# **The Green Economics Institute**

9<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Economics Institute's, Green Economics Conference at Oxford University, Economics and Earth Sciences Faculties 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014

# "Regression or Progression in the world economic order?"

## Back to the Dark Ages, deflation, stagflation, human civilization under threat as the very ground beneath our feet starts to leak away.

# Social awakening in the face of environmental and economic collapse and growing inequalities

Economic Leadership in the face of Global Environmental Change. Fear or Hope? Tragedy or prosperity? The future is now and now we need to act for change.



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Pulling together to solve the crisis! Creating a recovery for the people! In the face of Privatisation, Globalisation and Massive Trade Blocks "Recovery-What recovery? A trickle up recovery!" Exploring the social and environmental aspects of this "anaemic, unsustainable and Business as Usual Recovery.



Call For Papers 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014 for Conference to be held at the Science, Earth Science and Economics Faculties at the University of Oxford. 3 Days, Call for Speakers, Papers, workshops and participants.

We will have far more room and rooms than ever before so we can accommodate more speakers with longer sessions- so if you apply early you should be able to get the sessions you would like. Please email us as soon as possible to ensure you get your requests.

## Panel Debates

The rise of Green Ideas in an age of Geo political and environmental turbulent

Green Philosophy, policy making and geo political stresses in 2014.

How in the fight against climate change, we need human progress and development

We need to end poverty at the same time as we can tackle climate change as the two go hand in hand.

Unequal societies are more tense and less successful.

Death floating in the Mediterranean !

Population, migration, human desperation, the awful misery of people trafficking and the surge in people trying to come to Europe from all over Africa. Fishing bodies out of the Mediterranean in their thousands. Greens predicted a disaster on this scale and Green Solutions need to be explored. Climate change, drought, over population, food security -water shortages and extreme poverty are pushing people to increasingly disastrous and desperate measures.

The worlds megacities- London and others- how do we cope with an economy driven in the interests of so few.

The evolution of the New India. The Greening of India and the road to a healthy balanced economy.

Business Initiatives for Change:CSR circular economy. Recycling – reusing Rare earth metals

The unfolding Europe, and European crisis and its economic mess. Negative interest rates and huge unemployment. When Europe catches a cold – the rest of the world

catches the plague...

Eastern European perspectives, Ukraine, Latvia, Romania and Lithuania – where next?

Trade Blocks and Power Elites- the biggest trade deal ever involving half of human kinddo we want it ? Do you want it? Are you aware its being negotiated in your name?

Reviving the cold war and all the other previous wars- is this really a civilised way to behave- or do we need to plan and use our energies for progress policies to create more equality

Sharing our resources- whose resources- how do we share and who with

The rise of nationalism and the reinstatement of the Nation State? How far should it go -

Localism, globalisation or deglobalisation and transition. Is local best or national? Who should determine our laws

The Limits of Democracy and its current malaise

China and its development. Urban and Rural issues, development and equality-

Industry, China the production house of the world moves into a new more up market phase. How does it affect China and how does it affect everyone else?

Forests, pollution and the lungs of the world.

Climate Change, the IPCC latest report, towards COP 20, the rapidly melting ice sheets

The worst flooding for generations: water issues. Drought- the failure of the ice in the North this winter. Climate shifts and instability. Oxford under water? How did it happen? 400 Ppm. Climate disaster now expected to be approaching.

Healthcare in an age of Austerity: Anti biotics- investment in medical causes which dont make multi national profits, if we need them why cant we have them?

Care and its economics in an ageing population. Preserving a free and effective NHS.

The extreme economic costs of mental health as a result of todays stresses

Ending Austerity and over consumption - boom and bust and bubbles -

Towards a health trajectory of a sustainable economy -what does it mean ?

The Green Built Environment – from Tanjin to Oxford -how can the world reduce its built environment carbon footprint. Green Buildings innovations in use in China.

Construction – the World Cup stadium construction – a modern pyramid where people die in its construction ? Have we learnt anything in 5000 years?

The Green Transport Revolution -cleaning up Transport and changing expectations

Tourism, travel, leisure and eco tourism

Improving planning for local services and public transport

The Green Energy Revolution and Renewables, Solar, Wind Geothermal etc

Monster Technologies- Nuclear, Fracking GMOs-?

Animal protection -what defines us as human -? trouble finding one difference between us and the animal kingdom – should we take much more care?

The Spiritual moral and ethical desert- do we know right from wrong-?

Half the world- the war against women ? When will it end ?

Shooting and kidnapping of school girls- Stoning of women Doctors. Disaster- human kind needs its women.

The Greening of IT and its future- energy, servers, CO2, WEEE, open source

big business interests, big brother watching us- all conversations reported to governments. 1984? Phone Hacking. Privacy, Transparency, on line malware, cybercrime

Corruption in public life and unending greed and how its rewarded by the celebrity culture

Can regimes cope with corrupt officials?

Trafficking and slavery crime?-the modern curses- how can we end this?

Africa and Nigeria- how to help in an age of strife, despair and climate change. The Greening of Nigeria, Ethiopia and the Age of Transition in the rest of Africa – Mandelas Legacy in South Africa.

South and Latin America and Brazil -what is happening -does its problems reflect wider concerns globally.

Earth Science and Engineering- what is the proper role of Engineering and Engineers in today economy? Is Nuclear Fussion without side effects?

Food and water security- the coming world crisis.

Soil Erosion, compaction and degradation.

