



Building the new economy: activism, enterprise and social change

16 & 17 August 2016 — Glebe Town Hall, Sydney

Today's economy is built on the foundations of a global industrial and financial system with immense productive capacity, but the extractive nature of which has created extreme income disparity and social injustice and wrought devastation on the natural world. There is an increasingly spirited debate about the need for a 'new economy', which has fertile and important implications for the legal and philosophical foundations of the current system. What are different visions of the 'new economy' and how achievable are they? What possibilities exist at their intersection? How can we reimagine work, exchange, money, care, law and our relationship with the natural world through the prism of a new economy?

Our two day conference will bring together community activists, social entrepreneurs, economists, academics, lawyers and regulators, to discuss, showcase and weave together the explosion of experiments that are bubbling up around peer-to-peer initiatives, commoning, maker movements, sharing, *buen vivir*, collaborative economies, solidarity economies, localisation and cooperative movements. The conference will include an interactive plenary session on Day 2, which will enable interested participants to co-design a Charter for a New Economy Coalition in Australia.

For more information:

Website: <http://www.neweconomy.law.unsw.edu.au/conference>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/neweconomy2016/?fref=ts>

Email: neweconomy@earthlaws.org.au

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Community activists, social entrepreneurs, economists, lawyers, academics, regulators, students and anyone interested in building the new economy.

HOW TO REGISTER

Registration closed 12 August

FACEBOOK EVENT PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/events/158147941277566/>



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PROGRAM—TUESDAY 16 AUGUST

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.20 Welcome and opening remarks - Professor Bronwen Morgan, UNSW and Dr Michelle Maloney, AELA
- 9.30 **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS - What is the 'new economy'? Chair - Professor Bronwen Morgan**
- Dr Richard Dennis, The Australia Institute
 - Jane Gleeson, Writer and economist
- 10.20 **PLENARY PANEL - The new economy and our relationship with the natural world**
Chair - Professor Bronwen Morgan
- Dr Michelle Maloney, Australian Earth Laws Alliance
 - Dr Anne Poelina, Managing Director Madjulla Inc, Director Walalakoo (Native Title) Body Corporate
 - David Ritter, CEO Greenpeace Asia Pacific

11.00 MORNING TEA

- 11.30 **PLENARY PANEL - Care in the new economy - Chair: Dr Michelle Maloney**
- Professor Katherine Gibson, University of Western Sydney
 - Dr Amanda Cahill, Centre for Social Change
 - Ross Williams, Bindal/Juru people

12.15 PARALLEL SESSION 1

Room - Main Hall
Chair: Selena Griffith

SESSION 1.1 - PRESENTATIONS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Jacquie Dredge and Anna Schlunke, Panania Rangers "Outgrowing the status quo: bringing the new economy to the suburbs"

Vern Hughes, Civil Society Australia, "Faith, community and the new economy: Jewish, Christian and Muslim collaboration in communal enterprise and mutuality"

Hanna Ebeling, Social Enterprise Finance Australia, "Building inner-city communities through cooperative housing"

Room - Southern Hall
Chair: Darren Sharp

SESSION 1.2 - PRESENTATIONS SYSTEMIC CHANGE

Dr Haydn Washington, CASSE NSW, "The Steady State Economy: the way forward"

Emily Sims, Prosper Australia "Nature's Gifts: excavating Henry George for the wealth of the commons"

Dr Carol Richards and Dr Robyn Mayes, QUT "Shifting capital in the new economy – the fossil fuel divestment campaign"

Room - Chamber Hall
Chair: Jose Ramos

SESSION 1.3- PRESENTATIONS CONSUMPTION

Anthony James, Understandascope, "Beyond the consumer machine: a narrative for the new economy"

Tim Hollo, The Green Institute "Confronting advertising – the elephant in the bus shelter"

Koji Payne, Moral Fairground "Ethical consumption: what place does it have in a new economy?"

