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A Warm Welcome from the Editor

My name is Raghu Datt, and I am delighted to be the Editor of the 22nd Annual Green Economics Institute Oxford Conference Proceedings. The Conference will take place at the Blavatnik School of Government, part of Oxford University and the lovely ancient Friends Meeting House with its gorgeous walled flower garden in a sizzling week in July during the current extraordinary heatwave hitting much of the northern hemisphere of the world. It has never been more fitting to have a conference debating and planning a change in the philosophy of the future and searching to use new paradigms to alter the mess that humans appear to have made over the last 10,000 years!

We will explore the 6 mass extinction of species and our keynote speakers will talk about the Rights of Nature Bill, the new demographic shifts, what the future looks like now Gen Z is coming of age and out in the job market as well as the challenges of climate change, the destruction of oceans, wildlife, whole economies and the world order which was ostensibly based on the rule of law, as well as the role of corporations past present and future. And so much more, our diets, agriculture and morality.

This summer with the Green Economics Institute, I have had the wonderful opportunity to contribute to the organisation of this conference and to the production of this programme booklet and to meet other young people with similar ideas and aspirations. The booklet allows to learn more about the diverse experiences and ideas of the speakers taking part, whilst helping to bring their contributions together in one place.

My academic interests lie in sustainability, development economics and the ways economic systems can respond more effectively to social and environmental challenges. I am looking forward to meeting you all at the conference and seeing more of you over the summer this year.

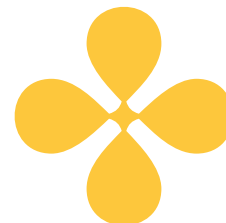
This lovely event brings together different generations and perspectives to discuss the future of economics and sustainability. I hope this booklet helps you navigate and enjoy the conference, and that the conversations held here encourage reflection, collaboration and meaningful action to share together in making the world a better place and giving us the hope, inspiration and innovation to go and implement our ideas in our lives and futures around the world. I look forward to it with excitement and so does the whole conference team.

Have a lovely conference and we look forward to your continuing involvement in our lovely institute over the months and years to come. Thank you so much for coming and for your wonderful support.

Kind regards,

Raghu Datt
Editor 22nd Annual Green Economics Institute Conference Proceedings
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The Green Economics Institute Trustee
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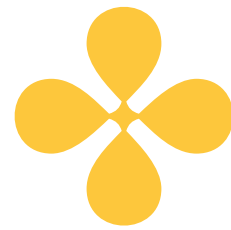




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Introducing The Green Economics Institute

Founded in 2004, we are proudly celebrating 22 years of creating a global non governmental and non standard network of intelligent and caring voices for social, environmental and economics justice, reform of mainstream economics and creating a multidisciplinary academic narrative of Green Economics.

We are passionately advocating and working tirelessly to raise awareness, educate, mitigate and roll back the tide of runaway climate change, reverse biodiversity and habitat loss, and create an economy which is beneficial for all people in the world, especially women, minorities, and other species, nature, the planet and its systems.

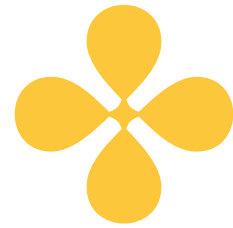
An economy of growth as in nature- that means nature flourishing, not using corporate politics as an excuse to destroy natural habitats, or perpetuate wars in the name of progress.

Instead of mainstream one dimensional narratives of growth, which are causing untold suffering and destruction - we are working for a flourishing world for everyone and everything on the planet -a world in which we can be proud of our human influence!

We are grateful to all our supporters, members and collaborators all across the globe.

Thank you so much for your well wishing for our 22th anniversary and looking forward to another 22 years at this crucial time in human history.

Bianca Madison- Vuleta Trustee & Vice President



Our Key Founding Values

1. To provision for the needs all people everywhere, other species, nature, the planet and its systems, all as beneficiaries of economics transactions, not as one-off inputs.
2. To reinforce an underpinning of social and environmental justice, tolerance and no prejudice and creating quality of life for everyone, including current and all future generations, and regardless of age.
3. To ensure the recognition and respect of other species' rights. To end the current mass extinction of species and ensure the survival of Earth's biodiversity.
4. To create an economic system which advances non-violence and the inclusion of all people everywhere, regardless of special needs or special ability. To ensure that all nations have equal access to power and resources on a finite planet, and that local people to have control over their own destiny and resources. To eradicate poverty, increase life expectancy, human welfare and real well-being in the least developed countries.
5. To guarantee gender equity in all activities, educating, respecting, empowering women and minorities, and ensuring that all people valued and respected equally.
6. To end high mass consumption and the current overshoot of Earth's resources, returning human civilisation to the comfortable bounds of nature in its original climatic conditions. To choose lifestyle change over techno-fixes and eco-technology, lowering individual carbon usage, living lightly on the earth.
7. Changing how economics is done: from being an abstract mathematical exercise to embracing the real world we all live in, recognizing that we are all concerned as stakeholders.
8. Climate change prevention, adaptation, mitigation. Protecting the most vulnerable from risk. Ensuring the future of small island states. Quickly reducing carbon per capita globally to 2 tonnes in the next 5 years and zero soon after. Limiting and reversing climate change. Moving to renewable energy sources.
9. Future-proofing economics to increase its suitability for the 21st century, solving the current economic downturn and widespread uncertainty. Creating and nurturing an economy based on sharing, rather than greed and profit. Completely reshaping and reforming economics to do all the above.