Junk, waste, new frontiers- the Arctic, the Sea, Antarctic and Space and Satellites

#### Recovery-What Recovery? This anaemic, unsustainable, trickle up recovery!

Ordinary people are more in debt than ever before and have a massive drop in living standards and securitywhole swathes of young people have never had a paid job and are living at home with their parents till well into their 30s. The gap between rich and poor is becoming a massive chasm and people are talking about the creation of new global elite who have everything and the rest of us who are reduced to serfdom, or homelessness or the biggest ever international slave trade! Is this really progress? Specialist speaker panel how to turn the "crisis and recovery" round to help everyone join in society and benefit from it together.

#### **Ending Trickle Up Economics**

The philosophical basis for current main stream thinking and how green economics approached can use the work of philosophers to show that orthodox economics view are leading to a rise of neo feudal differences in economics well-being. By considering that inequality is due to the "correct and ordained order of things, it allows a system which increasingly benefits the rich in society and trickles wealth upwards – not downwards. Green Economics and Progressive Economics regard this is gross inefficiency and cruelty and seeks to reverse this trend, which sees some people having to live on the streets and others receiving million pound bonuses. Surely we can do better in 2015.

#### Human Economic Development - The next 10,000 years

Will we make it? What are the issues and feature so far and what can we expect, what do we need to do -as

humanity is at a crossroads- the patterns of the last 10,000 years may not get us through. We probably need to change the way we do things drastically- and we discuss what this means for all of us and suggestions for how we can make those changes successfully?

#### Climate Change, Jet Stream, Flooding, whole communities under water

The costs of mismanagement of the environment, and the economy are now affecting every single person in the UK and are much steeper than if the environment had been dealt with properly. Building on flood plains, over use of resources, lack of drainage, too much building for the natural resources, climate change, warming, mini ice age, increased precipitation, lack of regard for the carrying capacity of regions. Threats to towns and cities and the countryside, lack of awareness of the role of a flood plain, lack of basic geography-lack of investment in renewables. Wrong energy and transport subsidies, daft public finance policies.

We explore how to get the real economy back on track again! Green Economics predicted that this would happen and is built on firmer foundations of including the role of nature in its calculations. Building resilience into our economy.

#### Professional Workshops: All participants will be sent a certificate suitable for Professional Development (CPD) on completion of these workshops. Please register before the conference and we will make arrangements for you to attend

arrangements for you to attend		
Fundraising and running a green business workshops		
Places for this workshop must be pre reserved as we expect this workshop to be popular		
Find out how to put in bids for your favourite projects		
The Basics of Green Economics and how to use it in your work and your campaigning		
Places for this workshop must be preserved so that we can book trainers for you		
History of the world's economy and economist from a Green Economics Perspective Please prebook this workshop		
Please prebook uns workshop		
Creating a body of Research in Green Economics with Professors in the field		
Please prebook your place at this workshop		
Field Trip observing issues of interest in and around Oxford		
Please pre book this field trip -there may be an extra charge for this trip to cover transport costs.		
Writing and publishing your ideas in Books with the Green Economics Institute		
Please pre book so we can ensure the timetable works for everyone		
Most people coming to this workshop will be enabled to publish within the year		
We give you the hidden insight into how publishing works and how to get your ideas in print		
Writing and Publishing in academic journals		
How to do it- anyone can- come and find out how		
How to launch a Green Business		
Find out how from our experts award winners !		
Green Economics Policies in Practice from a recent councillor		
Sushilla Dall		
Global Environmental Change		
Master Lecture Dr John Boardman Oxford University Environmental Change Institute		
Art, photography and poetry and creative writing workshop		
With professional specialists		
Ziggy Shipper Holocaust survivor with Marcia Perkin Educator		
Ending hatred and creating hope		
Older People and the Progress in the 70 years since the 2 <sup>nd</sup> world war.		
Our new book, the Vintage Generation The Rocking Chair Revolution		