1.15 LUNCH - is from 1.15 to 2pm. Please see over the page, for details about a special lunchtime session

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1.30 **Gender in the New Economy** - special lunchtime session facilitated by Elsie L’Huillier
Room: Southern Hall, 1.30 to 2.00pm. You’re welcome to bring your lunch to the discussion

2.00 PARALLEL SESSION 2

Room - Main Hall
Chair: Selena Griffith

SESSION 2.1 - PANEL

***Take back the economy: the
Commons Radical Reading
Group meets the authors***

Ass. Professor Jenny Cameron,
University of Newcastle

Nick Grinpuke, community
activist and commons volunteer

Dr Stephen Healy, Western
Sydney University

Dr Miriam Williams, The
Commons, and the University of
Newcastle

Room - Southern Hall
Chair: Jose Ramos

SESSION 2.2 - PRESENTATIONS **MONEY & EMPLOYMENT**

Michael Berney, University of
New England “Unemployment is
a distribution problem, not a
production problem”

Mike Dowson, “The case for a
universal basic income in the new
economy”

Duncan Wallace, Melbourne
Law School, “The design and
utility of a cooperative currency”

Kevin Cox, White Label Per-
sonal Clouds “Self-funding com-
munity services with low-risk,
low-cost, high-value investments”

Room - Chamber Hall

SESSION 2.3- WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 (40 minutes)
Dr Amanda Cahill, Centre
for Social Change
“On their own terms: building
the capacity of communities to
co-create the new economy”

10 minute break

Workshop 2 (40 minutes)

Thomas Kern, Macquarie
University and **Nick McGuigan**,
Monash University
“Regenerating local economies
with permaculture principles”

3.30 AFTERNOON TEA

4.00 **PLENARY INTERACTIVE SESSION** - *Room - Main Hall*
The City as Commons - led by **Darren Sharp**, **Social Surplus**
Break out discussion groups will explore: gender, law, money/exchange, work, infrastructure

5.00 Close and invitation to join Conference Drinks

5.30 **Drinks: “The Works”, 62 Glebe Point Road, Glebe NSW 2037 (upstairs - Level One)**

6.30 – **“Music for a Warming World” - “The Works”, 62 Glebe Point Road (upstairs - Level One)**

7.45 **Thinking differently about our environmental challenges - a musical and visual experience**
Professor Christine Parker (Melbourne Law School) and songwriter, guitarist and climate thinker, Dr Simon Kerr, have developed this challenging, entertaining and warmhearted journey into climate change, speaking honestly about the science, the inevitable changes that will come and what we can do to live sustainably. It is also about the joy of being human in the face of humanity’s greatest challenge, enjoying this moment of music, community and hope for the future. Please see page 6 of this program for more information. Admission is free, but donations are invited to support this fabulous performance

PROGRAM—WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.20 Welcome and opening remarks - Professor Bronwen Morgan and Dr Michelle Maloney
- 9.30 **PLENARY PANEL - Exchange, Money and Debt (Chair - Professor Bronwen Morgan)**
- Dr Shann Turnbull, International Institute for Self-Governance
 - Robin Krabbe, Live Well Tasmania
 - Professor Martin Wood, RMIT Melbourne
- 10.20 **PLENARY PANEL - Work and Play (Chair - Darren Sharp)**
- Selena Griffith, Social Innovation Sydney
 - Jose Ramos, Action Foresight
 - Julian Waters-Lynch, The Holos Group

11.00 MORNING TEA

- 11.30 **PLENARY PANEL - Law, Democracy and Power (Chair - Dr Michelle Maloney)**
- Professor Bronwen Morgan, UNSW
 - Melina Morrison, Business Council of Cooperatives and Mutuals
 - Professor David Schlosberg, University of Sydney

12.10 PARALLEL SESSION 3

Room - Main Hall
Chair: Darren Sharp

SESSION 3.1 - PRESENTATIONS COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Rebecca Conroy, "A very beautiful laundromat"

Jarra Hicks, Community Power Agency, "Community owned wind energy - local interventions into energy systems".

