gaining space in diverse academic, policy and other applied scenarios.

The Economist (March 13-19, 2010) calls Germany “Europe’s engine” comparing it to Europe “whose economy is rigid and sclerotic, whose people are work shy and welfare dependent, and whose industrial base is antiquated and declining...” In their words, Germany has lower unemployment despite recession and has an exporting prowess that remains undimmed. It has also won at the expense of its neighbors due to its reluctance to spend and invest. The country, says the orthodox magazine, is responsible for Greece’s profligacy and Spain’s property bubble.

Proposals to move ahead present a predictable recipe with predictable ingredients. “Lower saving and higher consumption and investment....pushing ahead with liberalization. Its web of regulations is too constricting: its job protection is too rigid; its health, welfare and education systems still need big doses of changes.” Those suggested changes are later developed as part of the more detailed report. No big surprises. Education for competitiveness, more “efficient” public services, less welfare, take advantage of cheaper sources of labor increasing supply by more open immigration policies in order to increase productivity. Even the small glimpse at green technologies points to increased human capital power in order to increase innovation competitiveness. The discourse remains statically obsessed with maximization, optimization and all the typical tenets of the predictable discourse of neoclassical economics. It is all about growth.

No consideration is given to questions of scale: Is Germany’s economy sustainable? Can Germany sustain its ecological footprint? Can Germany sustain its water footprint? What are the implications for Germany’s future of its embodied energy consumption/its energy flows? Far from fully considered are also questions of intergenerational and intra-generational equity, environmental conflicts, fair and sustainable trade and ecological democracy accepted by ecological economists and political ecologists as fundamental to evaluate a country’s success internally and in relation to the greater community of nations and the biosphere.

In contrast, ISEE 2010 proposes from Germany an agenda that demonstrates the integral approach that the resolution of today’s problems calls for. Topics span from climate change to energy, biodiversity and ecosystem services, land use, ecology and complex systems, sustainable development, governance and public policy. Other topics include more new and exciting work on dematerialization and de-growth, environmental debt, the GDP of the Poor, Heterodox Economics and Postnormal science.

In a time when the magazine that since 1843 claims to take part “in a severe contest between intelligence, which presses forward, and an unworthy timid ignorance obstructing our progress” repeats itself with the same failed recipes of the last 30 years for Germany and the world, our conference promises to infuse the stock of scientific/practitioner intelligence with a breadth of fresh air.

Along this intent, this issue includes ample information on ISEE 2010. As a provocateur for the meeting we include a short forum with contributions from our past president, Peter May and our new president John Gowdy entitled “What does Ecological Economics propose and where does it go in a time of crisis?” Our intent is certainly not to encompass or foresee all the discussions that may arise from this coming meeting, but to promote them. Critical analysis provocation has been our coin for over 20 years. It is natural to our transdiscipline.

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Further, we seek to increase enthusiasm in participation by reporting on the regional meetings that have taken place in Colombia, Argentina, Australia and Canada since our last issue. We also briefly report on the excitement generated by the Degrowth Conference which is taking place in Barcelona this March.

We hope you share our excitement on the prospects for Ecological Economics this year and hope to get your contributions for coming issues. Hopefully, we will also see you in Germany.

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ISEE Election Committee Announces President Elect and Board Members

The ISEE Election Committee is pleased to announce the results of the election for President Elect and 4 Board Members.



Voters selected Bina Agarwal as President Elect. Bina Agarwal is a Professor of Economics at the Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, North Campus, Delhi, India.

Voters also selected the following to the Board:

Kathryn Davidson: Dr. Kathryn Davidson is a senior ecological economist with Masters qualifications and a Ph.D from the University of Adelaide. Kathryn currently holds an Australian Research Council post-doctoral fellowship on urban sustainability and assessment tools.

Richard B. Howarth: Rich Howarth teaches Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College, NH (USA) and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal Ecological Economics.

Roldan Muradian: Originally from Venezuela, senior researcher at CIDIN, Radboud Univ. Nijmegen (Netherlands). In 2008-09, Board member of ESEE. Co-founder of the Iberoamerican network and journal of EE.

Matthias Ruth: Prof. Dr. Matthias Ruth has been a founding member of the International Society of Ecological Economics (since 1989) and currently serves as Weston Chair in Natural Economics, Director of the Center for Integrative Environmental Research at the Division of Research and Co-Director of the Engineering and Public Policy Program at the University of Maryland (USA).

We wish to thank the candidates and voters and offer congratulations to our new President Elect and Board Members.

Joan Martinez-Alier
ISEE Election Committee Chair

Registration for the ISEE Conference 2010 Now Open!

On behalf of the conference executive committee we are pleased to announce that registration for the ISEE 2010 Conference in Oldenburg is now open.

To register for the **ISEE Conference 2010 - Advancing Sustainability in a Time of Crisis** please go to <https://www.conftool.com/isee2010>. Note that registration is only possible online. If you log in you will find further options in the main menu. **IMPORTANT:** Payment is possible via wire transfer. Credit card payment will be possible from 29 March 2010 onwards!

An overview over the registration fees can be found on the conference website under "Registration & Accommodation". Besides the regularly scheduled events the conference registration fee includes the conference reception and the conference dinner on Tuesday evening in Bremen. Please indicate whether you wish to take part in the conference dinner when you register. It also includes lunch and coffee breaks at the conference venue from Monday through Wednesday and it includes a ticket for the local bus service.

As a special arrangement we offer a bike rental during the conference days. The bike enables you to travel around Oldenburg and mix with the locals as this is the favourite means of transport in the city. This service is free of charge and if you like to rent a bike please indicate it when you register.

The local organizers of the ISEE 2010 conference have negotiated special room rates at a variety of hotels in Oldenburg in Bremen. See "Accommodation" on the conference website for more details. As all scientific events will take place in Oldenburg we recommend booking a room in Oldenburg. To book a room please download the booking form from the conference website, fill in the necessary data and send it to Oldenburg Tourism via e-mail, fax or simply phone them. All enquiries about accommodation should be directed directly to Oldenburg Tourism (+49 (0)4 41 - 36 16 13 11; e-mail: tagungen@oldenburg-tourist.de).

In addition we offer excursions in and around Oldenburg before, during and after the conference.





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11th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics

ISEE 2010

Advancing Sustainability in a Time of Crisis
22 - 25 August 2010

Oldenburg and Bremen, Germany

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference Theme

Ecological systems and their services to humans have been exposed to stress, exploitation and destruction for decades. Biodiversity is being lost at an almost unprecedented pace. Climate change will bring about rapid and unpredictable changes in the earth's entire biophysical system. There are thus massive indications of a crisis of ecosystems caused by human activity. In 2008 the global financial system collapsed and pushed many economies towards crisis. A deregulated banking sector acted outside the boundaries of safe and trustworthy operations resulting in a collapse of confidence in economic institutions not seen since the 1930s. Economic breakdowns in many countries have already generated dramatic social problems adding to existing poverty, hunger and inequality. But times of crisis are also times of opportunity. The financial meltdown has led to a renaissance in public responsibility and an avalanche of stimulus packages that stand against the neo-liberal creed of minimal government. While many of these measures follow conventional lines of unsustainable economic practices, there is a growing awareness for the need for active public policies to create more sustainable economic structures and processes to combat both economic and ecological crises. Green recovery, a global Green New Deal, and a green energy revolution are catch phrases that now find their way into governance and policy making processes.

In 2010 the United Nation's Millennium Development goals will be a decade old and there will only be five years left to achieve them. Meeting their challenge requires bold and concerted action on global, national and local levels and across societal groups and organisations in the global North and the South. With the entirety of closely connected social, health, economic and ecological goals the Millennium Development Goals guide an integrated approach to development and human well-being that goes beyond the usual polarisation between development and environmental goals. In this situation, ecological economics is poised to play a leading role in addressing these global challenges.

The rapidly changing patterns of economic, political, and economic systems necessitate integrated and innovative analyses, ideas, concepts and solutions. Ecological economics seems well prepared for this call as a field that has pioneered in integrating ecological and social concerns into economic analyses and practical solutions. It has united scientists, practitioners and decision makers from various disciplinary backgrounds in innovative and participatory research and decision-making processes.

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In particular, ecological economists have argued strongly against concepts of neo-liberalism and unregulated financial systems. They developed novel approaches to understand economic processes as inextricably linked and dependent on ecological support systems as well as the social institutions in which they are embedded. The field has a long tradition in finding solutions to practical as well as conceptual problems of social well-being, economic development and ecological sustainability.

Since the last ISEE conference held in Europe in 1994, the community has come a long way and evolved tremendously. From the early dichotomy between environmental economics and ecological economics, more dialogue and collaboration between the fields has emerged to address problems of sustainability. Overlapping research interests now common to both ecological and environmental economics include integrated modeling, agent-based modeling, valuation of ecosystem services, market based policy instruments, multi-criteria evaluation, and the economics of adapting to environmental change. The size the climate change challenge and dire state of the earth's ecosystems necessitate further exchange and cooperation to gain a unified voice in the political domain. The 2010 ISEE conference will emphasize this exchange and debate.





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Since the early days, ecological economics has always been a field of methodological diversity, transdisciplinary work, and it has now significantly developed its standards for scientific rigour as well as its social and policy relevance. It has been driven by ideas of fairness and justice among humans and between humans and the natural world. This thematic scope reaches out to a great variety of related disciplines such as conventional economics and ecology, political science, sociology, management, biology, physics and engineering. The necessary cross-disciplinary collaboration requires bridging concepts between research and society in a solutions-oriented manner. While, on the one hand, the field has grown stronger in its analytical understanding of the interactions between humans and the ecosystems in which they live, the link to governance questions and practical application has become ever more challenging and urgent. This point of interconnections between the various disciplines of ecological economics and the systems of environmental governance and practice will therefore form one central focus of the 2010 conference.

We particularly invite contributions to the conference that address the following main themes:

- *Climate Change* – causes, impacts, mitigation, adaptation, and policy options
- *Energy* – renewable energy, energy flows, peak oil, green stimulus policies, energy and entropy, alternative energy and energy distribution technology
- *Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services* – valuation issues and policy integration
- *Land Use* – including coastal zone management, water issues, ecosystem restoration, bioregionalism
- *Ecology* – complex systems, economy-ecology modeling, theoretical ecology
- *Dematerialization and De-Growth* – industrial ecology, eco-efficiency, sustainable consumption and production
- *Sustainable Development* - environment and industrial development, inequalities between rich and poor, indigenous rights and wisdoms, environmental colonialism and debt, environmental GDP of the poor, sustainability and self-actualization
- *Environmental Ethics and Values* – norms, ethical concepts, environmental values and decision-making
- *Governance and Public Policy* – green macroeconomics, recapturing the public space in an age of neo-liberalism, Green New Deal, green recovery, politics and public participation in decision making

- *Knowledge and social learning* – knowledge systems, dynamics and mechanisms of social learning and change in economic and policy processes
- *Green Business* – corporate social responsibility, ecological economics of the firm, industrial ecology, trade and taxation, incentives and entrepreneurship
- *Heterodox Economics* – opportunities after the crisis for institutional, evolutionary, post-Keynesian, post-autistic economics, synergies with ecological economics
- *Transdisciplinarity* – post normal science, sustainability science, transdisciplinary research designs, participatory methods, methodological and theoretical challenges
- *Teaching Ecological Economics* – curriculum development, practical experiences, learning as sustainability

Abstract Submission

For full paper presentations, the paper has to be submitted no later than 1 July 2010. Session proposals must include an abstract introducing the rationale of the session, the name of the session chair(s), and the abstracts of the individual contributions (can be submitted individually if relevance to the session is mentioned). Alternative innovative formats are welcome in coordination with the conference organisers.