# Recent and invited Speakers include:

Dr. S. Iyer (University of	What the world can learn today from Ghandi's work in India, leads a Panel Debate from the BRICS: Brazil, India, China and Russia. Latest updates.
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Dr Indira Dutta (India)	Our latest project and an important book, the Greening of India.
	Introduces solar energy and explains how its working today and its
	potential to solve some of our global climate problems
	Chinas Green Development Index
	Exploring the relationship between low carbon awareness, behaviour in
	urban China. From a cultural perspective
	Update on Eastern Europe Latvia
	The Greening of the Economy
	Veteran Campaigner talks about a lifetime working for change in
	Economics
	Watershed Management in Nicaragua
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and Romania)	
	Development Economics in a time of global tension.
University)	
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	stv. Obfrau Gplus Grüne SeniorInnen Österreich
	SeniorInnensprecherin der Wiener Grünen
	Bezirksrätin Grüne Alsergrund
	Chairwoman ENGS –Austria –
	Launches our ground breaking book –
	The Vintage Generation – the Rocking Chair Revolution – older people
	Barbie Goes Grannie- !
Dr Chuen-Khee, PEK	Talks about Environmetrics
Nottingham University and	Dr Chuen-Khee, PEK
	Assistant Professor of Environmetrics, NUBS Malaysia Student
Assistant Professor of	Liaison,Nottingham University Business School & Malaysia
Environmetrics	
	Talks about the Citizens Income
	Talks about World Health and the challenges it faces "Low Carbon Pathways to Health and to Sustainable Living"
	Talks about Global Health and the growing importance of tackling mental health, the number three priority of the world health organisation
	which sees it as a major threat to global prosperity.
	Healthcare Management today and the challenges it brings
	Education and Economics
Dr Mick Taylor	
	The importance of sustainability and ethics in Economics today
	The European Youth Parliament
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Odeta GrabauskaitėPublic sector administration and law making in todays Lithuania and Europe generally and its implicationsDon O NealEurope generally and its implicationsRita GališanskytėEconomist from Lithuania discusses the world view from East EuropeProfessor Dr. Indira Dutta (India)The Greening of India and Asia. The future of a quarter of the world. Fear or Hope to drive the future?Dr. Natalie West Kanupriya Bhagat Manam JainHuman Rights in todays challenging and turbulent worldPaul NewnessSustainability and Economics
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Paul Newness         Sustainability and Economics
Dr Chidi Magnus Onahua Leads a Panel debate about the MINTS - Mexico, Indonesia, Nige
<b>Sofia Amaral (London School of</b> and Turkey - latest predictions for the global economy.
Economics)
Dr. Stephen Adewale, The Greening of Nigeria.
<b>Dr. Grimot Nane</b> The lasting legacy of Mandela around the world.
<b>Dr. Chidi Magnus</b> The Greening of South Africa - social and environmental justice.
<b>Dr. Holger Schlor (Germany)</b> Green economy in the context of sustainable development.
Marcia Perkin (Educator and Leads a Panel Debate about the Holocaust and its legacy.
Imperial War Museum Fellow) 100 years from WW1- what lessons have we learnt and how do we s
today's genocides?
Specialist speakers and trainers about the Holocaust and Holocausts
the lessons for creating a world of human rights and social justice.
The relevance for today's pressures. How we can avoid the mistakes
the past.       Richard Collins     Music - how it helps us - The Greening of Music
Hilary Cornwell Our resident musician Richard Collins plays on his tradition
Hans Kare Flo
a musical evening during the conference in the venue. Our plan
Hilary Cornwell will play for us on the piano in the evening after mu
acclaim at our event two years ago. Hans Kare Flo will organise sing
for those who would like to participate. We hope to have a da
workshop during the conference and will confirm shortly.           Values: Using an and a Plasta
Volker HeinemannTrade BlocksOthersThe world is dividing itself up into the most massive trade blocks
<b>Others</b> The world is dividing itself up into the most massive trade blocks history. Some argue that this will cut costs but others worry that
will be a way of dumping all the social and environmental gains ma
so far. People are really upset about this and are taking to the streets a
risking their lives. Trade matters. We present the facts and
arguments with experts from both sides.
Steven Mandel Growth, debt, austerity, stimulus - recovery, bubbles, investme
<b>Prof. Chow Fah Yee (Malaysia)</b> shadow markets, pensions, the markets, pawn shops have a heyday
Others people struggle The latest buzz words from the world of economics, we share the latest
The latest buzz words from the world of economics- we share the latest buzz and keep you up to date and give you tools and information
making change.
Prof. Chow Fah Yee     The Greening of Malaysia
Norferanti Kamarudin
<b>Dr. Vyacheslav Potapenko</b> 25 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall: The Ukraine strugg
between East and West
The legacy of Chernobyl and the wooing by Russia. The fight o
trading blocks. East meets Western Europe. Civil unrest plays of
Green Solutions - can they help?
Prof. Dr. Sandra Gusta     Latvian Eco Tourism