Melissa Fuller, MakersPlace Inc and AbilityMate Inc "AbilityMate - localised maker spaces for an inclusive society"

Room - Southern Hall
Chair: Amanda Cahill

SESSION 3.2 - PANEL - COMMUNITY EXCHANGE

Alison Bird, Far North Queensland Community Exchange System

Russ Grayson, Sydney LETS (Local Exchange and Trading Systems)

Annette Loudon, Community Exchange System Australia

Room - Chamber Hall
Chair: Michelle Maloney

SESSION 3.3- PANEL - INDIGENOUS ECONOMICS

Dr Anne Poelina, Managing Director Madjulla Inc and Director Walalakoo (Native Title) Body Corporate

Suzanne Kenney and Valentine Nona, Palm Island Sustainability Hub

Ross Williams, Bindal/Juru people

1.15 LUNCH (lunch break is 1.15-2pm)

PROGRAM—WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST

2.00 PARALLEL SESSION 4

Room - Main Hall

Chair: Hannah Ebeling

SESSION 4.1 - PRESENTATIONS *PLATFORMS FOR MULTIPLE PROJECTS*

Peter Tregilgas and Garry Cronan, Mercury Centre Cooperative “Platform Cooperativism”

Fiona Martin and Marina Nehme, UNSW “Social entrepreneurs: an evaluation of the Pty Ltd company”

Pavel Kalinov, Toby Chambers and Mario Bojilov, “Social Investment for Social Purposes”

Adele Johns, Central Coast Council, “Local government plays a role in the new economy”

Room - Southern Hall

Chair: Michelle Maloney

SESSION 4.2 - PANEL *BEYOND ENDLESS GROWTH TO THE NEW ECONOMY*

Dr Haydn Washington, CASSE NSW

Professor Dexter Dunphy, UTS

Dr Kerryn Higgs, University of Tasmania

Associate Professor Sarah Wilkinson, UTS

Dr Anna Schlunke, CASSE NSW

Room - Chamber Hall

SESSION 4.3- WORKSHOPS

Workshop (40 minutes)

Sabrina Chakori, Caring Economy Advocate and Dr Peter Daniels, Griffith University - “Redefining people in sustainable economies: the ‘consumer’ has to go”

10 minute break

Game (40 minutes)

Claire Marshall, Share Stories, “Cards for Humanity” sharing economy game

3.30 AFTERNOON TEA

4.00 **PLENARY INTERACTIVE SESSION - Room - Main Hall**

Creating a Charter for a New Economy Coalition in Australia. Led by Dr Michelle Maloney, AELA and Professor Bronwen Morgan, UNSW

This session will facilitate discussions about how we might create a New Economy Coalition in Australia. Discussions will include an overview of international and national networks that a new Coalition may aim to connect with, and will include remarks by David Thompson AM (CEO Jobs Australia) about RIPESS, an international network that connects social solidarity economy groups. Participants are invited to fill out a short survey, by COB Tues 16th, which will inform discussions in this session. The survey can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Z2CNJ3>

5.00 **Close of Conference**



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Music for a Warming World

Thinking differently about our environmental challenges - a musical and visual experience

Songwriter, guitarist and climate thinker, Dr Simon Kerr and Prof Christine Parker (University of Melbourne, Law), have developed a new way of exploring important environmental challenges.

Using original music, immersive visuals and audience engagement, Music for a Warming World takes an insightful, entertaining and warmhearted journey into climate change.

It explores the science, engages with loss and the inevitable changes we face, and brings some surprisingly good news about what we can do.

‘Extremely engaging and powerful, both intellectually and emotionally’ (Prof Don Hine, University of New England)

“The Works”, 62 Glebe Point Road, Glebe NSW 2037

5.30 pm Drinks

6.30 - 7.45 pm Concert

No charge, but contributions to the costs of the show will be welcome

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