Conference organisers are undertaking all efforts to ensure funding to reimburse travel costs and participation fees of presenters coming from non-OECD countries and of young researchers.

Conference Website www.isee2010.org





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Conference Venue

The 11th ISEE Conference will be organised in the adjacent cities of Oldenburg and Bremen in Northwestern Germany. Both hosts, Bremen and Oldenburg University have a strong record in ecological economic research and teaching and are centres of interdisciplinary environmental and sustainability research with a strong focus on social science and economic dimensions of sustainability problems.

The conference will have different formats including full plenaries for all participants, semiplenaries with keynote speeches held in parallel and different formats of parallel sessions, including a discussion session for innovative ideas or short project outlines. In addition, a poster session will be organized with short presentations of poster presenters.

Prior to the conference, a number of pre-conference events like workshops, regional chapter meetings, book authors meetings and alike will be scheduled on Friday and Saturday 20 -21 August 2010.

The official conference will start on Sunday 22 August in the afternoon with an inauguration ceremony and a reception. It will continue with the scientific sessions on Monday to Wednesday (23 – 25 August 2010). The conference dinner is scheduled for 24 August 2010 to be held in Bremen.



Executive Committee

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The official announcement from GDAE states: "The Leontieff Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought recognizes economists whose work, like that of the institute and Leontief himself, combines theoretical and empirical research that promotes a more comprehensive understanding of social and environmental processes. The inaugural prizes were awarded in 2000 to John Kenneth Galbraith and Nobel Prize winner Amartya Sen.

Bina Agarwal's contributions to broadening the frontiers of economic thought have been both theoretical and empirical, always with a focus on the lives of the most disadvantaged. An economist with a keen interest in interdisciplinary and inter-country explorations, Dr. Agarwal's publications

include eight books and numerous professional papers on a range of subjects: land, livelihoods and property rights; environment and development; the political economy of gender; poverty and inequality; law; and agriculture and technological change. Her book: *A Field of One's Own: Gender and Land Rights in South Asia* (Cambridge University Press, 1994) was awarded the A.K. Coomaraswamy Book Prize 1996; the Edgar Graham Book Prize 1996; and the K. H. Batheja Award 1995-96. She is a Professor of Economics at the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi University. She counts among her many accomplishments helping found the Indian Society for Ecological Economics. Dr. Agarwal currently serves on the U.N. Committee for Development Policy and the Prime Minister's National Council for Land Reforms."

GDAE Co-Director Neva Goodwin wrote: "Bina Agarwal embodies the kind of theoretically rigorous, empirically grounded, and policy-oriented economics that the Leontieff Prize was created to recognize. Her contributions to both scholarship and policy on economic development, the environment, well-being, and gender have been an inspiration to GDAE for many years."



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ISEE Forum on Ecological Economics and the Current Global Economic Crisis

On 'Revaluing the environment': A Critical Synthesis of Peter May's Article for *The Broker*

Our parting president Dr. Peter May embarked on a "mano a mano" with Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, director of the Earth Institute in Columbia University under the umbrella provided by *The Broker* magazine. The Special Report: Greening the global economy sought to "offer their views on the possibility and necessity to develop a new, green economics." It can be found at <http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/en/Dossiers/Special-Report-Greening-the-global-economy/Revaluing-the-environment>.

The introductory piece frames the discussion on the stimulus by some countries of green economic opportunities, the initiative of the UN to call for a "Global Green New Deal refocusing the economy so that the next growth cycle is less damaging to humans and to nature" and other initiatives measuring welfare including the value of biodiversity and social equity as potential markers of a paradigm shift in global economics.

Is this the case or is it just a series of events happening in the border of mainstream economics?

In his piece, Dr. Jeffrey Sachs proposes that "sustained and widespread future prosperity will require basic reforms in global governance and in macroeconomic science. Such reforms will not be easy, as they will require entirely new ways of thinking." His reasoning calls for a focus on human ecology rather than what he calls a single-minded focus on markets, and on finding global solutions for global structural problems. Along the same lines he points to a need for the reassertion of core values in economic life: integrity, fairness, justice for the weak, and sustainability for the future, maybe a value-based economics.

Jeffrey Sachs suggests a watershed of challenges that create a need to completely revamp the way to look at the global economy. The market fails to deal appropriately with social and environmental issues. Therefore, he calls for new governance; new institutions that can help the world take a longer view in order to define economic priorities. He also calls for a low carbon economy and changing the global food system addressing not only its social but also its environmental impacts. Further, he calls for change in the notions of global cooperation as well. Sachs provocatively says, "We must bolster international economic cooperation on the fly and in the heat of crisis. As a first step, the G20 should be supported as the new forum for macroeconomic

decision-making." Finally, he calls for the proper mobilization of expert knowledge closer to policy makers in order to increase the scientific literacy of policy debates.

Dr. Peter May, in his piece "Revaluing the Environment" starts by addressing one of the fundamental issues for ecological economics which is not addressed by Dr. Sachs: unlimited growth. "Growth for growth sake is no longer an option...No one wants to return to the growth trends and bubble-bust cycles of the recent past." The article says. The object of study of our transdiscipline is, according to May, the interface between ecology and economics. A green revision of the incentives and investments is proposed as a starting point for the paradigm shift that would enable the global north and south to maintain or increase their quality of life while they reduce their throughput of energy and materials in a way that growth would become irrelevant.

The article proposes the alternative use of indicators of sustainability such as universal water provision, low per-capita carbon emissions, school retention and child nutrition, with economic growth being a means rather than an end in itself. In fact, he proposes that "distributive policies and investments targeted at making the most of nature's so-far unremunerated 'environmental services', such as climate regulation, pollination and soil formation" may be better tools to achieve the desirable goals of society.

Peter May proposes to act at a policy level on the limits to growth as something real, transforming "society to coexist far more harmoniously with nature, with full cost accounting of environmental services and social justice both within and between generations." He argues that this vision cannot be achieved without a complete revision of mainstream economics. This revision would result in a mixture of command and control and market-based instruments, "depending on the relative uniqueness and resilience of the ecosystem in question." He blames the over focusing on the market that neoclassical economics has promoted on the scope and depth of the current crisis.

Our past president develops the principles of ecological economics highlighting the systemic view that we spouse and the relevance of scale and distributional issues aside economic efficiency for ecological economists. "While conventional economics largely limits discussion of intra-generational, interspecies and inter-generational equity need





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to be explicitly addressed through democratic and transparent, ethically guided, societal choice...EE adopts the Rawlsian principle of justice as fairness, recognizing that those who hold property and assets at the outset largely shape policy and market outcomes. It is also often the case that the poorest members of society are not invited to the bargaining table, much less developing countries."

He recognizes the tools through which ecological economics solves the environmental conflicts that characterize the axiological balance it seeks to achieve in "political ecology and deliberative engagement of stakeholders in environmental valuation and management, rather than simply presenting trade-offs among alternative courses of action in terms of discounted monetary benefits and costs." Peter points to Elinor Ostrom's Nobel prize, the Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) initiative and the Civil Society Engagement with Ecological Economics (CEECEC) project as examples of recognitions and practical engagements in which ecological economists worldwide are participating.

The green economy needs the world to face the reality of biophysical limits. Also, to find institutional and behavioral responses to the underlying contradictions "that have

brought the global economy to its knees, and that have degraded biodiversity and overheated the planet." The specific policy recommendations that Peter offers are:

- Decouple energy and material use from economic growth.
- Replace fossil fuels with renewable solar and wind power and second-generation biofuels, whether or not they are 'cheaper'.
- Tax 'bads' (e.g. resource exhaustion and pollution) rather than 'goods' (employment and investment).
- Freely share common-pool knowledge and information to stimulate and spread innovation.
- Reform the national accounts to measure whether people are happier and not whether they are consuming more."

An extremely opportune critical analysis of the philosophical and scientific implications of this discussion was provided online by the tropical biologist and rural development expert Toon van Eijk. Its details can be found at <http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/en/Dossiers/Special-Report-Greening-the-global-economy> and <http://www.thebrokeronline.eu/en/Dossiers/Special-Report-Greening-the-global-economy/Revaluing-the-environment>.

Prospects of Ecological Economics By, John Gowdy, President ISEE

This is an auspicious time for ecological economics. When the society was founded in 1989 the idea that sound economic theory and effective economic policy must consider social and environmental context was considered heretical. Economics was totally dominated by a school of thought that saw the market economy as a near-to-equilibrium system populated by perfectly rational, self-referential firms and consumers. This model of the economy has been discredited by the theoretical intractabilities of the model, empirical refutation of its core assumptions, and disastrous policy results. Although the battle for the heart and soul of the economics profession is far from over, the last twenty years has seen a revolution in economic theory culminating in the award of the Nobel Prize in economics to one of our own, Elinor Ostrom.

The current crisis in economic theory and policy represents a unique opportunity for ecological economics to help shape the future of the economics profession. The behavioral

revolution in economics has vindicated the emphasis by ecological economists on the importance of local cultures and local attitudes to sound resource management. We have a long history of solid empirical contributions based on realistic models of human behavior. Going back at least to the work of Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen and Kenneth Boulding, there is also a long tradition within ecological economics using insights from psychology and evolutionary biology to describe economic behavior. These ideas are now becoming mainstream.

Although the displacement of the traditional model of the consumer is well underway, the same cannot be said of the model of production. There is still hardly any acknowledgement in the mainstream journals of the limits to resource use and limits to input substitutability nor of the uniqueness of energy as a productive input. Again, ecological economics has a long history of empirical work using realistic





ISEE Forum on Ecological Economics and the Current Global Economic Crisis

Prospects of Ecological Economics By, John Gowdy, President ISEE (continued from Page 11)

models of production, and we are posed to play a leading role in re-shaping the mainstream view of production.

One key research project, underdeveloped in ecological economics, is formulating a realistic model of the macroeconomy. Findings from behavioral economics have undermined the notion of rational choice but the full implications of “irrationality” have yet to be fully recognized. For one thing, if market choices (“revealed preferences”) are not rational then there is nothing sacrosanct about market outcomes. Even perfectly competitive markets do not automatically reveal what’s best for society. The Fundamental Theorems of neoclassical welfare economics—establishing the superiority of resource allocation by markets—cannot be proved without the assumption of self-regarding individuals and firms. This is an underlying reason why conservative economists find criticisms of the rational actor model so distasteful. Economic theory has largely forgotten the critical insight from Keynes—the macro economy does not behave as one big firm. Within the current macroeconomic system, “efficiency” is not necessarily a desirable yardstick of success.

Another area where work is needed is the further integration of biology and ecology into economic models. Hopefully, in the coming years we can do better than simply “pricing” ecological resources and putting these numbers into constrained optimization models. Like the biological world, the human economy is an evolving, complex system and we can learn a lot from current ideas in evolutionary biology.