	We are not having a back on Counting Transform and there will be
Dr. Dzintra Astaja	We are producing a book on Greening Tourism and there will be a discussion of the issues in Eco tourism generally. The greening of
	tourism and the leisure industry, a case study of Latvia.
Prof. Dr. Dzintra Astaja	Aspects of Cultural Heritage in Latvia; The meaning of Riga being
1 I II. DI. DZIIII a Astaja	European Capital of Culture for 2014.
Dr. Sarah Skinner	The Solar Century discusses the latest issues in solar and Renewables
Oliver Tickell	Challenges and Progress in the urgent need to develop and use Solar
Oliver Tickell	and Renewables.
	Working at the ecologist-
	Topical issues
Dr. Paul Mobbes	Black Swan Events and Risk - playing with our lives.
Dr. Jeff Turk PHD	A Social Europe using Biographical data and methodology.
Miriam Kennet	Progress in Green Economics and its latest Developments
Michelle Gale de Oiveira	Intermediate workshops in Green Economics.
Dr Jeff Turk	Advanced workshops in Green Economics: Dilemmas and questions.
Others	Research in Green Economics and Methodology.
	Philosophy and ontology in Green Economics.
Alan Driver (UK)	Lead a debate about South America and Argentina and Brazil
Michelle Gale S de Oliveira	
Prof. Maria Madi (Brazil)	
Dr Michael Briguglio (Malta)	NGOs and Campaign Groups
Charles Secrett (former Executive	How they work and how they can develop a new more human scale
Director of Friends of the Earth)	narrative. How to get the messages and information across
Henry Cox (campaigning for many	
years)	
Pamela Harling	
Miriam Kennet	Panel Debate and workshop Older People, Barbie goes Granny
Birgit Meinhard Schiebel	The Rocking Chair Revolution, the Vintage Generation
(Austria)	The Launch of our ground breaking band new book
Dr. Juanee Ciliers	Intergenerational Equity and Restitution
Chit Chong	
Dr Katherine Kennet	Population, Migration and Refugees and Diaspora Communities
Other specialists from around	As predicted once climate change started to really bite -huge numbers
the world and invite papers on	of people are on the move – initially as it gets harder to earn and living and then in desperation as there is chaos and civil unrest and to try to
this subject	find enough resources and to find safety and shelter. This is 100% what was predicted by Green Economists – and it's happened sooner than we imagined with one of the worst humanitarian crises ever in human
	history unfolding at the moment.
Professor Jack Reardon	Putting the "Economics" Back into Green Economics
Sofia Amaral (London School of	The Economics issues are debated and papers, workshops and speakers
Economics)	of all levels from students, practitioners to specialists are invited to submit ideas and papers
Dr. Katherine Kennet	The Greening of Public and Private Health
	How basic issues and solutions matter most. With Dr Katherine Kennet and others launching our new book on the Greening of Health and Care
John Ranken	Community based 3rd Age/4th Age Health Project whereby healthy and
	active 3rd Age people would help train themselves to help care for and support dependent 4th Agers, whilst at the same time preparing themselves/ourselves for our own 4th Age.
Dr. Arturo Herman (Italy)	Mental Health – the time bomb that worries specialists
Dr. Katherine Kennet	How Green Ideas and practices can really help
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Prof. Graciela Chichilnisky	Extreme Climate, Extreme Weather, extreme events. Black Swan Events
	Climate Change is upon us everywhere: What can be done about it?
	Can we turn the clock back?
	The latest economics solutions and innovations.
	Special panel debate about flooding, drought and the role of
	government agencies- containment, mitigation or prevention of worse
	developments?
Trainer Marlyn Lee	Public Speaking workshops
	We offer participants the chance to learn more about public speaking
Councillor Andy Cooper	Community Energy
Anjikwi Mshelbwala (Abuja,	GreenIT One of the big CO2 guzzlers of this century is IT and we discuss the
Nigeria)	One of the big CO2 guzzlers of this century is IT and we discuss the latest developments in how to reduce our impact when using IT. We will
Audaye Andaye	be producing a special issue of our academic journal this year on Green
	IT and a book and so we invite papers for this session.
Richard Holcroft	The Greening of Transport
Rose Bridger (author of Plane	Following on our highly successful event and launch in the House of Commons with leading campaigners, we continue our work in
Truth) John Stewart (campaigner	supporting and campaigning for more and better and cheaper public
at Heathrow Airport)	transport. Also the HS2 Train project and other transport projects
Hugo Spowers	around the world. Airport development – do we need it? Where will it
	lead?
Dr Enrico Tezza (from the	The Greening of Europe and ensuring its future
International Labour Organisation in	All aspects of Europe and NGOs and the lead Europe has in some areas
Italy)	of Green Activity, A Report from our Project on Saving Europe,
	creating a social and environmental ethic for citizens to feel a sense of
	belonging
Councillor David Williams	The Greening of China, Green Buildings and Communities and Architecture
Johnathan Essex	The Development of Eco cities, eco towns and eco villages.
Others	We are working with teams in Tainjin, the third largest city in China to
	develop a greener city. Following our book – the Green Built
	Environment we now scroll into the detail of practical changes and
	input to new communities being developed around the world
Michelle Gale de Oliveira	The Americas- How is America coping with its new pressures?
Others	Its economy is recovering but its place in the world is severely
	challenged
Steven Marcellino	The Greening of Indonesia
Tutik Ramawalla	Following on from last years successful launch with the Indonesian
The Indonesian Embassy	Ambassador of our Book on the Greening of Indonesia and our special
	issue of our Journal we are continuing to work on Indonesia and how
Dr Michael Taylor	change can be achieved Economics Theories
	Developing Economics theories to enable an economy of caring,
	sharing and supporting each other
Don O'Neal	Greening of St Vincent and the Caribean
Carlos Vassalos	Poverty and pressures for local people
	Opportuities
	Being a small island state in the face of global environmental change
	and climate change and sea level rise
Anna Wainer	Biodiversity and Animal Protection
Caroline Allen (Vetenerary	There is renewed realisation that animals have feelings and are sentient
Surgeon) Tracy (Marchioness of	and intelligent.
Worcester)	We treat animals as we treat ourselves- brutalising them – only makes
	us less human. The food and farming business is responsible for cruelty

Dr Susan Canney (Oxford	on a global scale and its time to sort this out and address our
University)	fundamental clumsiness in this issue.
	There is also a need to protect animals from our worst excesses and so
	this session will include specialists from Compassion in World Farming
	and also specialist Vets and others and we invite participants and
	contributions of all kinds. We will be doing a book on this subject as an
	output of this event.
Bianca Madison	Food, Farming and Agriculture: The Organics Revolution, local and
Tracy (Marchioness of Worcester)	best practise
Rudolf Buhrer	Following on from our very successful two books and events we are
Kristina Buhrer (has created a	continuing our work on this theme to improve the global food supply
very exciting and innovative centre of	chain and to make it more local and more human based- aiming to
Excellence in Schwabia Hall, near	reduce the unpleasant surprises we have had recently, when we find out
Sttutgart which is rapidly being	what really happens to our food. What are the principles of green food
adopted by others; Germany).	and farming?
Prof. Dr Sandra Gusta	Education in Economics for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
	We invite educators and lecturers and others to create a new ethic for
	education. The competition in Higher Education as a common value for
	efficiency and sustainability.
Professor Dr Michael Benfield.	The Philosophical Basis of the Green Movement
	We are creating a book with the founders of the movement and we will
	be introducing the ideas we have found during our work as well as
	inviting more ideas on this very important subject which advises us
	where we have come from and where we want to go. New kinds of
	philosophy and human rights.
Sumaya Abedi	Progress in the Greening and Development of Somalieland
Graham Edwards of Trantnor	The Greening of Food Production World Wide
	Tractor Farm implementation. Soil compaction and soil erosion.
John Norman	The current state of Renewables: An Update for Participants

**<u>OTHER TOPICS</u>**: For all the themes below we are calling for papers, speakers, workshops and participants and please feel free to recommend other ideas. We are particularly keen to encourage new and non-standard speakers as well as more experienced participants. Everyone is very welcome.

The Japanese recovery and how Green issues have affected Japan

Taxation: The Moral Obligation for large companies to participate in paying tax

How large companies have avoided tax and set up off shore or offer to create jobs and the repatriate all the profits elsewhere. Zero Hours contracts - the rise of neo feudalism! Banking corruption and decay!