GREEN ECONOMICS INSTITUTE DELEGATION AMBITION FOR COP26

WE HAVE 10 YEARS TO SAVE THE CLIMATE AND TO CHANGE TO A MATRIFOCAI,
DIVERSE, INCLUSIVE SPECIES OR RISK OUR OWN EXTINCTION.

EQUITY IS THE PRICE OF SURVIVAL.

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**ALL NDCS TO BE
ALIGNED WITH 1.5C**

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**KEEP GLOBAL
HEATING TO 1.5C**

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**TO AGREE, FINALISE
& IMPLEMENT LOSS
AND DAMAGE FULLY**

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**TO AGREE & FINALISE
ALL ASPECTS OF THE
PARIS RULEBOOK**

5

**AGREE THAT CLIMATE
JUSTICE MUST MEAN
SOCIAL JUSTICE**

6

**AGREE A NEW CLAUSE THAT
ACTUAL RENEWABLES
BECOME DOMINANT
SOURCES BY 2025**

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**PHASE OUT ALL
FOSSIL FUELS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE**

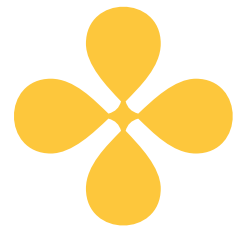
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**SHIFT TO SUSTAINABLE
AGRICULTURE & FOOD
PRODUCTION**

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**POLLUTER PAYS:
CORPORATE
RESPONSIBILITY**

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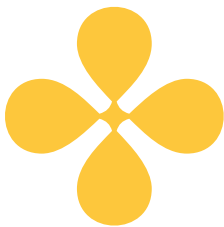
Miriam Kennet is the founder and Director of the Green Economics Institute, and founder and Editor of the International Journal of Green Economics, having researched at Oxford University, Oxford Brookes, South Bank and is a member of Mansfield College, Oxford University. She designed and lectures on the Environmental Economics Course at Birkbeck College, London University and also teaches Environmental Policy there. She is author of around 35 articles, detailed on the Green Economics Institute's website and co editor of a book, Green Economics Beyond Supply and Demand to Meeting People's Needs and is creating a series with Gower Management Books on Green Economics and Sustainable Growth at the moment. Forthcoming book contributions include one book published in Berlin on Socio ecological transformations with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, and one book with Professor Jack Reardon on teaching Economics in the USA.



BIANCA MADISON-VULETA



Bianca Madison-Vuleta has studied a variety of natural and complementary medical approaches with many of the world's leading experts, including Lifestyle Medicine training at Harvard Medical School, USA. She has a private practice in London & Oxfordshire, in collaboration with an Integrative Physician. Bianca was recently awarded a PhD hc (honoris causa) from AUGP, US. She specialises in preventative healthcare, life optimisation coaching, neuroscience coaching, mind-body health strategies, anti-ageing medicine, emotional health, stress and weight management, wellness and fitness coaching, menopause, as well as corporate wellness. Bianca also has an extensive training and experience in green, ecological and sustainable living. She is involved the work of numerous NGOs with dedication to promote more conscious, holistic and sustainable lifestyles and overall planetary health.



ANJIKWI MSHEL BWALA

Anjikwi Mshelbwala specialises in IT and the role of Green Economics and its benefits and implementation for development, gender, health and education for women and girls. He is also a specialist in Aid and IT as well as bringing knowledge of Green Economics for Development as it is needed and is evolving in several parts of Africa. A senior person in Action Aid Charity in Africa, we are delighted to have him on board as a Trustee. He is currently working with a major aid agency helping to solve and prevent the problems of Covid 19 in Nigeria. He then went on to pursue his passion working in the NGO; VSO and later to ActionAid, deploying and adapting ICT4D (ICT for development), Green ICT, designing and deploying computer centers for excluded communities and left behind rural areas in developing countries. Also trained by Harvard on Problem Definition by Iterative Adaptation and applies it to solving difficult problems around the developing countries especially on bridging the digital divide.



FOUNDER OF OUR CHARITY

Judith Felton is Founder of our Charity, and was our first Manager and Database Manager of the Green Economics Institute, Founder of the Green Economics Institute Trust, and also the Health and Safety Officer. She ran all our early conferences and welcomed our students. She is qualified in many areas of health management from OT, Reflexology, Alternative Medicine at the University of Exeter.

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Miriam Kennet and Volker Heinemann visiting the European Central Bank



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Volker Heinemann 1968-2021

Volker a Green Economics Institute Founder and Director as well as Deputy Editor of the International Journal of Green Economics. He studied economics at Kiel, Goettingen, and Nottingham Universities. He was a Professional Chartered Accountant and an Auditor and was with Price Waterhouse Coopers and Grant Thornton. His research interests included international trade, development economics, macroeconomics and monetary economics. A talented writer, lecturer and manager and with a keen interest in IT. Volker has been a Die Grunnen Councillor in Germany and the International Coordinator for the Greens on their national Executive. He was a founding member of the ENOP and GEF foundations in Brussels.

He was the author of Economy of the Future, Oekonomie Der Zukunft. Volker ran the Green Economics Institute, with Miriam Kennet, from its inception for 17 years until his sad untimely passing away during the pandemic. We miss him greatly.