As we begin a new decade, the future looks bright for ecological economics. The next ISEE conference will be held in Bremen/Oldenberg in August. Under the able leadership of Bernd Siebenhuner this meeting is on track to be one of the most successful conferences yet. Our journal is extremely influential and its quality and influence is increasing under the guidance of Rich Howarth (with the help of the extraordinarily capable Anne Aitken). I look forward with enthusiasm to my next two years as President of ISEE. My job has been made much easier by the hard work of my predecessors. I am particularly thankful to our past president Peter May for his vigorous efforts on behalf of the society and for mentoring me during the transition period. This should be a great decade for ecological economics.





ISEE MEMBER NEWS

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Marsha Kopan
ISEE Secretariat

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Ecological Economics, published under agreement with Elsevier Press. Members are eligible to subscribe to an electronic version by itself or elect to also receive the subscription in paper format at a substantially reduced rate.

Mark your calendar for the 11th ISEE Conference that is in the process of being organized in the adjacent cities of Oldenburg and Bremen in Northwestern Germany. (For more information about the conference see Page 17) or visit the conference website at www.isee2010.org

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The journal, Ecological Economics, is concerned with extending and integrating the study and management of “nature’s household” (ecology) and “humankind’s household” (economics). This integration is necessary because conceptual and professional isolation have led to economic and environmental policies which are mutually destructive rather than reinforcing in the long term. The journal is transdisciplinary in spirit and it’s methodologically open.

Specific research areas covered include: valuation of natural resources, sustainable agriculture and development, ecologically integrated technology, integrated ecologic-economic modeling at scales from local to regional to global, implications of thermodynamics for economics and ecology, renewable resource management and conservation, critical assessments of the basic assumptions underlying current economic and ecological paradigms and the implications of alternative assumptions, economic and ecological consequences of genetically engineered organisms, and gene pool inventory and management, alternative principles for valuing natural wealth, integrating natural resources and environmental services into national income and wealth accounts, methods of implementing efficient environmental policies, case studies of economic-ecologic conflict or harmony, etc. New issues in this area are rapidly emerging and will find a ready forum in Ecological Economics.

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If you have any questions, contact Marsha Kopan, the ISEE Secretariat at secretariat@ecoeco.org



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The second semester of 2009 and beginning of 2010 have been prolific for ISEE regional chapters and friend organizations.

ESEE News — Ample Excitement from the Degrowth Conference in Barcelona



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Between March 26-29th the Second International Degrowth Conference "From free markets to Freedom from markets" took place at the historic building of 'Universidad de Barcelona'. 500 scientists, civil society members and practitioners from more than 40 countries attended the conference.

The Degrowth Conference took place in the historic University of Barcelona's Rectorado Building. Photo by the Deshazkundera Collective (<http://www.flickr.com/people/48248551@N04/>)

More than 300 participants took part in working groups for degrowth political

proposals and research. Stirring papers are available online in each working group section. Around 80 posters were presented. The poster tour is now online! Around 50 oral presentations were made.

The conference sought to advance the concept of degrowth. As the official publications of the meeting stated it: "Degrowth is a pluralistic proposal with different components. Degrowth as an idea is continuously evolving. The degrowth community has matured: beyond a criticism of the growth economy, practical proposals are emerging for responding to the current economic, social and ecological crises."

Within an impressive scenery, the II Degrowth Conference was characterized by participatory sessions. Photo by the Deshazkundera Collective (<http://www.flickr.com/people/48248551@N04/>)

The conference was organized by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, ICTA in the Degrowth Research Program in cooperation with Ecologistas en Acción and Universidad de Barcelona. Funders included Initiative Internationale pour repenser l'Économie, Generalitat de Catalunya- Departament de Medi Ambient, Generalitat de Catalunya-Consell Assessor per al Desenvolupament Sostenible, Diputació de Barcelona, Agència Catalana de Cooperació al Desenvolupament, Ajuntament de Barcelona, Fondation pour le Progrès de l'Homme and Fondation pour une Terre Humaine. The local organizing committee was composed of Joan Martínez-Alier, François Schneider, Giorgos Kallis, Marta Conde, Beatriz Rodríguez Labajos, Núria Vidal de Llobatera i Pomar, Federico Demaria, Daniel Raventos, Joaquim Sampere, Mario Giampietro, Amalia Cardenas, Christian Kerschner, Claudio Cattaneo, Christos Zografos, Cristina Madrid, Elisabeth Gsottbauer, Filka Sekulova, Giorgio Mosangini, Leah Temper, Mariana Walter, Monica Vargas, Enric Senabre Hidalgo, Arnim Scheidel, Oriol Leira, Stefano Puddu and Laura Calvet.





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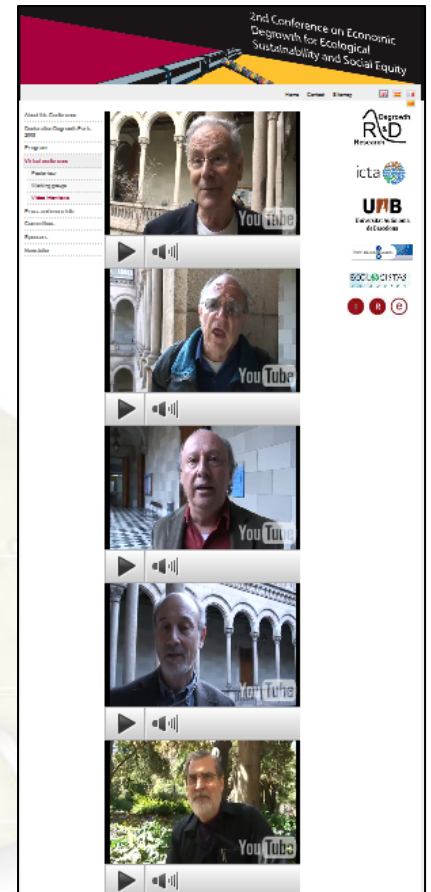
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Louise Stoddard, web editor for *The Broker*, wrote in her blog about the conference, “A lot about this conference is refreshingly alternative, from the eco friendly paper and string name badges and ringing bicycle bell that calls people into each session to of course the content. Degrowth is not easily digestible. ‘we are here to take a critical look at the notion of growth’ said Joan Martinez-Alier...How is degrowth possible in a world dominated by GDP? Jeron van den Berg explained how he had wanted to write a paper on abolishing GDP but couldn’t get it accepted to any journal. Sitting in the audience was Frances Roma from Inclusive Democracy...who pointed out that GDP does not fairly reflect price and value, just because people have to pay huge amounts for things does not actually mean they are worth this much he said using the example of high rent prices. Someone else then added that economists need to be the heroes. It’s a challenge for them as they have spent half their lives working with empirical

research based on GDP, but we would make huge advances if they can look at something other than GDP something that would be emotionally quite difficult for them.” (to read the full blog, please go to <http://www.thebrokeronline.eu>).

A set of interviews on the conference’s website emphasizes on diverse advances from the conference including the creation of a global alliance for degrowth and the connections between the concept and politics, indigenous peoples, democracy and civil society. More information and photos from the conference can be found at <http://www.degrowth.eu>.

The extensive compilation of video interviews including Prof. Joan Martínez, Prof. David Barkin, Prof. Toledo Manzur, Prof. Peter Victor, Prof. Richard Noorgard, Dr. Nadia Johanisova, Miguel Valencia, Dr. Marco Deriu, Prof. Jeroen van der Bergh, Blake Alcott, Alexis Passadakis and Leda Rijnhout can be found at <http://www.degrowth.eu/v1/index.php?id=111>.



ESEE News — Board Elections — Official Results

The results of the last election for the ESEE board was announced as official. The results were:

President: Sigrid Stagl

Vice Presidents

Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska

Marina Fischer-Kowalski

Elected Board Members:

Janne Hukkinen

Irene Ring

Giorgos Kallis

Ines Omann

Klaus Kubeczko

Begum Ozkaynak





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ESEE News — News from Environmental Policy and Governance (continued from Page 22)

ESEE reports in its electronic newsletter that "The journal 'Environmental Policy and Governance' (EPG) will produce an issue covering material from the ESEE 2009 conference. We hereby invite you to send in your paper to be evaluated for the 'conference issue'. We have set the deadline for submission to September 15.

The paper should include an abstract of up till 250 words and being not longer than 8,000 words in length (standard EPG rules).

Please, submit the paper over ConfTool system www.conftool.com/esee2009. For entering the system you can use the same user name and password as you have used it for the ESEE conference. The submissions can be done by selecting the menu item Your Submissions and then EPG special issue contribution. The preferred submission format is MSWord. The email to be used for FAQ about submissions is office@eese2009.si. Indicate also if you want your paper to be sent to the EPG ordinary evaluation procedure if it does not

make it for the conference issue - the editorial board of the journal have indicated that they would welcome paper submissions from the conference.

Concerning the evaluation procedure, we will first select papers that fit well to a conference issue and seem to have the potential to pass the review process. These will be taken to a full review. Authors of papers that do not get beyond this screening will be informed a.s.a.p. so that their paper can be taken to other outlets. Certainly, if the author(s) has asked us to send the paper to EPG for normal evaluation, this will be done at this stage.

We plan to finish the review process (two rounds if necessary) by the end of February. The conference issue will then be out in June 2010 and made available for all participants at the ISEE 2010 conference.

Best wishes: Adrez Udovč , Conference Organizer
Arild Vatn, ESEE President

ASAUEE News (Argentina) First International Course on Ecological Economics and Fourth Meeting of the Argentinean-Uruguayan Society for Ecological



www.gepama.com.ar

Hosted by the Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento in the beautiful suburban Bellavista (a few km. way from Buenos Aires), the ASAUEE organized this event which combined an international course for non-experts and its fourth biennial meeting between November 25-28, 2009.

Demonstrating the increasing interest for ecological economics in Argentina and Uruguay and thanks to the dynamism of Dr. Walter Pengue (President ASAUEE) and his team, the event counted with the sponsorship of several organizations. Among them were the Secretary of the Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina, the National Agency for the

Promotion of Science and Technology, the National Institute of Industrial Technology, the PROHUERTA program of the National Institute of Agricultural Technology, the Academic Cooperation Program between the European Union and Latin America (Alfa), the Spanish Embassy's Council on Education, the Heinrich Böll Foundation, the Group of Landscape Ecology and the Environment of the University of Buenos Aires, the PROECO Graduate Program in Ecological Economics of the University of Buenos Aires, the Technological Center for Sustainability of the National Technological Institute, the Latin American Society of Agroecology, the Civil Society Engagement with Ecological Economics Program and REDIBEC.





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The Campus of Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento Provided the Setting for the ASAUEE Conference. Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

The course (Nov. 25-26) sought to create a space of academic formation and reflection on the theoretical and methodological instruments of ecological economics as well as to present a state of the art of the transdiscipline. At the same time it sought to create networking opportunities between different Iberoamerican research centers.

Dr. Joan Martínez-Alier addresses the general audience of the course with a presentation on Political Ecology and Languages of Valuation. Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

It included sessions on introductory notions of ecological economics, ecology and complexity, ecosystems and biophysical flows, biophysical methodologies, economics of biodiversity, the historical evolution of economic thought and its view of nature, political ecology and valuation, the social economy, sustainability indicators, new approaches to the use of natural resources, natural capital and environmental services, ecological debt and the future of ecological economics. These topics were developed by a group of regional and international experts including Dr. Joan Martínez-Alier, Dr. Walter Pengue, Dr. Enrique Ortega, Dra. Amelia Da Silva and



The inaugural session of the biennial meeting of the ASAUEE was highlighted by the presence of Homero Bibiloni, Secretary of the Environment and Development of Argentina. At his side Dr. Walter Pengue, President of ASAUEE. Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.