We invite specialists to advise us about the issues and everyone to send in stories and papers about this. There will be a workshop pooling knowledge and experience.

Media-Workshop

What on earth has happened- does it release information we all need -and a basic human right- or an unpleasant and uninvited intrusion?

Making the media work for us: how do we do it?

How does the social media revolution mature into something lasting and beneficial in the longer term?

Campaigners will have the opportunity for training and being filmed in a supportive environment and a small group.

Corporate Social Responsibility and Ethics for Green Ideas

We have just produced a book on this and we will launch it and also as last year conference, there will be a session in the House of Commons hopefully during the conference (Being Confirmed).

Consumption and the right to consume

How do we share a finite planet together- who gets what and how does current economics help us with these decisions? Does winner take all make sense in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and will we survive like that or do fundamental changes have to happen in lifestyle and assumptions.

Corruption and energy

How does the ownership of energy challenge the road to human rights?

Putting the "Green" into Green Economics: Welcoming Earth Sciences back in

The Earth Sciences issues are debated and papers, workshops and speakers of all levels from students to specialists are invited to submit ideas.

Sharing the Earth and Sharing the Commons

Citizens Income and many other ways of sharing. Please send in your requests to run a workshop on your own area of interest.

Selling off the family jewels- our commons, our air our water - who owns it - who controls it?

The importance of control over our basic resources is vital and a quiet sell off of all our assets, to investors, is a dangerous step which we need to be aware of.

Water, transport etc. are not there fundamentally for making a profit -they are human needs and need to be in the control of accountable communities.

The Water, rivers seas, flooding and drinking water vital and fundamental rights, issues are debated and papers, workshops and speakers of all levels from students, practitioners to specialists are invited to submit ideas, papers and to speak

Climate Change, migration, poverty and food

Tensions are rising globally as predicted as the weather and climate change starts to disrupt 10,000 years of human evolution- throwing settlements into chaos and challenging every community and every government Papers, speakers, workshops are invited to present ideas for change in this important area.

Workshops on funding and running a Green Business – How to make it work and how to apply for funding – what help is available?

We run some workshops for participants.

Please can you sign up for this workshop beforehand so we can anticipate numbers and ensure we have the right trainers?

Renewables

Papers are encouraged about any aspect of how to develop renewables faster in time for the imperatives we now face with climate change.

Forests, trees habitats

Their importance and their conservation, the economics of survival for all of us depends on improving this. We invite papers and experts and others to submit ideas and offers to speak on this subject.

Women, the fourth wave of feminism, the forced marriages and slave trade

Women are under seige as never before. Treated as fodder literally in some countries, girls are dying in their thousands from basic lack of child birth care, they are kept from school and shot at in other countries, forced FGG, marriage as young as 9- all many of them want is to go to school and to live a normal life.

The Millenium Development goals seem a long way off - if half the human population is denied these very basic rights but are used as chattels for buying and selling.

We need to ensure that our Womens unequal pay and poverty Campaign is reenergised and produces results for women and children everywhere-women are not a small minority- they are half of all people alive today and they deserve much better than this!

Democracy, openess and corruption

Police states, surveillance, torture hacking and interfering with people going about their business. In 2014 this is one of the most serious issues and will hold up the implementation of a green economy. Papers and information on this subject is encouraged.

The Greening of Greece and Cyprus

Greece and Cyprus suffered the brunt of the European slow down and had a major banking meltdown. The implementation of a green economy will help both countries and we lay down plans for how this can happen. We have just produced a special issue of our Academic Journal- the International Journal of Green Economics on this subject and have received more papers

So we will be doing another special issue of the journal and also a book.

We are inviting ideas, papers and speakers.

Heterodox Economics

Green Economics was developed under an Heterodox Umbrella We discuss its role as a pluralist, heterodox school of economics

Research methodology

Aspects of research methodology will be debated in this stream of the conference which will take place in the Doctoral Tutorial area of Oxford University All are welcome to participate and also to send in ideas, comments and suggestions for this session. Quantative, qualitative, biographical methods, all sorts of methodological questions, what is data, ontology, reason – what are the foundations of truth and knowledge

Green Economics has developed as part of Geography – Human and Economic This part of the conference will take place in the Geography department of the University of Oxford. Everyone is very welcome to come along and submit ideas, papers, and speakers.

In the land of Socrates, Democracy is under tension.

Would he recognise our economy today? Learning from Socrates how to ask the right questions

#### Invitation to write

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# **Rationale for the Conference**

## Co-operation or collapse, the crisis of human civilisation. Hope or despair? Social awakening in the face of environmental and economic catastrophe.

Is civilisation going backwards into a new Dark Ages? Deflation, stagflation, depression Historically low and negative interest rates.

Towards an economy for the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation. The Regression of the world economics order.

Regression or Progression in economic democracy? The world economy a spiritual and moral desert?

Despair, destruction and desperation!

Lord Stern (Stern Review 2006) says things have moved on in the eight years since his review. "I would have been much fiercer", he says. "Emissions have gone up faster than I thought and some of the effects of global warming are coming through more quickly, such as melting of the glaciers and the polar ice caps. But technical change has been faster too." Stern says that on present trends global temperatures will be 4-5C higher in the next century and governments are fooling themselves if they think this will only have a modest impact on their economies.

#### "The last time we had a change in global temperatures of this order of magnitude it was in the other direction. It was called the Ice Age

#### Bubbles, Bubbles, Bubbles everywhere

The current world economic crisis is a multi layered crisis of democracy, economics and politics. It is a crisis of the second European Renaissance in part. We have an ailing and failing and flailing about, world economic and political system. Its characteristics include a pretend rising GDP growth, consumption, greed on an unimaginable scale, A fear of investment leading to massive over investment in a few " safe" commodities like nuclear, oil and property. All of these are fragile and unsustainable and could burst at any time...

