

SEEKING SOLUTIONS:

2008 Environmental Health Lecture Series

TOWN HALL SEATTLE

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PRINCIPLES OF ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS *Guidance for a Sustainable Society*

Wednesday, January 23rd *Special Time, Place & Price*

What is ecological economics? Dr. Robert Costanza, professor and director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at the University of Vermont, will explain the key concepts of this field – notably, how ecosystems and their functions provide vital goods and services that benefit people, and how the valuation of these ecosystem services gives critical economic justification for ecological sustainability. He will also discuss how this model will promote and sustain human health and well-being.

THE FUTURE OF THE PUGET SOUND REGION *Applying Ecological Economics to Our Area*

Wednesday, February 13th

What does an application of ecological economics mean to the Puget Sound region? David Batker, founder and director of Earth Economics and head of a whole-system-based analysis by the Gund Institute here in our region, will speak to the critical concepts of ecological economics as it specifically applies to the Puget Sound region. Dr. Katherine Davies, director and faculty member of the Center for Creative Change at Antioch University in Seattle, will expand the discussion to include the health costs of disease due to environmental factors and highlight the connection between our health, environment and economy.

THE FUTURE OF ENERGY *Applying Ecological Economics to Global Issues*

Wednesday, March 12th

How useful is ecological economics in the real world? Dr. Cutler Cleveland, director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Studies at Boston University, will apply the concept of ecological economics to energy economics. Since energy is currently one of the most pressing issues in our society, Dr. Cleveland will highlight many of the transdisciplinary aspects of energy's central role in society. He will address the relationship between environment and society, including energy sources, distribution and taxation.

ECONOMICS FOR THE 21st CENTURY *Creating a Collective Vision for a Sustainable Future*

Wednesday, April 30th

Why do we need to imagine our future vision collectively? Without a coherent and shared vision of what a sustainable society would look like, there will be no political will to take us from here to there. Dr. Joshua Farley, professor of Community Development and Applied Economics at the Gund Institute at the University of Vermont, and Dr. David Korten, cofounder of Positive Futures Network, will discuss envisioning a sustainable future and provide us with rich perspectives on potential economic models for addressing such critical questions as: What makes a new economy? What has to be done to create it?



RESERVATION INFORMATION:

- All events will be held at **Town Hall Seattle**, 1119 Eighth Avenue (at Seneca Street).
- Special first lecture will be held in the Great Hall (upstairs) from 7-8:30 p.m. with a reception following. \$5 donation appreciated.
- Final three lectures will be held downstairs from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with a reception preceding from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- **Advance reservations** are \$25 for the final three-lecture series until February 1st, or \$10 each for individual lectures. Admission at the door is \$15 per lecture. A discount is available for students and limited-income individuals. For more information or reservations, see www.iceh.org or call **360-331-7904**.

These are fragrance-free events