The biennial meeting of the ASAUEE (Nov. 27 & 28) included plenary talks by Drs. Pengue (On the Environmental Crop and Nature Exhaustion), Martínez-Alier (On Ecological Distributive Conflicts and Languages of Valuation), Dr. Aldo Ferrer (On the Argentinean Economy in the Second Centenary) and Dr. Peter May (On the Adventures and Mishaps of an Ecological Economist). It also included 26 parallel sessions and several symposia on topics ranging from indicators of sustainability, valuation, public policy and urban environmental problems to local development and sustainability, international trade and the environment, environmental education and ecological economics, agroecology and sustainable production, etc. The symposia centered on projects such as the ALFA SUPPORT Network (Sustainable Use of Photosynthesis Products and Optimum Resource Transformation), coordinated by Dr. Sergio Ulgiati, Exhaustible Resources, coordinated by Mariana Walter and Media and the Environment, coordinated by Brenda Liener. Several multimedia presentations complemented the above sessions.





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Dr. Aldo Ferrer's talk on the Argentinean economy drew a lot of interest by participants and the general public.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González

Mariana Walter led a session on exhaustible resource conflicts featuring other young presenters: Cristián de Haro (Argentina), Enrique Schwartz (Chile), Lucrecia Wagner (Argentina), Ivonne Ponce (Ecuador) and Ignacio Sabbatella (Argentina).

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

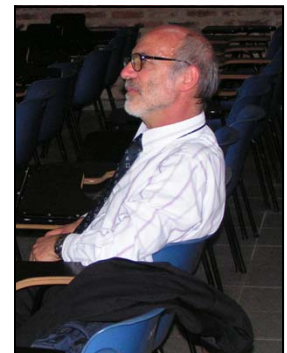


Dr. Peter May, President ISEE (today Past President) delivered an eloquent talk in the last plenary session of the meeting, reflecting on his years as an ecological economist.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

Dr. Sergio Ulgiati, Coordinator of the ALFA SUPPORT Project pays attention to Dr. Peter May's closing plenary talk.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González





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Overall this conference and course demonstrated the consolidation of this regional chapter and the strong capabilities of the organizers. It was another one of the fora that this last year has demonstrated the appeal that ecological

economics has with young students and professionals and the commitment that they can develop for our transdiscipline.

Congratulations!



A substantial part of the success of the ASAUEE Conference rested on the young shoulders of the student support team from Universidad General Sarmiento seen here during the "Parrillada" Buffet night.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

Cultural highlights included the visit to a local "parrillada" buffet and Mate Breaks. The conference also included the ordinary annual meeting of the ASAUEE, which appointed a new board and agreed on the site for the next meeting and the meeting of coordinators of the ALFA-EU-SUPPORT Project.

ANZSEE News



www.anzsee.org

The 2009 ANZSEE Biennial Conference was held at the Darwin Convention Centre in Australia's Northern Territory from the 27th to the 30th of October. The overall theme of the conference this year was Green Mileage in the Global Meltdown: An Ecological Economics Way Forward. It was chosen to encourage discussion and ideas on how ecological economics can help provide both economic and sustainability solutions in the wake of the global financial crisis. A recent report released by the United Nations Environment Program concluded that 'The right mix of policy actions can stimulate recovery and at the same time improve the sustainability of the world economy. If these actions are adopted, over the next few years they will create millions of jobs, improve the livelihoods of the world's poor and channel investments into dynamic economic sectors.' In other words we need to build on the opportunities for recrafting economic policies so that the overall outcomes will

enhance social and economic well-being as well as environmental sustainability. As part of the conference, master classes were offered on specific methods as well as a special day long workshop at the end looking at research related to indigenous issues and in particular, climate change.

Key presenters included Prof. Bob Costanza (Gund Institute for Ecological Economics), Prof. Clive Hamilton (Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics) and Prof. Richard Howarth (Editor in Chief, Ecological Economics).

Conference presentations were grouped in diverse themes: green new deal, renewable energy transformation, climate change and Copenhagen, indigenous perspectives and opportunities, climate adaptation, integrated assessment, environmental values, measuring progress in the 21st Century and sustainable production and consumption.





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The Darwin Centre hosted the ANZSEE conference. It seeks to become a world leader green facility.

Photo: ANZSEE newsletter.

CANSEE News



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CANSEE/ Gaining Ground Conference: Ecological Economics: Prosperity for a Sustainable Society

Between October 20-22, 2009 the biennial conference of CANSEE was held as a joint conference with the Centre for Urban Innovation/Gaining Ground at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The conference brought together practitioners of ecological economics, researchers, government representatives, developers, planners, urban sustainability experts, non-profit organizers, professionals, students, and academics from the Lower Mainland, Pacific Northwest, and around the world.

The conference offered plenary sessions, panel discussions and poster presentations, seeking to develop a trans-disciplinary environment for exploring how ecological economics can build prosperity for a sustainable society.

Sessions were designed to enhance attendee knowledge and understanding in the following key subject areas:

- * Strategies for Building a Resilient and Sustainable Future
- * Applying Concepts of Ecological Economics to Resource Management
- * Business and Sustainability
- * Energy Issues and Approaches to Climate Change



Plenary Speakers at CANSEE's biennial meeting included Paul Hawken, Mark Jaccard and C.S. Holling.

Photos: CANSEE website.





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Coming: A New Issue of the SMEE Newsletter and a New Conference Site

SMEE President Iliana Monterroso has informed that the Mesoamerican Society for Ecological Economics is preparing its second newsletter issue for this Spring. At this point the board is considering proposals for its biennial meeting which will take place between the end of 2010 and the beginning of 2011.

Technological, Institutional and Conceptual Solutions for the Sustainable Development of the Térraba-Sierpe Mangrove of Costa Rica

By: Azur Moulaert, Community Development and Applied Economics, University of Vermont

A southbound drive along the Pacific coastline of Costa Rica reveals the rapid spread of mass sun and sea tourism, with all the problems it brings. High-rise hotels sprout everywhere; billboards for American real estate firms litter the roadside; illegal developments abound; roads carved through forested mountainsides collapse blocking rivers; runoff from new construction loads mangrove estuaries with so much sediment that navigation is no longer possible. The area is clearly under siege.

The protected area of the Térraba-Sierpe (TS) mangrove forest presently marks the end of the development boom and the start of the Osa peninsula, one of Costa Rica's best preserved wilderness areas, boasting one of the planet's greatest concentrations of biodiversity. The TS mangrove forest, the largest on the Pacific coast of Central America, is a keystone ecosystem within this complex system. What has so far protected this area from runaway development is its difficult access. The government however is currently planning to

build the largest airport in Central America, capable of landing 2000 tourists a day; there are plans for many traditional marinas; the Pan-American highway is slowly yet moving forward and a massive power plant looms in the horizon.

Many fear that uncontrolled growth will lead to the same ecological, social and economic problems currently confronting other places. On the other hand some consider it a blessing and believe this high carbon development will bring needed jobs to the region. What no one seemed to discuss is the problem of building the intensely fossil-fuel dependent infrastructure at the very time that rising oil prices and accompanying global recession may make such infrastructure obsolete. Some well-informed people believe that the airport is inevitable, while others doubt it will be built in their lifetimes. Should Costa Rica build a world-class airport in the TS region? Will the airport prove an economic success in today's precarious global economy? What will be the ecological and social costs? What are the alternatives? In a complex ecological economic system, it is extremely difficult to answer such questions, and impossible to answer them definitively, yet it is imperative to try.

To address these questions the Community Development and Applied Economics Department and the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont (UVM) received a two year grant from the Bluemoon Fund to work in the TS mangroves of Costa Rica. Local experts Bernardo Aguilar-González (SMEE board and USSEE board) from Fundación Neotropical, Eduard Muller from the Escuela Latinoamericana de Areas Protegidas, Helena Molina from the University of Costa Rica and Cornelia Miller from PRIAS-CENAT have joined efforts with David Batker and Maya Kocian from Earth Economics, Ken Lindemann from the Florida Institute of Technology and Robert Costanza, Joshua Farley and Azur Moulaert from UVM.





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In August 2008 UVM launched the ECOTICOS Project (Education, Communication, Technical, Institutional and Conceptual Solutions) whose primary goal is to identify the threats, examples, and opportunities to promote the sustainable development of the Térraba-Sierpe Wetlands. How then should Costa Rica proceed, and how can the ECOTICOS Project help Costa Rica choose the right path? The work of Donella Meadows, one of the world's leading systems thinkers, can give us some insights. In one of her more relevant works "Limits to Growth", Meadows identified twelve leverage points for changing complex systems, the ECOTICOS Project groups them into a new development framework entitled Technical, Institutional and Conceptual Solutions and proposes that to promote sustainable development it is imperative to work within and across all three levels of this framework.

Throughout 2011 the ECOTICOS Project will focus on moving three critical levers:

- (1) The Technical lever: over the course of the project a series of Google Earth maps will be generated to capture the good, the bad, the ugly and most importantly the possible. This is being done with a combination of site visits, recognizance flights, personal interviews and on the ground training. An online gallery will be made public for every resident or visitor to share their images or

videos empowering them to become better stewards of the land and sea.

- (2) The Institutional Lever: during this first stage of the project to community at large meetings will be convened to capture their views on what they see and would like to see across their landscape. These meetings will allow fine tuning both a Ecosystem Services Valuation Exercise and a Multi-criteria Analysis.
- (3) The Conceptual Lever: during the initial phase of this project efforts will be made towards the development of a baseline to assess both water quality and the current status of fisheries habitat. Even though there is no silver bullet for assessing threats to sustainable development the measuring and monitoring both of these variables will provide a good measure of ecosystem health in order to prioritize future restoration practices.

Embedded in these three levers are the two most important pieces of the puzzle: Education and Communication. A series of trainings ranging from green mapping, photojournalism, storytelling and bio-monitoring are in the making. The ECOTICOS Project will plan a series of press releases and media campaigns to showcase the results of this project towards the fall - well in Costa Rica the rainy season - of 2010. More information can be found at: <http://www.uvm.edu/cdae/ecoticos>



The Térraba-Sierpe National Mangrove Wetland.

Photo: Azur Moulaert.





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USSEE News



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'Ecological Economics Reviews' journal

Recently the inaugural volume of Ecological Economics Reviews, a joint effort of the US Society for Ecological Economics and NY Academy of Sciences publication, was published. The volume contained authors such as Rudolf de

Groot, Richard Cowling, Bruce Hannon, R. Kerry Turner, Peter Nijkamp, Peter Söderbaum, Barry D. Solomon, Pushpam Kumar, and many others. You can find the complete volume here <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122401764/grouphome/home.html>



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There is also a non-affiliated Chinese Ecological Economics Society www.cnees.org.cn





Other Regional Society News

REDIBEC News (New Andean Society)

In the pleasant environment of Bogota's Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Campus, the IV Iberoamerican Meeting on Development and the Environment (CISDA) took place between October 7-10, 2009. This event was organized by REDIBEC (The Iberoamerican Network of Ecological Economics) in collaboration with the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, CINARA (Research and Development in Water Supply, Environmental Health and Water Conservation Institute), IDEADE (The Institute of Environmental Studies for Development of the Universidad Javeriana), the Universidad del Valle (Cauca and Cauca Valley Departments), National University of Colombia and IDEA (Institute of Environmental Studies of the National University of Colombia).