Industry still prizes short term profit over long term gains- this is a warning not from campaigners but from the leader of the IMF itself an indication of how very serious the situation is and she said this week –that rising inequalities are also of grave concern. We have always said that "Time" is an essential factor in economics and creating something lasting rather than wasting resources for a small moment in time is really destructive. Too big to fail banks are becoming too greedy and untouchable and after one scandal after another no one trusts them anymore and this situation is desperately in need of root and branch reform and a completely new and regulated system needs to emerge quickly. The IMF points to this as one of the big potential causes of global economic instability and according to the IMF itself- systemic risk.

Corrupt and greedy politicians, bankers and the media and establishment and government officials grab the worlds resources and those of the scarcely paid effort of the poorer workers, and stuff their ill gotten gains into their pockets as massive bonuses, claiming the world order would collapse if they fail to pay each other in their revolving privatised doors., enough for champagne and Porsche car life styles. So discredited and bought off or up is academia that many scientists have complained that new innovation coming through has no means of claiming a Nobel prize or any funding and cannot even come into this bonanza party so science is also dumbing down.

Whilst they do this, miners, contract TB or get trapped miles underground whilst bosses reap the benefit and profits and don't in most cases share them with those who risk their lives to feed their family. The gap between rich and poor gets ever wider, food banks and homeless night sleepers are a feature of most " developed " worlds' towns and cities in almost every country.

This corruption of economy, society and values, stems from the "me me me" consumerist materialist economy post world war two –the "high mass consumption" intended to trigger higher GDP figures, the nirvana of all mainstream economists and treasuries. As money sloshes round the world, scarcely believable corruption is happening under our noses, for example world cup football event is completely discredited, and utterly utterly corrupt and corrupted. Worse- even when it is exposed – nothing is done. Criminals are keeping the spoils of their crimes.Questions need to be asked as to why we don't remove the spoils of crime and return them to their true and rightful owners.

Further the law is so screwed up so that no small company or little charity can afford even the basics of legal self protection from Greece to England, the police are considered corrupted. This is one of the bastions of democracy. This indicates that civilisation is now rotten to the core.

People honestly follow which ever celebrity consumer has the biggest and most expensive handbag. Some costing an obscene 1000 pounds each. Passive consumerism is the opiate and celebrity petfood of the modern global economy. The economy of envy and celebrity is a fetish rather than one based on need, values or democracy. States are spying on each

other and their citizens. Bankers rip off their small customers. The human world is stuffed full of corruption, destruction and crime. Instead of renewables investment for the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation, we have fracking and business as usual. But this is playing out against a background or biblical scale global environmental change. But the earth is fighting back from this " attack of the humans". There are now huge floods, earthquakes volcanoes. It is now known that the Minoans civilisation, and Atlantis all succumbed to nature and the march of sea level rise and natural disasters.

#### According to this years' IPCC report .

"Despite a growing number of climate change mitigation policies, annual GHG emissions grew on average by 1.0 gigatonne carbon dioxide equivalent (GtCO 2q) (2.2 %) per year from 2000 to 2010 compared to 0.4 GtCO 2 eq (1.3 %) per year from 1970 to 2000. Total anthropogenic
GHG emissions were the highest in human history from 2000 to 2010 and reached 49 (±4.5) GtCO 2eq/yr in 2010. The global economic crisis 2007/2008 only temporarily reduced emissions(http://report.mitigation2014.org/spm/ipcc\_wg3\_ar5\_summary-forpolicymakers\_approved.pdf). About half of cumulative anthropogenic CO 2 emissions between 1750 and 2010 have occurred in the last 40 years(high confidence).

Annual anthropogenic GHG emissions have increased by 10 GtCO2 eq between 2000 and 2010, with this increase directly coming from energy supply (47 %), industry (30 %), transport (11 %) and buildings (3 %)sectors(medium confidence). Accounting for indirect emissions raises the contributions of the buildings and industry sectors(high confidence)..Since 2000, GHG emissions have been growing in all sectors, except AFOLU. Of the 49 (±4.5) GtCO2 eq emissions in 2010, 35 % (17 GtCO2eq) of GHG emissions were released in the energy supply sector, 24 % (12 GtCO 2eq, net emissions) in AFOLU, 21 % (10 GtCO2eq) in industry, 14 % (7.0 GtCO 2eq) in transport and 6.4 %(3.2 GtCO2 eq) in buildings. When emissions from electricity and heat production are attributed to the sectors that use the final energy (i. e. indirect emissions), the shares of the industry and buildings sectors in global GHG emissions are increased to 31 % and 19 %7, respectively. Globally, economic and population growth continue to be the most important drivers of increases in CO2emissions from fossil fuel combustion. The contribution of population growth between 2000 and 2010remained roughly identical to the previous three decades, while the contribution of economic growth has risen sharply(high confidence)

Between 2000 and 2010, both drivers outpaced emission reductions from improvements in energy intensity (Figure SPM.3). Increased use of coal relative to other energy sources has reversed the long-standing trend of gradual decarbonization of the world's energy supply."

It is now much more likely that we are on target for 4 degrees of warming from 1990 levels, and this is regarded by many as a destructively nightmare scenario.Lynas describes the scenario with a half a metre sea level rise Boston New Jersey Alexandria, with the melting of ice sheets the UK would turn into a group of islands.Oxford would disappear, last time the world was 4 degrees warmer there was no ice at the poles! there would be a food crisis, china would struggle to feed its people and there would be drought in many regions. Although only written a couple of years ago – his words, residents would be flocking to the Baltics, Scandinavia and the British Isles seems strangely prophetic( Lynas 2008 6 Degrees) but in keeping entirely with the predictions about this made in the Stern Review of 2007 which said that the polar regions, the UK and Scandinavia would be some of the few places on earth capable of sustaining their population and growing food. This idea is coming to fruition with huge immigration problems starting to destabilise these regions already. At the time the book seemed far fetched- sadly not any more!

