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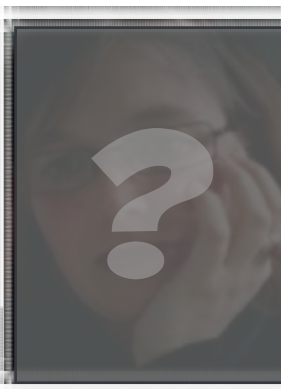
Reimagining Economies for the Anthropocene



8.30am-4.30pm Monday 17th July 2017

A one-day transdisciplinary symposium exploring these questions:

- *What key ideas are integral to the concept of the Anthropocene Transition?*
- *What would post-growth generative economies look like?*
- *What value regime is needed to support a life-sustaining economy?*
- *What principles should guide economic thinking through a period of profound social, cultural and environmental transition?*



Speakers: **Professor Robert Costanza**, environmental economist, ANU (keynote)
Dr Michelle Maloney, lawyer and convenor AELA/NENA • **Dr Jose Ramos**, futurist and P2P activist
Panellists: **Professor Margaret Somerville**, educationist, WSU • **Eva Cox**, feminist and sociologist
Dr Jeremy Walker, environmental philosopher, UTS • **Dr Scott Kelly**, economist, ISF/UTS
Dr Astrida Neimanis, cultural and gender studies, University of Sydney.

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“Society runs, the economy follows. Let’s (re)design institutions and law together.”

LabGov (Laboratory for the Governance of the Commons), Bologna

“Today, we have a dictatorship of one kind of value, delivered by the market system, which determines for everyone how they can live.”

Michel Bauwens, P2P Foundation

The stability of the globalised economy depends on continuing growth. And, as history only too clearly reveals, economic stability is a pre-requisite for the sound functioning of key political and social institutions.

But growth is faltering and in developed, developing and failing economies alike economic management and governance are increasingly dysfunctional. Obscene extremes of wealth and poverty, of private/corporate profligacy and public austerity have become the norm. Both the environmental and social commons are targets for corporate predation. All too often public policy is dictated by powerful interests and their political surrogates. Corruption is endemic. And public discourse is confused, uninformed, sometimes xenophobic and frequently manipulated.

And underpinning all this is a fundamental contradiction between the pursuit of endless growth and the integrity of the Earth’s life support systems.

Many interpret these trends as signifiers of a period of emerging cultural transition driven by irreversible changes in the Earth System – changes we have forged collectively yet which are beyond our control. The term ‘Anthropocene Transition’ names the beginning of

this transformation in the human-Earth relationship which will ultimately redefine what it means to be human.

In response to increasing systemic turbulence communities, organisations and regions around the world are experimenting with new approaches to production, consumption, distribution and exchange. From community supported agriculture schemes like Brisbane’s Food Connect, to Bologna’s City as a Commons experiment, the En.Spiral enterprise network in New Zealand, the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies in the USA, universal basic income trials in Finland, Kenya, Canada and elsewhere, and countless community-based energy projects.

These experiments are exploring a host of questions focussing on what we value and how value is embodied in our everyday economic relationships. This symposium will review various approaches to post-growth economies and grapple with the central issue of value. It’s key focal question will be:

What principles should guide economic thinking through a period of profound social and cultural transition?

Call for Expressions of Interest

**CLOSES FRIDAY
30th JUNE**

After Growth will be a participatory symposium with more than half the day in participant directed small group discussions.

Participation will be free but numbers will be strictly limited by the capacity of the venue and the participatory nature of the event.

In order to ensure the widest possible representation of disciplines and fields of practice and research we are calling for expressions of interest.

If you would like to be part of this event please submit your expression of interest before close of business on **Friday 30th June**. Invitations will be issued the following week.

You can register your interest on Eventbrite.



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