The meeting was preceded by an advanced course in Ecological Economics (October 5 & 6). The topics in the course were organized in four modules: Epistemological and Conceptual Basis of Ecological Economics; Ecological Economic Methodologies for Sustainable Development; Energy Policy and Environmental Impacts, and, Economic Dynamics, Environmental Impact and New Technologies. These were developed at the campus of Universidad Nacional de Colombia's School of Economics.

CISDA IV sought to provide a conceptual framework to analyze sustainable development and its implications (national, international and local) in Iberoamerica. It also sought to create an appropriate space for the exchange of information and knowledge, as well as spaces for future collaboration in diverse topics. Additionally, its goals included to provide the scientific community and civil society with a wide array of foci, concepts, techniques and experiences allowing the better design and analysis of social, economic and environmental development strategies; generating a dialogue space between experts of diverse fields of knowledge and social organizations to create integrated science-society actions to address the problems of development and the environment in Iberoamerica, and,

accelerate the growth of REDIBEC and the development of other organizations in the same field in the region.

The meeting had 16 thematic areas:

1. Research methods in Ecological Economics: Potential uses to build alternative models of development;
2. Climate Change: mitigation, adaptation and ecological debt;
3. Water management and aquatic ecosystems;
4. Rural production systems and ecosystem sustainability;
5. Energy crisis, agro-biofuels and alternative energies;
6. Environmental management systems and policies in the public, private and social;
7. Ecosystem relations, local knowledge, culture and development;
8. Macro projects and productive chains: Balance and distribution of environmental costs and economic benefits;
9. Biodiversity conservation: conflict and appropriation;
10. Macroeconomic and environmental policy;
11. Sustainable agriculture, food sovereignty and security;
12. Ecology and landscape: planning and landscape management;
13. Sustainable tourism; use and conservation of cultural and natural capital;
14. Ecological economics in the context of scientific and development disciplines;
15. Distributive ecological conflicts; Techniques, technology, development and environment.

These thematic areas were developed through plenary talks, parallel sessions, panels and other activities. Plenary speakers included Dr. Joan Martínez-Alier (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), Dr. Enrique Leff (UNAM, Mexico), Dr. Iliana Monterroso (President SMEE), Dr. Ademar Ribeiro (Universidade de Campinas, Brasil) and Dr. Alejandro Nadal (Colegio de Mexico, Mexico).



The Campus of Universidad Javeriana provided the appropriate environment for CISDA IV.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.





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A total of 98 presentations were done. The number of participants was good (220) especially considering the wide geographic range: Brazil, México, Venezuela, Chile, Guatemala, Perú, Costa Rica, Argentina, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Spain and Colombia.

An important component of CISDA IV were also round tables specifically focused on the media, drug trafficking and environmental conflicts. This last topic was complemented by two field trips to environmental conflict areas: the Bogotá River and Ciudad Bolívar (areas of high pollution and extreme poverty).

Along the lines of activities promoting socio-environmental awareness, the meeting included an art display by the young Colombian artist Giovanni Gutiérrez. His art portrays the harsh work and environmental conditions faced by sugar cane plantation workers. His management of irony as a tool of critical theory was remarkable. His work is painted on a substrate of recycled Postobon (a Colombian soft drink-an

industry which is one of the main users of sugar in the world) posters. This company has been considered as one of the most competitive companies of Colombia and is one of the most traditional ones (founded in 1904 in Medellín).

Business meetings included the meeting of REDIBEC. This meeting had as its main outcome the agreement to transfer the coordination of REDIBEC to the Latin American regional societies of ISEE.

Also, what started with the intention of launching REDCOLEE (a Colombian Network of Ecological Economics) ended up becoming an initiative to create an Andean Society for Ecological Economics. This initiative albeit still incipient drew a lot of enthusiasm from the large student attendance to the meeting.

CISDA IV also demonstrated the enthusiasm that Ecological Economics is creating worldwide and the fruitful efforts of its organizers are recognizable in the remarkable way in which this meeting represented such trend.



Dr. Roldan Muradian (REDIBEC and Tilburg University, The Netherlands) addresses the opening plenary of the IV CISDA.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González

Dr. Joan Martínez-Alier addressed the IVth. CISDA with a dissertation on the current economic crisis and sustainable degrowth supported by the poor in the south, a prelude to the Degrowth Conference in Barcelona.

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Dr. Enrique Leff delivers his plenary presentation on Environmental Rationality and the Building of an Alternative Economics at CISDA IV.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

Dr. Iliana Monterroso (President SMEE) delivers her plenary talk on Biodiversity Models of Conservation as Spaces of Tension to the CISDA IV.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González



A highlight of CISDA IV: Giovanni Gutiérrez displays his work on the harsh conditions of sugar cane workers in Colombia. His paintings were made on recycled Postobon posters.

Photo: Bernardo Aguilar-González.

Among the student attendance to CISDA IV which received with enthusiasm the initiative to create an Andean Society for Ecological Economics were Lisset Pérez and Jackelin Posada from Universidad del Valle in Cali.

Photo: Litza Chaux.





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FOOTPRINT FORUM 2010 — MEET THE WINNERS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

June 7, 2010

Elsa, Italia

Global Footprint Network and the University of Siena Ecodynamics Group, invite you to be a participant at [Footprint Forum 2010 – Meet the Winners of the 21st Century](#), to be held June 7-10 in Colle di Val D' Elsa, Italy, just outside Siena. More information about the Forum is included below and on our website at Footprint Forum: Meet the Winners of the 21st Century. To register, visit www.acteva.com/go/FootprintForum2010 Register by March 31, 2010 to receive discounted Early Bird pricing!

For any questions or concerns you might have, please contact Bree Barbeau at bree@footprintnetwork.org

24TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR CONSERVATION BIOLOGY (ICCB)

July 3-7, 2010

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

SCB is an international professional organization with more than 10,000 members around the globe (see www.conbio.org for more information).

The meeting is being held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on **July 3-7, 2010**. The theme of the meeting is "Conservation for a Changing Planet." Because of the focus on environmental change, the meeting will highlight the importance of multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approaches to conservation.

The call for symposia, workshops, discussion groups, and short courses in Edmonton is now open. Contributions from all fields of conservation research and practice are welcome, including natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Additional information on the meeting, including links to instructions for submitting proposals, is available here: www.conbio.org/2010.

If you have additional questions, please contact me (mrdudd@swgc.mun.ca). For general information about the SSWG, please contact Rich Wallace, SSWG's vice president and program committee chair, at rwallace@ursinus.edu

4th Atlantic Workshop on Energy and Environmental Economics

GREEN TAX REFORMS

A Toxa (Spain), 8-9 July 2010

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Research Group in Economics, Business and the Environment (rede) at the University of Vigo (Spain), with the collaboration of Economics for Energy, announces the 4th Atlantic Workshop on Energy and Environmental Economics. The workshop will be held on the island of A Toxa (near Vigo, in Galicia) on the 8-9 of July 2010 and may be appealing to researchers, policy makers and other agents interested in the economic aspects of climate change policies. More information on the workshop is available in <http://www.rede.uvigo.es/toxa>

This year the guiding research subject of the workshop is Green Tax Reforms. The workshop will include keynote lectures by Gilbert E. Metcalf (Tufts University) and Agnar Sandmo (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration), with invited papers by Denny Ellerman (MIT), Michael Hanemann (UC Berkeley) and Juan P. Montero (PUC Chile). Theoretical or empirical papers on Energy and Environmental Economics will be considered for presentation in the workshop. Deadline for submission of papers is **May 21, 2010**. Complete papers should be sent by email (as pdf format) to redes@uvigo.es, including: name, affiliation, email address, abstract of less than 100 words, JEL codes and no more than 5 keywords. Acceptance of papers will be notified by **June 7, 2010**. After this date, registration will be open (with a fee of 350 Euro), and information on accommodation on the Island of A Toxa will be posted in the workshop's web page.

Organizers: Carlos de Miguel, Xavier Labandeira and Baltasar Manzano (rede and University of Vigo).

The scientific committee includes Denny Ellerman, Michael Hanemann, Juan P. Montero, the organizers María Loureiro, Miguel Rodríguez and Julia Touza (rede and University of Vigo).





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Final International Congress on Urban Ecology

The DFG Graduate Research Group announces the final International Congress on Urban Ecology on October 22nd and 23rd in Berlin.

"Cracks in the Concrete Jungle: New Perspectives on Urban Ecology"

For the past seven years, the DFG graduate research group "Perspectives on Urban Ecology" has been investigating the interface between cities, nature and people, and is pleased to invite representatives from different disciplines to its third and final international congress on urban ecology. The congress focuses on the development of urban nature in the context of contemporary challenges, especially with regard to the quality of human life.

We look forward to receive abstracts for oral presentations and poster contributions on the following session topics:

- Sustainable Planning and Policy
- Urban Biodiversity
- Environmental Media
- Perception and Behavior
- Methods, Theories and Practice

For details see www.stadtoekologie-berlin.de.

International Conference on Human Capital for Sustainable Economies | Karlsruhe, Germany Greening Human Capital

A two-day International Conference on Developing Human Capital for Sustainable Economies will be held from **May 27th to 28th, 2010** in the "green" city of Karlsruhe, Germany. This event will bring together academia, senior executives of public and private organisations, chief human capital officers, business executives and corporate advisors, economists, policy makers, environmental management experts, sustainable development practitioners, representatives of international development agencies and other relevant stakeholders to discuss key emerging issues including: global warming and the emergence of the green economy; how is the transformation from high to low carbon and sustainable economy impacting human capital management; and effective initiatives needed to develop and manage human capital for the next economies – the green economies.

Further to the knowledge sharing on greening human capital; the upcoming event also provides an excellent networking opportunity with members of international agencies, governmental and non-governmental institutions, senior corporate and hr executives, academia, economists, sustainable development practitioners and other relevant stakeholders in Europe and beyond.

For further information, please see the event details:

<http://www.etechgermany.com/HCCConference.pdf>

International Association for the Study of the Commons North American Regional Meeting: "Capturing the Complexity of the Commons"

September 30 - October 2, 2010

Arizona State University

Tempe, Arizona, USA

<http://csid.asu.edu/USIASC2010>

Proposals for panels, workshops and individual papers are due April 1, 2010. Confirmation of acceptance of the abstract will be sent by May 1, 2010. Final papers are due September 1, 2010 (details will be sent to authors upon abstract acceptance).

Submission of Abstracts. All abstracts must be submitted electronically in Word, text, or pdf format. Abstracts should be submitted via the conference website (<http://csid.asu.edu/USIASC2010>).

