

Ushering in a New Era of Sustainability

Inaugural Event of the Institute for Ecological Economics



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Marina Fischer-Kowalski founded the Institute of Social Ecology in Vienna, where she teaches as Professor of the Alpen Adria University. Her background is in sociology. She was President of the International Society of Industrial Ecology, and currently she is President of the International Society for Ecological Economics. As an expert member of UNEP's International Resource Panel, she was lead author of its publication, "Decoupling resource use and environmental impacts from economic growth" (2011). She is interested in social metabolism across history, on global, national and local scales, and investigates how it relates to social dynamics (quality of life, equity, division and quality of labour, time use) and to environmental change. www.uni-klu.ac.at/socec/eng/inhalt/876.htm

Peter Victor is an economist who has worked on environmental issues for over 40 years as an academic, consultant and public servant. He was one of the founders of the emerging discipline of ecological economics and was the first President of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics. By extending input-output analysis, he was the first economist to apply the physical law of the conservation of matter to the empirical analysis of a national economy. His most recent books are *Managing without Growth. Slower by Design, not Disaster* (Edward Elgar, 2008) and *The Costs of Economic Growth* (ed) (Edward Elgar, 2013). <http://fes.yorku.ca/faculty/fulltime/profile/5174>

Kevin Anderson is Professor of Energy and Climate Change in the School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester. He is Deputy Director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and is research active with recent publications in Royal Society journals and Nature. He engages widely across all tiers of government; from reporting on aviation-related emissions to the EU Parliament, advising the Prime Minister's office on Carbon Trading and having contributed to the development of the UK's Climate Change Act. <http://www.mace.manchester.ac.uk/people/staff/profile/?ea=kevin.anderson>

Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer is Program Director of the Risk, Policy and Vulnerability (RPV) Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria. Her current interest is global change and the risk of catastrophic events, and she is investigating options for improving the management of catastrophic risks in transition and developing countries. She and her colleagues have carried out extensive research on this topic and are developing options for the donor communities, as well as the climate adaptation community, to support insurance and other forms of pro-active disaster assistance. <http://www.iiasa.ac.at/web/home/research/researchPrograms/RiskPolicyandVulnerability/Joanne-Bayer.en.html>

Stephen Sterling is Professor of Sustainability Education, Centre for Sustainable Futures (CSF) at Plymouth University, and advisor to the UK Higher Education Academy on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), and a consultant in environmental and sustainability education in the academic and NGO fields nationally and internationally. His first book (co-edited with John Huckle) was *Education for Sustainability* (Earthscan, 1996), this was followed by the influential Schumacher Briefing *Sustainable Education – Re-visioning learning and change* (Green Books 2001), a best seller. He also co-founded the first masters course in the UK on sustainability education (at London South Bank University), and led the WWF project on systems thinking "Linking Thinking – new perspectives on thinking and learning for sustainability". <https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/staff/stephen-sterling>

Anna Coote is Head of Social Policy, leading work on developing a new social settlement to meet the challenges of the 21st century. This aims to promote well-being for all and sustainable social justice. It includes practical work on: moving investment and action upstream to prevent harm; changing the way we use and value time; building a fair, sufficient and sustainable social security system; transforming public services by developing co-production as the standard way of getting things done; and safeguarding the interests of future generations. Her recent publications for NEF include *The Prevention Papers*, *The Wisdom of Prevention*, *The Big Society* and *The New Austerity and 21 Hours*. <http://www.neweconomics.org/people/entry/anna-coote>

Éloi Laurent is a senior economist at OFCE (Sciences Po, Paris) and a Visiting Professor at Stanford University. A former aide in the French Parliament and for the French Prime Minister, his current research agenda focuses on environmental sustainability, welfare economics and new indicators of well-being and sustainability. <http://www.foreurope.eu/index.php?id=967>

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	Agenda	Speakers
08:30	-- Welcome Coffee (30 minutes) --	
09:00	Opening Remarks	Ulrike Schneider , Department Chair, Socio-Economics
09:15	Introduction of Institute & Research Areas	Sigrid Stagl , Head, Institute for Ecological Economics
09:45	Production-based and consumption-based approaches to resource use and the 1970s syndrome	Marina Fischer-Kowalski , IFF Social Ecology, via video from World Resources Forum (Davos)
	Sustainable Resource Use (45 min.+15 min. Q&A)	Introduced by Stefan Giljum
10:45	Building an Ecological Macroeconomics	Peter Victor , York University
	Macro Economics and Environment (45 min.+15 min. Q&A)	Introduced by Asjad Naqvi
11:45	Panel Debate: Responses to climate change: challenges, risks and ways forward	Kevin Anderson , University of Manchester Joanne Linnerooth-Bayer , IIASA
	Climate Economics (45 min.+15 min. Q&A)	Moderated by Reinhard Mechler
12:45	-- Lunch (1 hour) --	
13:45	Sustainable higher education and the potential of universities for sustainable change	Stephen Sterling , Plymouth University
	Education for Sustainable Development (45 min.+15 min. Q&A)	Introduced by Christian Rammel
14:45	Rebalancing: work, time and human resources (tbc)	Anna Coote , New Economics Foundation
	Sustainable Work (45 min.+15 min. Q&A)	Introduced by Sigrid Stagl
15:45	-- Coffee Break (15 minutes) --	
16:00	Panel Discussion: Policies addressing the socio-ecological nexus	Institute Research Heads & Speakers with Éloi Laurent Moderated by Klara Zwickl
17:00 - 17:15	Closing remarks	Sigrid Stagl
17:30 - 18:30	Wine & cheese reception at Institute's new offices in D5	

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The Institute is a leading institution for ecological economic research, teaching, learning, knowledge exchange, and community engagement.

Over 30 researchers work in five areas: Sustainable Work, Macroeconomics & Environment, Climate Economics, Sustainable Resource Use, and Education for Sustainable Development.

The Institute was formerly part of the Environment Group at the Institute for the Environment and Regional Development and was preceded by the Institute for Environment and Economy, which was founded in 1991.