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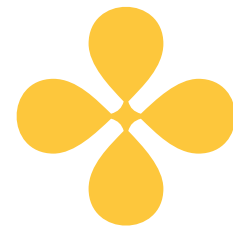
Early Director Michelle Suzanne Gale de Oliveira

Michelle studied at the Political Science and International Relations Departments at Richmond, the American International University in London and has lived between London, Chicago, and the remote interior of Brazil and rural Paraguay. She is on the board of the Green Economics Institute, UK, and was for many years the deputy-editor for the International Journal of Green Economics, particularly its Women's Issue (Vol.3 Issue 2) and its Pre-Copenhagen Climate Change Special Issue (Vol.3 Issues 3/4), and was editor of the Green Economics Institute's members' magazine, The Green Economist.

Her writing has been featured in Europe's World, one of the foremost European policy magazines. She lectures and speaks on Environmental and Social Justice, Gender Equity, and International Development from a Green Economics perspective. She is founder and chair of the Gender Equity Forum.

She organised Green Economics Institute conferences on women's unequal pay and poverty in Reading, UK, and lectured on green economics in Berlin, Germany, at retreats in Glastonbury, UK, and is a regular speaker at international conferences. She set up and organised our first delegation to the United Nations Climate Conferences (COPs). She researched women's unequal pay and poverty, specifically with regard to land reform in Brazil. She became the anchor woman on Al Jazhera TV and was reporting on Capitol Hill during the riots. Michelle now runs a rural small holding in Paraguay.





What is Green Economics? A new discipline

Volker Heinemann

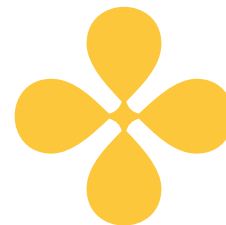
Green Economics is a new academic discipline that is based on the innovations in society that started to emerge in the 1960s and attempted to replace the consensus based on traditional values and aims for society that existed at that time. The 'Green' agenda developed into a new set of thinking similarly to the conservative, liberal and social democratic/socialist traditions already existing.

The ecological issues raised are part of a wider set of concerns, values and aims for society, the environmental issues, and follow from this core a request for change in attitude similarly to the emergence of other movements like peace, feminism, social justice and human rights economic development. These new ideas were combined to a new holistic strategy based on the unifying concern for a new consensus for society beyond conservatism.

Over the past 30 years this new set of thinking has matured and comprises a wide variety of issues and disciplines. Green Economics is a newly founded discipline within academic economics that is systematically assessing problems and questions in that original spirit. These new ideas have a defined set of basic principles that are particularly important as far as economics as a key social science is concerned.

Green Economics is influenced by its historic roots concerned with the problem that existing structures are defined or seen as value free and objective whereas they are in fact a particular value or ideology based concept that just happened to be the starting point for the development of the society.

A strong belief in the benefits of evolution of society renders this new discipline truly innovative and it works to replace the existing ideologies and conventions with a wider set of options. It does so by accepting that ultimately a value free social science is not possible but in accepting this fact the discipline is therefore less normatively biased than conventional economic thinking which bases its claim to be value free because it is predicated on maintenance of the status quo and reflects majority thinking. Furthermore, all innovations in society were once in a minority position.



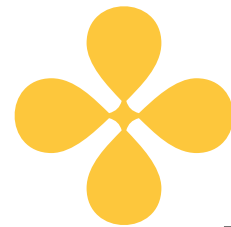
The outcome of such conservative thinking is a strong normative bias in economics towards explanations and concepts that have no longer any future. As a consequence of this awareness of normative influences Green Economics is set up in the most holistic way possible. Discoveries from other sciences are actively incorporated into the own work to really make sense of the complex phenomenon called society. This stands in sharp contrast to the reductionist and overly quantitative mathematics and assumptions on which conventional mainstream research is based.

Conventional economics creates an artificial world of how things could optimally be, based on the values it inherently includes. Green Economics tries as an alternative to incorporate a wider set of potential behaviour and allows for systems and institutions to be designed so that this degree of freedom is maintained and rather than a particular set of rules accepted as unavoidable. Along this way the language, methodology and terms used are reassessed. Freedom, optimal, growth and justice are all terms that have a surprisingly intentional use in conventional economics. Terms like competition, are used as if competition itself is freedom, something that is desirable, where in fact competition only occurs when people cannot achieve their entire goal simultaneously. Green Economics gives people back the sovereignty over their decisions and life rather than pushing the language used, not to mention the methodology, into areas where an objective assessment of the matter considered is no longer possible.

Green Economics is practically focused and deals with all economically relevant phenomena of the modern society. Significant findings from other areas of science like for example the awareness of absolute limits to resource use are comprehensively incorporated in the approach taken, rather than a continuous attempt to rescue as much from conventional methodology and definitions as possible.

There are some similarities between Green Economics and Ecological Economics. But Ecological Economics remains primarily focused on the environment and Green Economics is much wider including social and environmental justice at the core. This is the basis for calling Green Economics a new and independent discipline from all other existing economic disciplines so far.

As it appears to be the case that the original spirit of the new value set, that gave rise to the wider green movement and finally to Green Economics, is as relevant as ever considering current issues that require addressing, it is of prime importance that this new discipline is developed further in the near future to balance the views and opinions publicised that are based on conventional thinking. It is of particular concern, as conventional economic thinking is always surrounded by scarcity up to the point that scarcity is actively promoted. This is in order to maintain a reality that can be explained within the existing framework and concepts. People are advised how to behave accordingly, so that with such outdated methods the current economic challenges will not be met. It should be emphasised that Green Economics is as a consequence not only developing an alternative view to economic issues that might or might not be normatively desired depending on the viewpoint. The research develops the tools and methods that are required to master today's economic problems in society. This is because conventional economics evolved in the nineteenth century in a different set of circumstances and was designed and is still designed to meet those previous needs and is unable to solve the problems of today. Green Economics is truly the future of economics not just a niche addition to the discourse.