In this light, we now see whole swathes of immigrants – several thousand at a time are risking their lives, coming towards Europe in a mass migration that hasn't been seen since

the "barbarians" took over Rome in the 400s AD. This situation has been caused by climate change and is exactly as greens predicted and Lord Stern also in the Stern Review that the world would become uninhabitable except the UK, the Polar Regions and Scandinavia. As the rest of the world boils up, it can sustain less and less humans and so they then start to migrate towards the remaining lands. Hence already desperate migrants go with slave traders and traffickers towards Europe – but most don't make it –as the boats are deliberately leaky to discourage them from arriving alive. This is turning into one of the biggest humanitarian tragedies of our age. Combining climate change, not caused by these people, the average African carbon footprint is less than 1 tonne of carbon per capita per year, so caused by consumption in the very countries they are turning to for help. It is therefore a moral question as to whether such countries, the high consumers have the right to turn their back on a problem at least partially created by them themselves or whether we have the moral duty to sort the mess out. That means trying to help in the countries currently boiling dry from climate change and global warming – helping initially with food production and sharing and also sorting out the geo political mess caused by scarcity and climate pressures. Humans all began in Africa, that is where the Garden of Eden really was and we simply cannot afford to muck it up that we are forever cast out of it. In utter desperation, those who can, the more able ones, are paying people traffickers to try to get them out of there. These traffickers are taking the money and guiding people into deserts and then across them with no water and then into leaky boats where the intention is that they die by drowning, thirst or starvation. The changing climate is pushing whole communities to the brink of extinction. They are fleeing to Europe. Europes response has been to elect leaders who simply want to shut the borders. Surely we can do better than that. Surely we can help at the source of the problem-surely we can police our borders to deal with the people traffickers. This situation is entirely as predicted in the Green literature as some of the first signs of mega climate stress. It is also in some ways similar to the so called "Barbarian Invasions" of the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE which led to the fall of the Roman Empire in its original form.

Beautiful and vibrant, multi cultural Brazil and the world cup - is perhaps a microcosm of the mess we find ourselves in – a world cup in which workers died in its construction, local poor people are moved off the land and the profits go to the large multi nationals –who have nothing to do with Brazil at all and half the buildings unfinished a week before. Although multi cultural and vibrant - synonymous with carnival- every day a gay person gets murdered. There are two parallel world economies –the multinational investment- of rich and champagne lifestyles and designer clothes and that of most people which is a daily struggle to get to the end of the day. Both exist within yards of each other and both on a collision course as the schism opens up between them wider and wider but both due to global media can see each other clearly and they don't like what they see. Brazilians have protested about the Football Fiasco and corruption by foregoing the workers holiday they were given by actually going to work !

# The worlds megacities are responsible for 60% of its carbon and the change in climate is contributing to crop failures and the poor are going hungry directly as a result- so we need to act to protect global food security.

The increase in inequality and despair is world wide so as to be named as an important threat even to global capitalism itself. The gross and appalling garment industry, which locks in workers in dangerous buildings with no recourse to justice in the name of posh designer clothes for rich westerners is nothing short of a disgrace. Through a series of outsourcing and procurement contractual smoke screens western companies are able to say- "its not my fault gov-I didn't know –we have a sustainability certificate" and worse people wear the clothes and don't care"

This again is creating misery and needs to be dealt with. Many of the owners of these slave factories are in the government and so the workers have no recourse to law or complaint. Again as world agriculture moves into world agribusiness more and more people are

moving off the land and into big cities, meaning they have no assets and no means of a liveliehood except selling their time into slave labour- reversing all the 20<sup>th</sup> century human rights gains and back into Precariat powerless slave labour and neo feudalism or worse. In the meantime the richer posh western users wear the clothes with pride as designer labels on the celebrity high class fashion catwalks of the world Surely we can do better than this.

The world is also experiencing a violent war against women. Women used in the past to be powerful before the advent of farming and " civilisation" there appears to have been more balance. However today –many women and girls are kept out of democratic and economic life, girl children have been shot for going to school and many revolutionary societies are specifically returning women to their domestic roles. In Nigeria in a particularly damaging event, 200 school girls have been kidnapped for going to school and are still being held and we urgently ask that they are released and we ask all our readers and participants to put pressure on any world leaders to help this happen fast. In Ireland a mass grave of 800 women and their small children has just been discovered, created by the church these were powerless and often unmarried mothers. In India two sisters were hanged, in Sudan a Dr is in jail delivering a baby whilst in chains and threatening with stoning to death. We are faced with a war against women - which is reminiscent of the Dark Ages or the worst excesses of biblical times. No progress has been made in these respects since then and really regression is ugly and needs to stop-progressive policies must prevail. In the face of huge human challenges we need half the worlds resources - we must include women in a democracratic and economically sustainable world.We also find in the alternative economic journals and newspapers, and books- its all written by men- and to women looks like more of the same. If we want to get things done better and in an alternative way- we need to include the ideas of half the world.

