

IU Conference Program

Note: A few speakers listed herein are TBC – to be confirmed.

Economics for Conscious Evolution

A Geo-Justice Conference



24 – 28 July, 2013 London

The quality of our consciousness and thinking profoundly impacts economics. Consciousness in its fulfilled, developed state will bring the 'dismal science' of economics to an evolved and higher level - to the status of Enlightened Economics. - Ron Robins

Objectives of the conference:

We will highlight key principles and policies for the emerging economics paradigm, showing how economics can align with and support the conscious evolution of human and other life on earth. We will explore a path beyond both left and right, one that meets the needs of both the individual and the community. Conference participants will design a cohesive strategy for next steps as individuals and as leaders of organizations.

Wednesday 24 July Today's Theme: Conscious Evolution, Land and Geo-Justice

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

9:30- 11:00 – Welcome to Mandeville Place and to the Conference – Ian Mason

(Principal, School of Economic Science) will describe the School of Economic Science and address the theme of the conference. Fernando Scornik-Gersteyn (President of the IU) will address the urgent need for new economics by describing events in his home country. His theme: The Spanish Crisis: The Consequences of Land Speculation. Brief statement from Godfrey Dunkley.

11 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 13:00 – Land and Geo-Justice – historical overview from the Vedas up and through Tolstoy. -

Kamran Mofid (Globalisation and the Common Good Initiative); Peter Bowman (Head of Economics, School of Economic Science)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 – Land Rights and Geo-Justice Part 1: –

David Triggs (Chairman, Henry George Foundation of Great Britain) on Henry

George and Natural Law; Nicolaus Tideman (Professor of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University) on Resolving the Apparent Conflict between Land as Common Heritage and Land as Private Property.

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 **Part 2: Current Prospects and Projects** – possible speakers include: Emer O'Siochru (Ireland), Andy Wightman (Scotland), Mark Drakeford (Wales,) Jane McNab (Australia), Jesper Raundall Christensen (Denmark) Gordon Abiama (Nigeria)

17:30 – 19:00 – Dinner

19:00 – 21:00 – Films and Discussion Groups. IU Business Meeting for IU Members.

Thursday, 25 July Today's Theme: Sharing the Commons

9:00 – Open Microphone

9:30 - 11.00 **Critique of Current Fiscal and Financial Wisdom** - TBA

11 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 13:00 – **Sharing the Land, Land Rent, and Money Commons** - Rajesh Makwana, Adam Parsons (Share the World's

Resources), Gary Flomenhoft (Gund Institute, University of Vermont)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 **Sharing Water, Fish, and Oil**

Commons - David Triggs (Land and Liberty), Aniol Esteban (New Economics Foundation), Bill Batt (Central Research Group), Alanna Hartzok (Earth Rights Institute)

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 **Sharing the Land via Land Trusts and Ecovillages**

– Anthony Trowbridge on the Zulu Village in RSA, speakers from This Land is Ours and/or the Global Ecovillage Movement

17:30 – 19:00 – Dinner

19:00 – 21:00 – Films and Discussion Groups. IU Business Meeting for IU Members.

Friday 26th July Today's Theme: **Socializing Land Rent, Untaxing Production**

9.00 – Open Microphone

9:30- 11:00 – **Case Study: Argentina.** Public debt in Argentina from 2001 to 2012. Proposed legal changes to facilitate access to land and financial resources. Policies for a sustainable economic order.

11 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 13:00 - **Land Value Tax, Transport Funding and Affordable Housing** Tony

Vickers (Founder/Vice Chair, ALTER, Secretary, Professional Land Reform Group); Greg McGill (Town Planner & Surveyor); Bill Batt (Central Research Group)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 – **The Socialist Case for Supporting Annual Land Value Tax**

Why socializing land rent and untaxing production is good for labour – Presented by Labour Land Campaign - Dave Wetzel, Carol Wilcox, Heather Wetzel (Round Table Format)

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 17:30 – **Reports by and conversations with International Participants**

17:30 – 19:00 – Dinner

Public Forum - 19:00 – 21:00 - Inequality, Climate Change and New Economics

– Gary Flomenhoft (Gund Institute, University of Vermont, USA) - Connecting the dots of money, land, energy, taxes and climate change for a big picture view. Two main speakers: Gary Flomenhoft (Vermont Common Assets Model); George Monbiot is being contacted to speak. Respondents: (NEF?)

Saturday, 27th July – **London Tour Day** - The tour will look at the economic history of London as a hub of commerce, government, finance, culture and power. At Speakers' Corner we will reaffirm the International Declaration of Individual and Common Rights to Land. This is

a chartered bus tour with picnic lunch included.

Sunday 28th July – Today's Theme: **Towards a New Economics for Conscious Evolution**

9:00 – Open Microphone

9:30- 11:00 – **Inequality - Cause and Cure** – Tommas Graves (Chartered Accountant) and Molly Scott Cato (Ecological Economist)

11 – 11:30 – Break

11:30 – 13:00 – **Publishing for Geo-Justice** – social/Internet and print media, magazines, academic journals - Anthony Werner, Jacob Shwartz-Lucas, David Triggs, John Stewart, et.al.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:30 **Geo-Justice Synergy Workshop**

We will co-creatively utilize open space methodology, small groups, brainstorming and a few brief presentations to envision and develop ways to strengthen and harmonize our work together after the conference concludes.

17.30 **Closing Farewell**

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