Setting the Scene: Introduction to approaches to economics. Green Economics Principles

Miriam Kennet 2006

Green Economics methodology also brings perspectives to conventional economics tools, in terms of both time and space. This new context enables it to reveal, disentangle, and unravel the power relationships and vested interests in the new global marketplace. The logic of Green Economics advocates local production for local needs, and reusing, reducing, repairing and possibly recycling, rather than global expansion of corporations. Thus, wisdom and holism are re-introduced into economic problem solving. It also re-incorporates political economy and the moral and transformational aspects of the economics of Smith (1776), while offering new solutions to 'managing the commons', which has been often restricted to game theoretical models (von Neumann and Morgenstern), and exercises based on the prisoner's dilemma or voting issues (Arrow, 1951).

Attitudes to nature are completely revised. According to Goldsmith (2005), economics needs to keep within nature's carrying capacity and at the moment many of its systems are being so overloaded with the impacts of human economic activity that cannot continue. It is time to 'Rewrite Economics' (Goldsmith, 2005) for the benefit of humans and the natural world and to accept the boundaries imposed by the earth. This new rationality and wisdom leads to an economics of increasing abundance as produced in nature, rather than an economics of scarcity.

The most pressing current problems are grouped into four main categories, with the advantages of the Green Economics approach explained. They are ecological/economical, intellectual, political and moral.

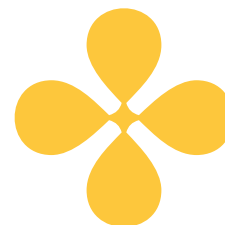
Inadequate markets, corruption and crime. Non-beneficial trades: arms, prostitution, drugs Regional and locally diverse and democratic solutions

Using analysis of power relations and institutions (Veblen, Foucault, Gramsci)

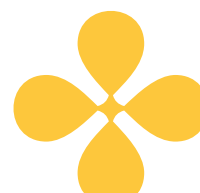
Feminist analysis of patriarchy and accumulation. (Mies, Mellor, Kuiper, Salleh)

Critique of trickle down theories. Wealth creation locally with local power and decisions. Priority given to ending poverty and enabling equity rather than through same patterns of industrialisation and development or conventional growth.

Reform of global institutions to reflect specific local conditions, requirements and individual choices by people and communities. Social and environmental justice (Lord, Sen) Poverty as unfreedom. Reform of aims of economy, continued inequality problems with human happiness directly addressed.

**Table 1.** Economics distinctive methodology and basic concepts

Problem/Issue	Green Economics methodology	Green Economics unique insights
1. Ecological/Economic Resources of the planet being annihilated, (Goldsmith) carrying capacity of the earth compromised (Georgescu	Limits to growth (Meadows) Ecology and Nature (Goldsmith) Emphasis on appropriate size or	Change in behaviour, appropriate consumption (Brown, World Watch Institute). Focus on education and value of all people. Needs, right and equity met for all people. Access to economic opportunities and choice. Diversity of
Rogen) Species extinction (Boswimmer, Wilson)	scale of production (Schumacher) Manage over-consumption downwards. Reuse, reduce, recycle, repair. Transparency of supply chain. Population issues (Malthus, Ehrlich)	economic policies. Lack of dogma and domination by structures, ideologies and institutions. Growth equals abundance as in nature. Sees people and biosphere as beneficiaries not inputs Inclusive of people, planet, biosphere
2. Intellectual Discipline of mainstream economics seen as out of touch with reality, (Kitson, Medena and Samuels) Inability to act on climate change, selection of nuclear power over renewables, industrialisation of the food chain (GMO)	Reformulation of supply, demand and growth Long termism Holism Economics embedded in nature New relationship to science/natural sciences and technology Specificity in examination of issues temporally and spatially	Broader philosophical base Enlightenment (Rousseau, Diderot, Locke, Voltaire) Critical theory (Habermas, Marcuse, Adorno, Horkheimer) Post modernism (Derrida, Soja, Salleh, Kriestevas) Management of commons (Hardin, Lord) New mix of needs, rights, well-being and happiness (Neef) Social and environmental justice Equity (Albert), democracy, participation (Robertson, Rawls, Harrisson, Chong, Alderson) New attitudes to economics as part of nature Techno fixes inappropriate Uses planet wide scope and real world setting and complexity for research and observations.

**Table 1.** Green Economics distinctive methodology and basic concepts (continued)

Problem/Issue	Green Economics methodology	Green Economics unique insights
3. Political Undemocratic, nontransparent power of multinationals, global institutional power, weak local economies One-half of all work not valued or included in GDP	Progress in the economy measured by new indicators, well-being, quality of life, sustainability, long termism etc., examination of power structures Reform/replace of global institutions to provide global governance.	Deconstructing power relationships Increased role of regional/local economies, communities, access Inclusive approach Intergenerational equity Re-embeds the economy in nature and the social system No longer axis of worker versus owner
4. Moral Problem of world poverty (1.3bn out of 6.3bn global population in extreme poverty) (Sachs) Inadequate markets, corruption and crime. Non-beneficial trades: arms, prostitution, drugs	Regional and locally diverse and democratic solutions Using analysis of power relations and institutions (Veblen, Foucault, Gramsci) Feminist analysis of patriarchy and accumulation. (Mies, Mellor, Kuiper, Salleh) Critique of trickle down theories. Wealth creation locally with local power and decisions.	Priority given to ending poverty and enabling equity rather than through same patterns of industrialisation and development or conventional growth. Reform of global institutions to reflect specific local conditions, requirements and individual choices by people and communities. Social and environmental justice (Lord, Sen) Poverty as unfreedom. Reform of aims of economy, continued inequality problems with human happiness directly addressed.