The corruption in the food chain is breath taking, one role Aristotle found for the nation state was to ensure trade for fair and that it was checked to be what it claimed to be. 2000 years later – when the food scandal broke, the EU confessed it didn't even know which animal its so called " meat" trade and imports was as it had not even bothered to check what it was let alone whether it was safe for its consumers and protecting them. It blamed mafia taking over the vast and lucrative agribusiness food chains. Let alone protecting the animals –providing so called anonymous faceless "meat" from unnecessary suffering. How can Europe, a region characterised by its agriculture and CAP have got to such a sorry state? It found it easier to blame foreigners for unusual food practises than to look at the ethics of the enormous food supply chains which have untold cruelty and long term suffering built into their DNA on a scale which is truly staggering. In fact becoming a racist does not solve animal suffering. Becoming a vegetarian does or solving the crisis in farming.

Very important geo political changes are affecting large swathes of people across the globe and we are working on analysing what these will mean for large parts of humanity, including for example India with a new chief and Europe whose new Head of Commission will determine the direction of Europe for several years.

With regard to Green IT- there is now a completely new way of doing finance and banking all over Africa and even in Afgahnistan where M Pesa or Sagantia are taking the countries by storm. This provides banking via a mobile phone and has no banking branches. So successful was it in Afghanistan that the police force managed to find that 10% of its policemen did not really exist. All the others had a huge salary increase as a result. This service is run by the mobile providers such as Vodafone and has attracted millions of users. It has 17 million users in Kenya- ie half the country! We need innovative solutions and our engineers need to start addressing the needs of the future –not the needs of the past.

Health –one of the biggest concerns is the threat to anti biotic use and modern medicine. The demographic shift is also affecting pensions and health care system affordability. Mental health is designated by the WHO as one of the three biggest worries in regard to global prosperity.

With regard to energy, in a world of 400 ppm and a rapidly warming world with increasingly violent precipitation, it is imperative we start to move rapidly toward renewables which are becoming cheaper and more viable every day. However against this background we are seeing a move to a) regeneration of coal, and b) every nation seems to be embracing shale gas as it supports nationalism and independence more rapidly. It is however very regressive in that it will controlled by vested power elites rather than the people as with renewables and worse it has a devastating effect on climate change, causes earthquakes and poisons the water table. How on earth can we embrace such a regressive technology? It just doesn't make economic sense at all. A small number of people will become even richer and the rest of us will suffer all the consequences and be powerless to do anything about it. We need a rapid investment in renewables urgently very urgently now. Solar, wind, geothermal all vital tools and arteries of a 7<sup>th</sup> Generation economy.We need to harness the knowledge of our best Earth Scientists and our best engineers to make this happen and the rewards need to be as good for futuristic projects and those helping guarantee an economy for future generations - rather than those maintaining a shaky and anaemic status quo.

When Europe issued negative interest warnings, talking about deflation, when one half of Europe is once again under threat of invasion from the other half - and when a big trade treaty involving half of all human kind threatens to regress social and environmental gains of the entire last century – removing transparency into the hands of large and unelected and invisible powerful multinational and vested interests, using the law and democracy to block people's access to control and change -we know we are in deep, deep trouble- and that is only in Europe. Geo political instability is brewing all over the world with inequality within countries and between countries reaching crisis points everywhere. In Spain youth unemployment is touching 50%. In China people are desperate to move into towns. Humans have suddenly become an urban species with vast economic differences for example in the UK between London and the surrounding country side. The worlds; economy it is said is being driven by a few cities, several of which are city states, as in the Middle Ages but several are within countries where vast inequalities are emerging. Moreover these cities are unsustainable on their own and actually depend on pulling in and depleting cheaper resources from the surrounding regions. This is building up huge and unsustainable resentment.

Humans have had a short time on earth to prove that they are worthy stewards and if all this carries on they will fail in their bid to remain and survive and their right to manage this beautiful planet. They either need to start sharing the worlds resources with each other or with the other creatures of the earth, or there will be a catastrophic and unimaginable collapse far worse than ever imagine and we will truly enter into a Mad Max phase, a phase of utter and unimaginable destruction, a phase of the end of civilisation, a short interlude, of the human experiment which might only have lasted 10,000 years and which we will be coming guite near to the end. The economy of the 7<sup>th</sup> generation is unlikely to occur if we carry on like this. We have started to create a desert wasteland, a world of encroaching sea, rapid heating, human retreat from nearly all parts of the world, ice melts in the polar regions, melting ice sheets, and a phase of conflicts and utter chaos. The geo political stability is already breaking down. A phase in 1 generation could lead to a total wipe out. Something is very rotten in the applecart. We are not just causing the end of capitalism gone mad, we will destroy all the resources nature has given us for free and in abundance. To rectify this we will have to stop consuming, our GDP will have to fall, we will need to get a grip and start to share and to do decent things. Stop blaming everyone else for our own mess. Stop the war on women, end the runaway CO2 at 400 ppm co2 equivalent,

sea level rise of metres, melting ice shelves plunging into the sea. We each need to start checking our carbon footprint. We need to start looking to the future. We need to start voting for the future and resurrecting our democratic processes with leaders who have a constructive and progressive vision for the future. Not narrow minded petty nationalism as this won't solve the problems mentioned above- it will only make them much, much worse. All the NASA indicators look extremely frightening with the world really starting to warm up and sizzle. Remember what we need is at the very least to be constructing "The economy of the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation". Act as if our civilisation is built to last, and for 7 generations and longer and then start to realise we are accountable to them, they will write our history –not us. Are we going to be ashamed of what we have done in this generation? Are we happy to rip them off? How are going to pay for what we have done? How are we going to organise our economy and retain a veneer of " civilisation?"

We explore the various different solutions fashionable at the moment cradle to cradle, the circular economy, steady state economy, Rethinking Economics, Inclusive Capitalism, Green Economics, Green Economy, the collaborative commons – an economy based on sharing, according to Jeremy Riffkin, and all sorts of other contenders and their nuanced differences and who is advocating them.
 We believe we need an economy based on caring, sharing and supporting each other.

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