7TH EDITION OF THE BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ADVANCES IN ENERGY STUDIES (AES)

19-21 October 2010

Barcelona (Spain)

The call for papers is now open and proposals for contributions can be submitted through the website: <http://www.societalmetabolism.org/aes2010.html>

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Call for Papers





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ESTER BOSERUP CONFERENCE 2010

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a centennial tribute

LONG-TERM TRAJECTORIES IN POPULATION, GENDER RELATIONS, LAND USE, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Conference Date: November 15 – 17, 2010 in Vienna, Austria

Ester Boserup was one of the pioneers of an integrated theoretical approach to questions of development and sustainability. 2010 marks the centennial of her birth. The Ester Boserup Conference 2010 “Long-term trajectories in population, gender relations, land use, and the environment” wishes to pay tribute to her work and to her intellectual heritage.

Ester Boserup’s work focussed on understanding processes of social change. She conceptualized human societies – in their present-day form and in their historical development – as dynamic relationships between natural, economic, cultural, and political structures. This interdisciplinary approach to social development and the manner in which Boserup positioned herself at the interface between academia and politics form integral parts of her intellectual legacy. The conference will therefore consider contributions addressing her approach, her interface position and the applicability of her theories to current sustainability issues.

Keynote presentations structure the conference. They highlight Boserup’s theoretical work, intellectual legacy and relevance to policy institutions (preliminary topics included):

- Billie Lee Turner II: Agriculture and Land Use
- Ramon Lopez: Development Issues
- Marina Fischer-Kowalski: Long-Term Socio-Ecological Change
- Wolfgang Lutz: Population, Education and Economy (tbc)
- Melissa Leach: Sustainable Livelihoods (tbc)

Additional biographical inputs will contribute to a complete picture of the life and work of Ester Boserup.

We would like to invite you to participate by contributing to one of the sessions listed below; designated session leaders are indicated in brackets:

- Development (Claudia Binder)
- Gender and Globalization (Parto Teherani-Krönner)
- Integrated Modelling of Land-System Change (Helmut Haberl)
- Intensified Production in the Context of World Trade (Faye

Duchin)

- Land Use Change: The Triple Exposure to Climate, Population, and Globalization (Anette Reenberg)
- New Approaches for Understanding Land-Use Intensity (Karlheinz Erb)
- Population and Economy (Sigrid Stagl)
- Rural systems and socio-ecological transitions (Fridolin Krausmann)
- Gender (Sara Scherr, tbc)
- Rural/Regional Development (Marianne Penker, tbc)
- Land Use and Climate Change (tba)
- Boserupian and Malthusian Approaches (tba)
- Time Use and Social Change (tba)

All session titles are preliminary and will be specified by the session leaders according to the contributions received. If you would like to propose a new session, or chair one of the sessions listed as tba, please contact us at info@boserup-conference.org. Please submit your abstract of no more than 500 words for a presentation during the conference or a poster to info@boserup-conference.org no later than June 28, 2010. If possible, indicate the session to which you would contribute. Further technical details concerning the presentations and posters will be available on the conference website at www.boserup-conference.org.

The members of the conference’s scientific board are: Prof. Dr. Marina Fischer-Kowalski (Alpen Adria University), Prof. Dr. Claudia Binder (University of Graz), Prof. Dr. Sigrid Stagl (Vienna University of Economics and Business), and Prof. Anette Reenberg (University of Copenhagen).

Further information about the conference will be available at www.boserup-conference.org.

We look forward to seeing you in Vienna!





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www.ces.uc.pt/eventos/politicaeconomy2010

The Revival of Political Economy

Prospects for sustainable provision

Coimbra, Portugal, October 21-23, 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

The recent financial collapse and the ensuing economic downturn are still imposing hardship and suffering upon millions all over the world, especially the poor and the unemployed. The crisis has raised public awareness of the consequences of neoliberal drift and of the shortcomings of a mainstream academic economics that did not anticipate the financial meltdown and economic downturn, and even actively contributed to setting up the new (toxic) financial architecture. For many - economists, managers and politicians - the depression has been a sobering experience.

The need is therefore felt - with a sense of urgency - to widen public debate stimulated by renewed social science perspectives on economic issues. The failure of mainstream economics, acknowledged by many, calls for a revival and renewal of political economy. This will be achieved by strengthening the ongoing dialogue among scholars in all fields of the social sciences and humanities interested in economic processes and their relation to politics, morality, culture and nature.

The reflection needed must go beyond means and measures that may secure a return to a 'normal' growth regime and move on to reconsider the ends to be pursued by public policies and institutional change. The new political economy in the making should address the issue of sustainability: economic, social and environmental. Prosperity - the purpose of any economy - can no longer be separated from social justice and environmental values.

With the intent of bringing together researchers from different disciplines and theoretical traditions for a reflection on the road ahead towards a sustainable economy, we call for participation in this Conference, to be held in Coimbra, Portugal, on 21-23 October, 2010.

Papers are welcome addressing any of the following (or closely related) topics:

1. Capitalisms and institutional change

How to grasp variety in capitalism?
What are the proper roles of international finance and commerce?
Which scales for which institutional changes?

2. Sustainability: economic, social and environmental

What should count as economic achievement?
What is the role of public provision in fighting inequality?
Can the economy be democratised? If so, how?

3. The Revival of Political Economy

What is political economy today?
Which research agenda for political economy today?
How to teach and publicly discuss political economy?

Paper submission

Abstracts of proposed papers (of approximately 250 words, containing the author's name, affiliation and contact details), should be submitted by **May 15, 2010**, to politicaeconomy2010@ces.uc.pt

Scientific committee: Ana C. Santos (CES, Portugal), António M. Figueiredo (Quartenaire, Portugal), Antonio Vazquez Barquero (Univ. Aut. Madrid, Spain), Ben Fine (SOAS, UK), Boaventura Sousa Santos (CES, FEUC, Portugal), Bob Jessop (Lancaster Univ., UK), Carlos Lopes (UNITAR), Celia Lessa Kerstenetzky (Univ. Federal Fluminense, Brasil), Daniel Bromley (Univ. Wisconsin-Madison, USA), Francisco Louçã (ISEG, Portugal), Fred Lee (Univ. Missouri-Kansas City, USA), Geoffrey Hodgson (Univ. Hertfordshire, UK), Giacomo Becattini (Univ. Firenze, Italy), Giocchino Garofoli (Univ. Ubria, Italy), Helena Lopes (ISCTE-IUL, Portugal), Immanuel Wallerstein (Yale University, USA), João Cravinho (EBRD), João Ferreira do Amaral (ISEG, Portugal), John Davis (Univ. Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Marquette Univ., USA), John O'Neill (Univ. Manchester, UK), José C. Caldas (CES, Portugal), José M. Henriques (ISCTE-IUL, Portugal), José M. Brandão de Brito (ISEG, Portugal), José Portela (UTAD, Portugal), José Reis (CES, FEUC, Portugal), Julie Nelson (Univ. Massachusetts Boston, USA), Klaus Nielsen (Birbeck Inst., UK), Ladislau Dowbor (PUC São Paulo, Brasil), Luigi Marengo (Scuola Sup. Sant'Anna, Italy), Luigi Orsenigo (Univ. Bocconi, Italy), Manuel Branco (Univ. Évora, Portugal), Peter Hall (Harvard Univ., USA), Phil O'Hara (Curtin Univ. Technology, Austrália), Rafael Marques (ISEG, Portugal), Richard Swedberg (Cornell Univ., USA), Robert Boyer (CEPREMAP-ENS, France), Sheila Dow (Univ. Stirling, UK), Stefano Solari (Univ. Padova, Italy), Tony Lawson (Univ. Cambridge, UK), Vitor Neves (CES, FEUC, Portugal), Wolfram Elsner (Univ. Bremen, Germany).

Organizing committee: José C. Caldas (CES), Vitor Neves (FEUC/CES), José Reis (FEUC/CES), João Rodrigues (Univ. Manchester/CES), Ana C. Santos (CES)



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Other News

TRUE — Teaching Heterodox Economics

TRUE (Teaching Resources in UG Economics) - teaching heterodox economics is inviting you to contribute to the hefce-funded TRUE project. TRUE aims to make teaching resources - syllabi, reading lists, problem sets, assessments, etc - freely available online. The relevant pages on the Economics Network web site are in the form of a wiki. Teachers who express interest will receive a login and can edit the pages - in particular, by uploading their teaching resources, or they can simply email me the files they want uploaded.

For heterodox economists of all kinds this is a great opportunity to show what we are doing in the classroom, to influence future generations of teachers, to inform students (thus allowing them to demand something different of their teachers), and to gain feedback on our teaching resources from our colleagues.

Please have a look at the heterodox economics TRUE page at <http://www.economicnetwork.ac.uk/heterodox>. You can then either (a) email Dr Andy Denis at (a.denis@city.ac.uk) to request a login, which will enable you to start making changes, or (b) email the files you want uploaded and Dr Denis will do it willingly. You can also make comments at the bottom of each page, and you can make contributions to the 13 other wikis, on development, econometrics, environmental economics, etc - please see the list of links at <http://www.economicnetwork.ac.uk/projects/oer> Contributions must be in English.

For more information please contact Dr Andy Denis, Director of Undergraduate Studies Economics Department, City University London, London EC1V 0HB 44 (0)20 7040 0257 <http://www.staff.city.ac.uk/andy.denis>

The Top 25 Environmental Blogs

You are invited to look at <http://www.socialmediatoday.com/SMC/147469> where you will find the Top 25 Environmental Blogs. *Postrank is a sponsor of Social Media Explorer. One of the benefits of that sponsorship is one post per month about them but allows Social Media Today to have a little lee-way with the post so we can ensure that it adds value to you, rather than just serves as an advertisement for their services. It's a bit of an experiment with online advertising — making it more engaging — and they were cool with the idea, so here's*

a sponsored post we hope doesn't seem quite as much of one. This post lists the top 25 environmental blogs. Someone within ISEE or USSEE may want to look at this and pick some for us to put in our blog lists. We can also set up an automatic feed for our SM sites if the blogs have content our membership would find useful. It is not about agreeing 100% with everything that is said but building our community and followers and even encouraging discussion about what we disagree with.

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CEECEC (The Civil Society Engagement with Ecological Economics) is a European

Commission FP7 funded project coordinated by the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (ICTAUAB) that aims to enable Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to engage in and lead collaborative research with ecological economists. It has released its second Newsletter.

This issue informs on the latest project advances including a new trial online course. It will be running from April 12, 2010 –

July 02, 2010. CEECEC will be piloting this online course on ecological economics, free of cost. This is based on case studies written by environmental NGOs in different countries. A selected number of students from around the globe, preferably from NGOs but also from public administration, universities, or any other profession will have the opportunity to participate. In total a commitment of 12 hours per week for 12 weeks is required to complete the course. For more information click [here](#). CEECEC'S Newsletter can be found at: <http://www.ceecec.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/ceecec-newsletter-1003.pdf>.





Other News

UNEP joins the Water Footprint Network

The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) has joined the Water Footprint Network as its hundredth partner. Partners of the network subscribe to the need to have a globally shared water footprint standard. A shared standard is crucial given the rapidly growing interest in

companies and governments to use water footprint assessments as a basis for formulating sustainable water strategies and policies. The Water Footprint Network has produced the Water Footprint Manual as the current standard. The manual is freely available at the

Premi Ramon Margalef D'Ecologia 2010

The Technical Secretariat of the Premi Ramon Margalef d'Ecologia Generalitat de Catalunya, Secretaria General Adjunta is looking for candidates for the Price Ramon

Margalef d'Ecologia Generalitat de Catalunya. You can propose a candidate by e-mail (prm@gencat.cat) or at this website www.gencat.cat/premiramonmargalef/en/





JOBS & APPOINTMENTS

Please send job openings to secretariat@ecoeco.org -- if appropriate, your ad will be posted quickly for all our visitors to read.