Table 2. Sister Disciplines

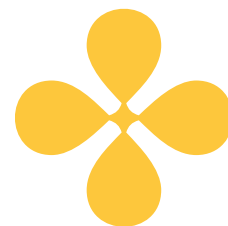
Neo liberal		Radical/ participation/ Anti-materialism	Holistic (Bloom), Green / New philosophy
Environmental	Social		Subsistence economy (Mies)
Environmental economics (Pearce)		Post autistic (Galbraith, Heilbroner)	Ecosocialism (Kovel)
	Development economics	Anti-Development (Shiva)	Buddhist economics (Schuhmacher)
	Welfare economics (Sen, Pigou)	Trade Justice movement	Deep Ecology (Naess)
	Stakeholder theory (Freeman)	Anti- globalisation (Gramsci)	Industrial ecology (Korhonen)
Sustainable development (Brundtland)		Feminist (Mellor, Mies)	Ecofeminism (Shiva)
Corporate social responsibility		Socially responsible investment (SRI)	Ecological economics (Daly, Boulding)
		Parecon (Albert)	Love economy (Henderson)

Keynote speakers for the 22nd Annual Conference



Baroness Natalie Bennett of Manor Castle

Member of the House of Lords and former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales; leading advocate for environmental justice, climate action and green economics.



Lynne Franks OBE

Founder of SEED (Sustainable Enterprise and Empowerment Dynamics); pioneering campaigner for women's leadership, sustainable business and social entrepreneurship.



Rt Hon Craig Simmons MBE

Co-founder of Best Foot Forward and former Mayor of Oxford; internationally recognised expert in carbon footprinting, ecological accounting and sustainability.



Councillor Jenny Pattinson

Chief Executive of Hammerson House and local councillor with extensive leadership experience in health, social care and community services. Board Member of Care England



Antara Annemarie Borg FRSA

Founder of the Antara Project; lawyer, opera singer and environmental advocate whose work brings together conservation, the arts and marine protection.



Gillian Haggarty

Independent Chair of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Council of Partners. A food scientist with extensive experience in the global food industry, having held senior roles in agriculture, sustainability, procurement and product innovation.



Professor Doaa Salman

Professor of Financial Economics at MSA University in Greater Cairo, specialising in sustainable development, environmental economics and inclusive growth.



Councillor Sushila Dhall

Sushila has been a campaigner in Oxford for over 30 years, including serving as a Green for 9 years on Oxfordshire County and 5 years on Oxford City Council, and being the country's first County Green Group Leader. In the latter role she created the first ever Green County budget with Caroline Lucas, showing how Green policies can be underpinned by sound financial planning. Her main areas of action are human rights and greening transport.



Dr Liljana Popovska

Former Member of Parliament for North Macedonia and expert in mining, water management, biodiversity and environmental policy.



Dr Aaron Sterniczky

Professor of Finance and Sustainability specialising in sustainable finance, ESG and responsible investment

Re-igniting Hope for Humanity: 22 Years of Green Economics Author of Green Economics Report



Emma Maria Rossi

Young People's Voice in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy at WU Vienna. Her broader interest is in what a sustainable and socially just alternative to growth-based economics would look like.

Directors



Miriam Kennet

Founder of the Green Economics Institute, Founder of the Green Economics Institute and Editor and founder of the International Journal of Green Economics, Co Founder of ENOP and Co Founder of the Green European Foundation and leader and focal point for the GEIs United Nations Delegations.



Bianca Madison-Vuleta, PhD hc

Health, wellbeing and sustainability specialist working internationally to promote resilient communities and holistic wellbeing.



Anjikwi Mshelbwalla

Nigerian IT specialist and human rights advocate focusing on women's and girls' safety, technology and digital inclusion.



