

New concepts for just transitions: Towards living well within planetary boundaries

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The times of multiple crises of environment and society are urging us to seek alternative solutions to our societal, economical and institutional organisation. Many transitions are already underway, yet different actors understand and approach transitions very differently. Transitions do not only mean changes in technology: they are mainly changes in society, behaviour, culture and forms of politics. As a guiding principle, we assert tentatively that transitions into low-carbon society have to be just, fair, inclusive, participative, deliberative, solidary, and transdisciplinary. These transitions need to lead us to pluralistic societies that live dignified and solidary lives within planetary boundaries. Co-creating transitions requires spaces for reflection and deliberation to avoid reproducing path-dependencies and creating even deeper challenges.

By setting these basic parameters, we leave a lot of room for discussions and contemplations of how transitions could look like. To co-create thinking about these transitions, we cordially invite you to join us from 27 June to 1 July at the 2022 International Summer School of Political Ecology in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The International Summer School of Political Ecology 2022 aims to enliven a space to share, debate and critically reflect on current research, practices, methodologies, and processes for just, inclusive and deliberative transitions to living well within planetary boundaries. The transitions are happening and will have to happen in many fields, but we have selected some that are especially visible: democracy and state, energy and transport, consumption and production, and land-use.

The 2022 International Summer School of Political Ecology invites theoreticians, practitioners, activists and all those with interest in contemporary environmental and ecological concerns. Participation in the Summer School is **FREE!**

We are delighted to announce that this year, our confirmed guest speakers include:

Green state theorist **prof. Robyn Eckersley**

School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Melbourne

Urban critical political ecologist **prof. Erik Swyngedouw**

School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester

Professor of human geography and expert in environmental psychology aspects of energy transitions **prof. Patrick Devine-Wright**

College of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Exeter

Professor of international relations and expert in political ecology of energy transitions **prof. Peter Newell**

School of Global Studies, University of Sussex

Socio-ecological philosopher and degrowth researcher **dr. Barbara Muraca**

Department of Philosophy, University of Oregon

Activist-researcher working in areas of post-extractivism, post-development and ontological design **dr. Arturo Escobar**

University of Caldas, Manzales, and University of Valle, Cali (Colombia)

Critical circular economy researcher **dr. Kersty Hobson**

School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University

Researcher of food system transitions **dr. Aniek Hebinck**

Dutch Research Institute for Transitions (DRIFT)

Economic historian and climate activist **dr. Matthias Schmelzer**

Friedrich-Schiller University Jena & Laboratory for New Economic Ideas

Professor of urban transport politics and citizen participation **prof. Crystal Legacy**

Melbourne School of Design, University of Melbourne

Economic policy adviser and Cuban agrarian relations expert **dr. Gladys Hernández**

Center for Research on the World Economy CIEM (Cuba)

and more.

Reasons to join us:

- Earn credits through accredited participation for PhD and Master students (10 ECTS / 5 ECTS).
- Immerse yourself in cutting-edge transitions research with leading international and Slovene researchers and practitioners.
- Develop critical thinking about transitions.
- Enjoy summer school without fees.
- Engage in interactive activities in the evenings, and discover Ljubljana.

Join us to co-shape new concepts for just transitions! [Apply here!](#)

The event will take place in hybrid form: live and via zoom.

Please apply by:

15th April 2022: Master and Doctoral Students who wish to obtain ECTS credits;

15th May 2022: all other participants.

You can find all the information about the Summer School [here](#).

ORGANIZERS:



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