INNOVATIVE ECONOMIST

The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation – a Washington, DC think tank – has a temporary opening (one year) with the possibility of renewal for additional years for an **economist with a research interest in neo-Schumpeterian economics**, with a particular focus on the **economics of global warming and the role of innovation** in addressing it.

ITIF offers a competitive compensation and comprehensive benefits, located near Metro. Send resume with cover letter and writing sample to: Director of Personnel, ITIF, 1101 K Street, NW, Suite 610, Washington, DC, 20005. Fax (202) 638-4922; or email mail@itif.org. For more information please visit this website at www.itif.org

PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR THE GLOBAL WOMEN'S PROJECT

The Center of Concern is seeking a Program Director for the Global Women's Project. Our ideal candidate will have a background in both feminist and ecological economics. The full job description is attached and available online at <http://www.coc.org/node/6486>

Research Opportunity on the Economics of Climate Change

The California Air Resources Board (ARB) is announcing new research contract focused on the Economics of Climate

Change. This funding opportunity is open to researchers affiliated with the University of California or California State University systems.

AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, designated ARB as the lead regulatory agency charged with oversight of carbon emissions generated by and associated with the California economy. These emissions come from a diversity of sources -transportation, electric generation, transmission and consumption, real estate development, manufacturing, agriculture and land use - and the establishment of appropriate regulation will require a nuanced understanding of the dynamics which govern the interactions of these sources and emissions pathways. To this end, ARB has prioritized the funding of high quality research whose findings are relevant for designing AB 32's carbon mitigation regulations and evaluating these regulations' impact on the California economy.

For more information please visit: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/scopingplan/economics-sp/economics-sp.htm> or contact Matthew Zaragoza at mzaragoz@arb.ca.gov





EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BELPASSO INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND

The European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE), the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) and the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Catania, with the sponsorship of the Municipality of Belpasso, are pleased to announce the Belpasso International Summer School on Environmental and Resource Economics for postgraduate students.

The 2010 Summer School will take place from the **12th to the 18th of September** at Belpasso, a city in the Province of Catania, Sicily, Italy. The theme of this Summer School is **The Economics of Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity Conservation**. Application is restricted to 2010 EAERE members, both European and non European citizens. Given the highly interactive activities planned at the Summer School, the number of participants is limited to 15. For further information on application and funding please access the Summer School Website at http://www.feem-project.net/belpasso_2010/ or contact the Summer School Secretariat.

Ph.D. course in climate change and climate policy

Roskilde University in collaboration with other Danish universities calls for applications for an interdisciplinary Ph.D. course in climate change and climate policy. May, 3-14 2010 For further information please visit climatephd.ruc.dk or contact Anders Chr. Hansen, Associate Professor, Department of Environmental, Social and Spatial Change, ENSPAC at Roskilde .

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Residencies for Scholars and Creative Artists - The Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center provides a platform for developing new ideas and solutions to some of the most difficult global problems. Residencies allow for disciplined work and collaborative action on these issues, uninterrupted by the usual professional and personal demands. Residency participants include scholars, scientists, artists, journalists, writers, non-governmental organization practitioners and policymakers from around the world. Collegial interaction with the other residents is an integral dimension of the Bellagio experience. Meals and informal presentations of residents' work afford an opportunity for dynamic discussion and engagement with each other. During special dinners, residents may be able to interact with participants in international conferences hosted in various buildings on the Center's property. The Center also offers collaborative residencies for two to four persons working on the same project. Creative artists in all fields and scholars in all disciplines from any country are welcome to apply. A residency is typically four weeks in length. The **deadline** for the current competition is **May 7, 2010** for residencies between March 1, 2011 to July 31, 2011. For more information visit <http://www.rockefellerfoundation.org/bellagio-center>.

Fulbright Scholar Announcement

The Core Fulbright Scholar competition for 2011-2012 is now open. Over 800 grants are available for teaching, conducting research, or combining both in more than 125 countries around the globe. The deadline is August 2. For information on Fulbright Scholar Awards, consult our website at www.iie.org/cies. If you are interested in requesting information, please write to scholars@iie.org.





EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CERC's Certificate Program Teaches Conservation, Environmental and Sustainability Practice

The Earth Institute's Center for Environmental Research and Conservation (CERC) offers a Certificate Program in Conservation and Environmental Sustainability that teaches the basics of sustainability science as well as environmental practices in the private and public sectors.

In today's world, there is an increasing demand for individuals who have a solid knowledge of sustainability and ecosystem services. CERC's Certificate Program is a valuable opportunity for professionals to receive training in how to put environmentally sound policies and business actions into practice. CERC provides participants the knowledge and tools to be effective environmental leaders and decision makers in the 21st century. Our graduates have greened their careers, advocated in their communities and gone on for further education.

The CERC Certificate is an evening program in which environmental issues are discussed, debated and examined, and where participants develop an in-depth understanding of conservation science as it informs issues of environmental sustainability. Topics discussed include:

- Land use
- Water management
- Project finance
- Supply chains
- Environmental metrics
- And many others

Students in the Certificate program learn from leading experts and scholars in the environmental field who serve as vital resources for established professionals. Successful completion of certificate science courses will be recognized as preparation by the following graduate programs at Columbia University: the MPA in Environmental Science and Policy and the M.S. in Sustainability Management.

The program's classes can be taken part-time and are designed to fit into the weekly schedule of a working professional; they take place once a week from 6:00-8:00pm for about a 5-week period. There is a 12-course curriculum required to earn the certificate, but anyone is welcome to enroll in individual courses that interest them. The 12-course Certificate in Conservation and Environmental Sustainability can be earned in as little as 9 months or as many as 3 years. To see CERC Spring and Summer 2010 courses, please go to: http://www.cerc.columbia.edu/sitefiles/file/CERT_Course_Descriptions_2010_1_Updated_4_5_2010.pdf (summary below*).

Professionals in the program come from a broad range of educational backgrounds and careers. No previous knowledge of conservation science or environmental sustainability science and practice is required.

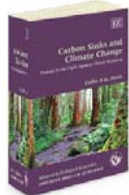
For more information please visit: <http://www.cerc.columbia.edu/?id=certificate> or contact Desmond Beirne, Director of Marketing and Student Affairs for CERC at djb2104@columbia.edu or call 212-854-8179.





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CARBON SINKS AND CLIMATE CHANGE FORESTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GLOBAL WARMING ***ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS***



http://www.e-elgar.co.uk/Bookentry_DESCRIPTION.lasso?id=13204

It is part of Edward Elgar's Ecological Economics Series.

Colin A.G. Hunt, School of Economics,
The University of Queensland, Australia

Reforestation and avoiding deforestation are methods of harnessing nature to tackle global warming – the greatest challenge facing humankind. In this book, Colin Hunt deals comprehensively with the present and future role of forests in climate change policy and practice.

For more information please contact **Colin Hunt** colin-hunt@bigpond.com

TOWARD A NEW CONSENSUS ON GLOBALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT

GDAE's collaborating institute, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), has released a set of research papers, which are the product of a joint project among GDAE, RIS, and the Argentina-based Research Center for Economic Change (CENIT). The two-year project, which is supported in part by the Ford Foundation, has the goal of moving beyond the constraints of the so-called Washington Consensus to formulate a new set of principles more favorable to development. The recent papers include:

Kevin P. Gallagher and Mehdi Shafaeddin, "Policies for Industrial Learning in China and Mexico"

Timothy A. Wise, "The Limited Promise of Agricultural Trade Liberalization"

Andrés López and Eugenia Orlicki, "Who Uses the Patent System in Developing Countries? A Study of Patent Propensities in Argentina, 1992-2001"

Previous papers released for the project include:

Nagesh Kumar, "South-South and Triangular Cooperation in Asia-Pacific: Towards a New Paradigm in Development Cooperation,"

Faizel Ismail, "Rediscovering the Role of Developing Countries in GATT Before the WTO"

Ramgopal Agarwala, "Reforming the Bretton Woods System for Inclusive Development and Democratic Global Governance"

Kevin P. Gallagher and Timothy A. Wise, "Back to the Drawing Board: No Basis for Concluding the Doha Round of Negotiations"

Several of the papers were presented at a conference in February 2009 on "Financial Crisis, Global Economic Governance and Development: Responses of Asia and the Global South," co-sponsored by the three institutes and other organizations.

"THE PROMISE AND THE PERILS OF AGRICULTURAL TRADE LIBERALIZATION: LESSONS FROM LATIN AMERICA."

GDAE's Timothy A. Wise was in Brazil and Bolivia for the launch of the Portuguese and Spanish versions of the report, "The Promise and the Perils of Agricultural Trade Liberalization: Lessons from Latin America." The report, released last year in English with the Washington Office on Latin America, finds that the promise of trade liberalization – access to export markets – is overstated while the perils – the loss of livelihoods among smallholders due to rising imports – are very real. Now the background papers on which the report is based have been edited into a book in Spanish.

The Portuguese version of the report, published with ActionAid-Brazil and edited by project co-chair Sergio Schlesinger, was released in Rio de Janeiro June 12, 2009, as part of the Latin American Studies Association congress. The Spanish report, edited by co-chair Mamerto Pérez, was published by the Bolivian NGO AIPE, which has also published a book-length volume in Spanish of the case studies on which the report is based. AIPE also hosted launch events in La Paz, Bolivia June 17-18, 2009, which included a well-attended public event and extensive press coverage including on the country's most widely disseminated radio program. Wise and Pérez also met with Ramiro Lizondo Diaz, Vice Minister for Small Enterprise Development, which is responsible for some of the most recent efforts by the government of Evo Morales to strengthen the peasant economy.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF SOYBEAN EXPANSION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN BRAZIL'S AMAZON BASIN"

Maria del Carmen Vera-Diaz, Robert K. Kaufmann, and Daniel C. Nepstad

GDAE Working Paper No. 09-05, June 2009

GDAE's research program on Agricultural Expansion and Climate Change has published a new Working Paper highlighting the environmental costs of agricultural expansion in the Amazon. For decades, the improvement of transportation infrastructure in the Brazilian Amazon has been the government's main social and economic development policy in the region. Reductions in transportation costs have not only opened the agricultural frontier to cattle ranching and logging but have also caused more than two-thirds of Amazonian deforestation. Currently, the expansion of soybean cultivation is driving





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new deforestation. Profitable soybean crops have spread over the Mato Grosso's cerrados and now head toward the core of the Amazon rainforest.

More information at <http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/Pubs/wp/09-05TransportAmazon.pdf>

“CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN EUROPE”

Rhetoric and Realities

Edited by **Regine Barth** and **Franziska Wolff**, Öko-Institut, Germany

The acid test of corporate social responsibility (CSR) is simply this: does it lead to positive impacts on society and the environment or is it just rhetoric? And if it does lead to positive impacts, how can these be enhanced? This timely book tackles this cutting-edge challenge by presenting empirical findings from a range of surveys and in-depth case studies. These build on a new methodological and theoretical framework for assessing and explaining the sustainability impact of CSR.