Participants

- **Professor Ehtisham Abbassi:** Finance professor, Green Economics Institute and academic specialising in sustainable finance, responsible investment and green economics.
- **Amina Aliyu:** Feminist Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability Expert with over 15 years experience
- **Dr Vinita Apte:** Founding President of the TERRE Policy Centre, India, and internationally recognised advocate for environmental sustainability, climate action and environmental education.
- **Dr Adrienne Barnett:** Barister at Law and Lecturer at Brunel University
- **Mario Bellucci:** Italian sustainability professional working on environmental policy, green economic development and international collaboration.
- **Silvia Christina Ortega Beng:** Specialist in Company Sustainability, Based in Luxembourg and Mexico
- **Elise Benjamin:** Former Mayor of Oxford
- **Baroness Natalie Bennett of Manor Castle:** Member of the House of Lords and former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales; leading advocate for environmental justice, climate action and green economics. Author of the Rights of Nature Bill.
- **Antara Annemarie Borg FRSA:** Founder of the Antara Project; lawyer, opera singer and environmental advocate whose work brings together conservation, the arts and marine protection.
- **Councillor Yen Chit Chong:** Researcher, writer, farmer and Green councillor, specialising in intergenerational equity, sustainable food systems and environmental policy.
- **Harry Cunningham**
- **Isabella Daniels**
- **Raghu Datt:** Young People's voice in International Development, King's College London, Interests in sustainable finance.
- **Dr Safa Daud:** Environmental and Legal Anthropologist with a keen interest in Political Ecology and International Law, bringing an interdisciplinary approach to her work.
- **Thomas Dawney,** Thames 21
- **Councillor Sushila Dhall:** Sushila has been a campaigner in Oxford for over 30 years, including serving as a Green for 9 years on Oxfordshire County and 5 years on Oxford City Council, and being the country's first County Green Group Leader. In the latter role she created the first ever Green County budget with Caroline Lucas, showing how Green policies can be underpinned by sound financial planning. Her main areas of action are human rights and greening transport.
- **Lynne Franks OBE:** Founder of SEED (Sustainable Enterprise and Empowerment Dynamics); pioneering campaigner for women's leadership, sustainable business and social entrepreneurship, London Fashion Week and well known celebrity.
- **Laurenz Van Ginneken:** European Network of Political Foundations, supporting international cooperation, democratic engagement and policy development.
- **Sunithi Goulding:** International relations specialist, Lecturer
- **Abdulwasi Gowhar,** Journal Author
- **Niri Goyit:** Womens Rights and Gender Expert with over 18 years experience actionaid
- **Gillian Haggarty:** Chair of North Wessex Downs National Landscape. A food scientist with extensive experience in the global food industry, having held senior roles in agriculture, sustainability, procurement and product innovation.
- **Pamela Harling,** Natural Sciences Cambridge, creator of a suburban eco home and expert on green issues.
- **Naina Harish:** Young People's Voice, History and Politics student at University College London with keen interests in international public law.
- **John Hanzen**
- **Marlyn Lee Hughes:** Radiographer, Lecturer of English as a foreign language, Green Economics Institute Trust Charity Trustee, Aviation in reach Trustee, Former British Airways Purser
- **Ayeshah Inshirah:** Based in Malaysia, Founder of the NGO 'For Women'
- **Dr Izarty:** Dar Es Salam, Author
- **Dr Norferyanti Kamarrudin:** Researcher at the Malaysian Tropical Forest Research Institute specialising in tropical biodiversity and forest conservation
- **Anayana Katoch**
- **Miriam Kennet:** Founder of the Green Economics Institute and Editor and founder of the International Journal of Green Economics, Co Founder of ENOP and Co Founder of the Green European Foundation and leader and focal point for the GEIs United Nations Delegations.
- **Dr Bon San Lee:** Specialist in Spinal Rehabilitation Medicine with expertise in neurological and musculoskeletal rehabilitation, chronic pain management and disability care
- **Agata Meysner**
- **Isadora Mill:** Young People's Voice, University of Cambridge, Interests in sustainability and public policy.
- **Rohail Millan:** University of Cambridge and LSE. Examining how environmental policy recognises indigenous knowledge, cultural values and community authority within ecosystem- service and market-based forest governance.
- **Zara Miller:** Nature conservation advocate working on the global 30x30 initiative to protect biodiversity and restore ecosystems.
- **Yzabelle Mitchell (USA & UK):** University of Oxford & UCL. Values-driven human rights and education professional specializing in policy synthesis to drive evidence-led, inclusive social change.
- **Hebe Mohammed:** Climate risk specialist
- **Anjikiwi Mshelbwalla:** Nigerian IT specialist and human rights advocate focusing on women's and girls' safety, technology and digital inclusion.
- **Syvan Nair**
- **Emmanuella Neiji:** Nigerian microbiologist researching land and marine pollution, environmental health and sustainability
- **James Norman:** Pioneering Organic Farmer
- **Ieuan Owen:** Young People's Voice in Global Sustainable Development, University of Glasgow's School of Social and Environmental Sustainability
- **Dr Vesco Paskalev:** Lecturer in Law at Brunel University London, specialising in environmental law, European Union law and governance.
- **Councillor Jenny Pattinson:** Chief Executive of Hammerson House and local councillor with extensive leadership experience in health, social care and community services. Board Member of Care England
- **Eddie Platt:** Young People's Voice in Politics at the University of Exeter, with interests in environmental governance and public policy.
- **Dr Liljana Popovska:** Former Member of Parliament for North Macedonia and expert in mining, water management, biodiversity and environmental policy.
- **Benjamin Ray**
- **Professor Jack Reardon:** Economist and editor specialising in pluralist economics, sustainable development and economic education.
- **Emma Rossi:** Green Economist, Italy, Author of our 22nd Annual Report on Green Economics 2026
- **Dr Mary Salazar:** Amazonian researcher specialising in carbon projects, climate economics and rainforest conservation.
- **Professor Doaa Salman:** Professor of Financial Economics at MSA University in Greater Cairo, specialising in sustainable development, environmental economics and inclusive growth.
- **Ishita Sehgal**
- **Dr Serkan Şengül:** Assistant Professor at Mudanya University, Türkiye, specialising in environmental sustainability governance and public administration.
- **Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Serkan**
- **Aiheer Shayea**
- **Rt Hon Craig Simmons MBE:** Co-founder of Best Foot Forward and former Mayor of Oxford; internationally recognised expert in carbon footprinting, ecological accounting and sustainability.
- **Eloise Smith:** Artist-in-Residence exploring the relationship between creativity, nature and environmental sustainability.
- **Dr Aaron Sterniczky:** Professor of Finance and Sustainability specialising in sustainable finance, ESG and responsible investment.
- **Zandrea Stewart:** Founder of Inspired Purpose, senior systems leader, executive coach and social worker with over 25 years' experience in health, care and policy. Her work focuses on systems leadership, climate resilience, environmental justice and creating healthier, more sustainable communities.
- **Hannah Thorneloe:** Food sustainability specialist with expertise in sustainable food systems, agriculture and environmental resilience.
- **Bianca Madison-Vuleta PhD hc:** Health, wellbeing and sustainability specialist working internationally to promote resilient communities and holistic wellbeing.
- **Charlotte Ward**
- **Andrea Zenon**