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COMMENTS ON THIS TWO-PART VIDEO

Frank Rotering (independent economic thinker)

The link is: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aFryZrsMtQY>

While I praise ecological economics for its environmental strengths, I point to several areas that I believe are weak or erroneous. Specifically, I critically examine the fields historical vision, its perspective on capitalism, its use of the term natural capital, its interpretations of value and cost, and its definition of optimal scale.

Comments on my views by USSEE members - either publicly on YouTube or privately by email are welcome. Please contact,

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The **Bard Center for Environmental Policy** hosts the twice-monthly National Climate Seminars <http://www.bard.edu/cep/ncs/>

Books & Videos For the National Teach-In

Recent books of note: Auden Schendler's Getting Green Done <http://www.gettinggreendone.com>; Gary Braasch's Earth Under Fire <http://www.earthunderfire.com/>; and Gary and Lynne Cherry's How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming <http://www.lynncherry.com/work1.htm>, Michael Mann and Lee Kump's Dire Predictions: Understanding Global Warming <http://www.amazon.com/Dire-Predictions-Understanding-Global-Warming/dp/0756639956>, Amy Seidl's Early Spring: An Ecologist and Her Children Wake to a Warming World <http://www.amazon.com/Early-Spring-Ecologist-Children-Warming/dp/0807085847>, Global Warming Organizing Films: Everything's Cool (Dan Gold and Judith Helfand) <http://www.everythingscool.org/>, Revolution Green (Stephen Strout & Jessica Kelly) (Editor's Note: URL unavailable at time of publication)

On video: **Jon Isham and Eban Goodstein** talk about their recent books on building the global warming solutions movement-- Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~upne/1-58465-657-3.html> (Goodstein) and Ignition <http://www.islandpress.com/bookstore/details.php?isbn=9781597261562> (Isham and Waage)

The Sustainable MBA: The Manager's Guide to Green Business

is a guide for those interested in what the business sector can and is doing in business and sustainability with lots of tips on how to get involved and how to bring these ideas into your job, whatever job that might be.

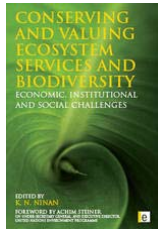
The book is now being used in a variety of ways; by universities developing new green MBA and business courses and as a resource for standard business courses, by career service departments to help advise graduates and job seekers about sustainability career options, by different clubs and community groups using it as a conversation piece and awareness raising tool and by businesses using it for in-house training and to encourage employees to start thinking about how to bring sustainability to their jobs. For more visit www.thesustainablemba.com





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CONSERVING AND VALUING ECOSYSTEM SERVICES AND BIODIVERSITY



By K. N. Ninan, published by Earthscan. This is the most comprehensive book to address the economic, social and institutional difficulties in conserving biodiversity and the ecosystem services that they provide. It covers a wide range of issues such as biodiversity, ecosystem services and valuation in

the context of diverse ecosystems such as tropical forests, marine areas, wetlands and agricultural landscapes, non-timber forest products, incentives and institutions, payments for ecosystem services, governance, intellectual property rights and the protection of traditional knowledge, management of protected areas, and climate change and biodiversity.

It also covers the application of environmental economics and institutional economics to different cases and the use

of techniques such as contingent valuation method and game theory. The book spans the globe with case studies drawn from a cross section of regions and continents including the UK, US, Europe, Australia, India, Africa and South America

ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

Edited by Clive L. Spash

Series: Critical Concepts in the Environment

Publication Date: June 15, 2009

This new four-volume Routledge Major Work brings together canonical and cutting-edge research in Ecological Economics. In tracing both the development of thought in the field, as well as exploring the most recent scholarship, diverse elements of the rapidly expanding literature are brought together for the first time, providing an overview of—and vision for—Ecological Economics.

Environmental Policy and Governance

Affiliated with the ESEE, formerly "European Environment", being re-launched in 2009:

Environmental Policy and Governance
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Call for Papers, Review Articles and Special Issues

Aims and Scope

Environmental Policy and Governance is an international, inter-disciplinary journal affiliated with the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE). The journal seeks to advance interdisciplinary environmental research and its use to support novel solutions in environmental policy and governance. The journal publishes innovative, high quality articles which examine, or are relevant to, the environmental policies that are introduced by governments or the diverse forms of environmental governance that emerge in markets and civil society. The journal includes papers that examine how different forms of policy and governance emerge and exert influence at scales ranging from local to global and in diverse

developmental and environmental contexts. The journal invites analyses that are at the forefront of academic debates and that are of practical significance and policy relevance. Each volume includes review articles and guest-edited special issues on themes deemed to be of widespread interest and importance.

Environmental Policy and Governance is deliberately interdisciplinary, seeking to publish articles that build the understanding of environmental issues not only by drawing upon and contributing to the environmental social sciences, but also by linking the social and natural sciences. The journal accommodates and encourages methodological innovation and diversity in order to foster interdisciplinary, problem-oriented environmental research. All manuscripts and special issues are reviewed by an international panel of referees, with an aim of returning constructive comments on submitted manuscripts in a timely way. The editorial strategy and the review processes of *Environmental Policy and Governance* are guided by an active editorial board consisting of leading academics from different regions and disciplines.





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INTRODUCTION TO ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (E-BOOK)

From the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics

The first edition of Introduction to Ecological Economics, originally published in 1997 by St. Lucie Press, has recently been put up on the Encyclopedia of Earth. The book can be read by anyone on-line

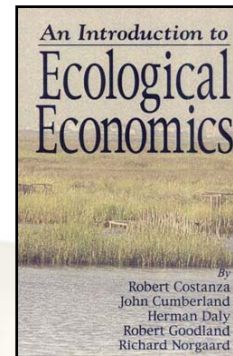
http://www.eoearth.org/article/An_Introduction_to_Ecological_Economics_%28e-book%29.

We are now preparing to publish a second edition, but we want to make it a much more participatory affair, and I invite you to contribute to it.

You can do so by editing and expanding the current chapters, adding a new chapter, or by writing new entries/informational boxes. When approved, your contribution

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ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS REVIEWS



The USSEE is publishing Ecological Economics Reviews in collaboration with the NY Academy of Sciences.

We wanted to give you an update on the status of the first issue. You can find the table of contents at www.nyas.org/ecoeco

We would like to thank those of you who reviewed or submitted papers to the first issue. Your

contributions were greatly appreciated.

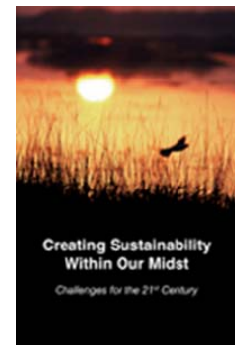
We look forward to seeing additional submissions from you and your colleagues in future issues.

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CREATING SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN OUR MIDST

18 cutting-edge papers from the 4th biennial conference of the US Society for Ecological Economics held in 2007. Topics include the ecological economics of climate change; energy, biodiversity, ecosystems, resource systems; valuation methodologies and issues; population concerns; sustainable development; greening the building industry; green entrepreneurship; and education in ecological economics and sustainability.

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Call for Papers, Review Articles and Special Issues

The journal is currently inviting submissions of papers and proposals for review articles and special issues.

Paper submissions - The journal invites analyses that are at the forefront of academic debates and that are of practical significance and policy relevance. In particular, papers that draw on, and contribute to the further development of, disciplines such as international relations, politics, law, economics, sociology, management, geography, development studies and science and technology studies are welcome, as are those that integrate the environmental sciences into contemporary debates on policy and governance. It particularly welcomes policy relevant contributions from the field of ecological economics. All papers will be double-blind refereed to the highest standards by the international, inter-disciplinary editorial board. We aim to give constructive feedback to submitting authors and to move accepted papers towards publication as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Review articles - The journal invites review articles that summarise the state of the debate and examine critical issues, future trends and pressing research needs in key areas of environmental policy and governance. Review articles can examine different disciplinary perspectives, concepts and frameworks, geographical experiences or thematic issues in environmental policy and governance. Four review articles will be published in each volume of the journal. Proposals should be submitted to the editors for review and comment prior to the preparation of the review article.

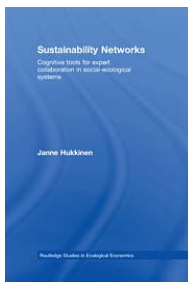
Special issues - The journal invites the submission of proposals for special issues on key themes and critical issues in environmental policy and governance. Proposals should be around 1500 words in length, setting out the rationale for the special issue and the key themes that will be addressed and presenting abstracts of the papers to be included. Special issues should include an editorial review of around 3,000 words and 5 or 6 papers of up to 8,000 words each..

More info can be found at www.interscience.wiley.com/

New book on sustainability and expert collaboration

Cognitive Tools for Expert Collaboration in Social-Ecological Systems

By Janne Hukkinen



Sustainability is a word that means different things depending on who is using it, thus underlining the potential problems involved in experts from different fields teaming up to tackle sustainability problems. In this book, Janne Hukkinen argues for a reflexive approach to sustainability as a means

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Students engaged in interdisciplinary approaches to environmental policy and management, sustainability strategy and science and technology studies will find this book extremely interesting.

Janne Hukkinen is Professor of Environmental Policy at the University of Helsinki. He is the author of Institutions in Environmental Management (1999) also published by Routledge.





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REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE (REC)

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We encourage submissions on interdisciplinary research across the natural sciences, social sciences and humanities, and on more focused studies that contribute towards the solutions to complex environmental problems. Topics addressed include (i) the regional manifestations of global change, especially the vulnerability of regions and sectors; (ii) the adaptation of social-ecological systems to environmental change in the context of sustainable development; and (iii) trans-boundary and cross-jurisdictional issues, legislative and governance frameworks, and the broad range of policy and management issues associated with building, maintaining and restoring robust social-ecological systems at regional scales.

The primary format of contributions are research articles, presenting new evidence from analyses of empirical data or else more theoretical investigations of regional environmental change. In addition to research articles, we also publish editorials, short communications, invited mini-reviews on topics of strong current interest, as well as special features that provide multifaceted discussion of complex topics or particular regions.

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The Sustainable Society Foundation has published its two-yearly update of the Sustainable Society Index, the SSI, which assesses the sustainability of 151 countries. The SSI combines the main aspects of Quality of Life and Sustainability, which are relevant for development towards sustainability. For more information and for a downloaded full publication visit www.sustainablesocietyindex.com





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More information can be found at <http://www.routledgeeconomics.com/books/Sustainability-Networks-isbn9780415461603>





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Ecological Society of America
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Center for the Advancement of the Steady State Economy
www.steadystate.org



American Fisheries Society
www.fisheries.org



Civil Society Engagement with Ecological Economics
www.ceecec.net

CEECEC (Civil Society Engagement with Ecological Economics) is a European Commission FP7 funded project that aims to enable Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) to engage in and lead collaborative research with ecological economists. The overall focus is not on theory but on case study learning, whereby CSOs and academics will identify and explore key issues for research in areas such as water management, mining, energy, forestry and agriculture, based on CSO needs and interests. The end result will be online materials and a handbook in several languages explaining the principles, the tools and the methods of Ecological Economics for CSOs and the general public."

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