Outline of sessions

Friday 31st July 2026 -Day 1 Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford

Setting the Scene-22 years of impact

Introductory Session

Dr Bianca Madison-Vuleta, PhD:

Polycrisis, Planetary Challenges and the role of the Green Economics Institute in Advancing Sustainable Solutions

Miriam Kennet:

The Institute and its history what we do and its meaning and significance

Anjikwi Mshelbwalla:

22 years of The Green Economics Institute

Naina Harish:

Outlining the challenges for Gen Z and the Hope for the future provided by the Green Economics Institute - new ideas

Professor Jack Reardon

The Rights of Nature

Keynote: Baroness Natalie Bennett, House of Lords, Palace of Westminster, UK:

*Zara Miller (Ted Speaker) of 30x30 UK - The Road to 30by30 - Protecting and Restoring 30% of land and sea for Nature by 2030 - Global Biodiversity Framework goal

-Keynote: Professor Dr Aaron Sterniczky, Austria/Germany, Climate Finance and sustainability, Sustainable Finance and Economics and Sustainable

***Keynote: Gillian Haggarty**

Chair of North Wessex Downs National Landscape.

Keynote speaker: Councillor Jenny Pattinson

The Care Economy and the New Global Demographic shifts and why they matter. Councillor and Research and Care Home, Care England Trustee.

Climate and Environmental Justice
Miriam Kennet

Climate Ambition and our work at the Green Economics Institute and the United Nations

SB64 United Nations HQ UNFCCC, our delegation to The United Nations in June 2026. Edie Plat and Harry Cunningham and Naina Harish. Our young delegation team to the United Nations last month.

COP 31 Turkey- United Nations our delegation and official side event and exhibition stand. Find out how to apply to join our regular official United Nations Delegations for Nature, Climate, Development, Climate Finance and others.

The Nexus and complex mesh of social, environmental and economic justice. Economic Justice- and Trade, Industrial policy and structural economics.

Panel Debate and presentations chaired by Naina Harish. Speakers:

Keynote :Lijiana Popovoska Former MEP North Macedonia, Mining and Exploitation. Can it ever be fair- and what do we do about needing the minerals?

Naina Harish: Environmental Law and Human Rights- The example of Investor State Settlement Dispute ISDS Laws

Edie Plat: Development investment and international trade in China. The example of Export Credit Guarantees as state support.

Mario Belucci: Carbon Markets, Can they work in developing countries?

A question of justice and development.

ENOP: European Network of Political Foundations

The hopes for Europe and 20 years of ENOP and GEI helping Europe develop and realising its potential and aspirations.

Laurenz Van Ginneken of ENOP

Evening Garden Party

Salad supper in the garden



Saturday 1st August 2026 – Day 2 Friends Meeting House, Oxford

Inspiration, innovation, implementation Reigniting Hope for our future together

Anjikwi Mshelbwala: A visit to the wonderful natural landscape of Abuja, Nigeria and its impact and importance for citizens- and young people

Emmanuella Neiji: Microbiologist from Nigeria presents the latest findings in microbiology and sustainability

Dr Vinitae Apte, India Terre Foundation, one of our partners at The United Nations COP Intermediate Technology

Keynote: Doaa Salman Economics Professor Cairo Egypt

Keynote: Antara Annemarie Borg FRSA

Sounds of nature with Antara Annemarie Borg, DES Law Paris FR - Performance Coach/Composer, Photographer and Ocean Preservation Speaker. Diving into whale song and the vibrations of nature

Introducing GEN Z, The Future of Humanity and why it matters. Yzballé Mitchell Oxford University and LSE

Gen Z- The future of humanity- what happened to them and why it matters for everyone and all our futures- Changing the philosophy and paradigm to meet the needs, hopes and aspirations of GENZ

Naina Harish: Outlining the challenges for Gen Z and the Hope for the future provided by the Green Economics Institute- new ideas

Ancient weaving with modern day threads; exploring how we can strengthen connection and interaction with nature through art and traditional craft With Eloise Smith, Artist in Residence

Keynote: Councillor Craig Simmons MBE: Former Mayor of Oxford and Former Director of Best Foot Forward -Ecological Footprinting The EVE ecological valuation engine, a satellite integrated framework for natural capital accounting at any spatial scale

The Coming of AI and Data Centres: The new world conflating privatisation of data, health and democracy and its impact on geopolitics. Do we play or not?

Anjikwi Mshelbwala - Trade AI and the shrinking civil and public space, Democracy under serious threat. The consequences for the public

Yen Chit Chong – Economics and Trade AI and the shrinking civil and public space, Democracy under serious threat

Raghu Datt: Kings College, University of London Examining the effects of performative sustainability

Dr Bianca Madison-Vuleta, PhD hc, Social Justice in Action: The Healing power of Nature in the context of Lifestyle Medicine – the new paradigm

Zandrea Stewart: All our voices and the alignment to health and wellbeing – social justice in action

Isadora Mill: Actor network theory, post growth futures and systems thinking

Harry Cunningham Moralomics: Musk, meritocracy and mobility – the derivational heterogeneity of extreme wealth and its moral limits

Anjikwi Mshelbwala:

Women and Girls in Africa- how Green Economics Is Informing Development

Ms Niri Goyit -Womens Rights and Gender Expert

Ms. Amina Aliyu -Feminist Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability Expert
Ayesha Inshirah -Malaysia Founder of the NGO 'For Women'

Rohail Millan:

What Counts as a Forest?: Ecosystem Services, Indigenous Knowledge, and the Politics of Recognition. Ecosystems theories – forests and culture in India. Reforming ecosystem service-based forest governance to better incorporate indigenous knowledge and the politics of recognition

Dr Mary Salazar:

Ecosystems and Forests.

Amazonian Peruvian specialist researcher in Carbon Projects, economist, social communities, energy and solar energy. Economics of Climate Change. Peru carbon and forests

Forest and ecosystems in Malaysia

Dr Norferyanti Kamarrudin, Institute of Tropical Forestry, Malaysia

Hannah Thorneloe

Degrowing the meat system: an analysis of the trends, harms and alternatives to meat overconsumption

Vesco Paskalev

Is cultured meat the new GMO? Public Perceptions and Participatory Regulation of Cultured Meat

Presenting 22 years report of Green Economics and The Green Economics Institute -by Emma Rossi -Italy Green Economist.

Professor Ehtisham Abassi Finance Professor

India What happened to the Indian Economy and can it be explained in financial or structural terms? What are the impacts today on social and environmental and economic justice and what are the solutions.

Dr. Öğr. Üyesi Serkan ŞENGÜL, Mudanya University, Turkey Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Systemic banking risks

Miriam Kennet, Anjikwi Mshelbwala, Bianca Madison -Vuleta, Yen Chit Chong, and Prof Jack Reardon.

How far have we come in 22 years: Opportunities at the Green Economics Institute 2026 and 2027 and next steps

Friends Meeting House

Networking Evening Garden Party
Salad supper in the garden



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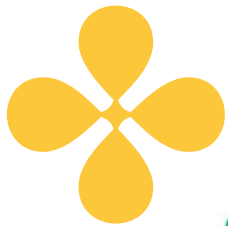
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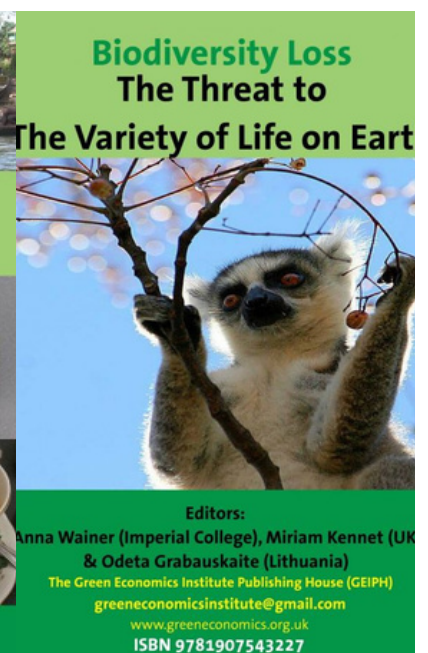
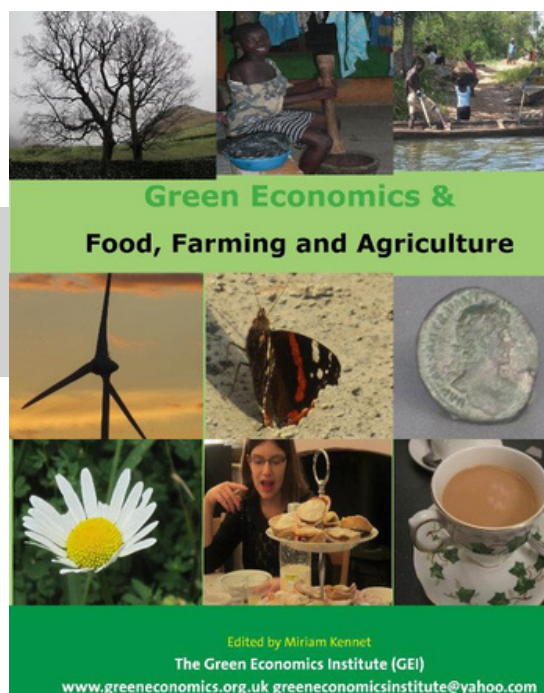
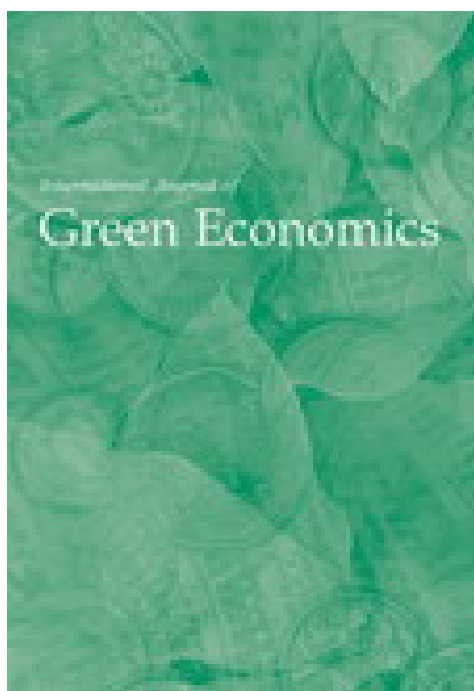


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