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International Symposium on Green Growth and Global Environmental Change

United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS)

July 25th and 26th, 2014

Tokyo, Japan

Symposium Schedule

Day 1 - July 25th 2014 (Friday)

10:00 - 10:30 - Registration

10:35 – 10:40 – Welcome remarks - Kazuhiko Takemoto, Director, UNU-IAS

10:40 - 11:10 - Introduction - Gareth Dale, Manu V. Mathai, and Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira

11:10 - 11:20. Coffee/Tea Break

11:20 – 12:50 – Plenary Session 1 (Each presenter has 20-25 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A)

Chair: Gareth Dale (Brunel University)

Discussant: Jose Puppim de Oliveira (UNU)

- 1. The technical and socio-economic pitfalls of green growth: A reality check to avoid disillusionment **Ulrich Hoffmann** (UNCTAD)
- 2. Social metabolism and environmental conflicts in India J. Martinez-Alier, L. Temper, F. Demaria (Autonomous University of Barcelona)

12:50 – 13:50. Box Lunch at UNU 2nd Floor Reception Hall

14:00 - 16:10 - Plenary Session 2 (Each presenter has 20-25 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A)

Chair: Jose Puppim de Oliveira (UNU)

Discussant: Gareth Dale (Brunel University)

- 3. Not all tears are evil! Ethical perspectives on the green economy John Crowley (UNESCO)
- 4. Can green growth rescue capitalism from its own contradictions? A critical assessment of the 'green growth' approach with a special focus on the European Union Birgit Mahnkopf (Berlin School of Economics and Law)
- 5. Ecosystem Services as a New Capitalist Nature: Strategies of Resistance Larry Lohmann (The Corner House)

16:10 - 16:40. Coffee/Tea Break

16:40 - 18:55 - Parallel Sessions 1 & 2

(Each presenter has 15 minutes + 10 minute Q&A)

Parallel Session 1 (Elizabeth Rose Hall)

Session Chair: Gareth Dale (Brunel University)
Discussant: Prof. On-Kwok Lai (Kwansei Gakuin University)

- Resources for the Future, resources for growth: How the political economy of 1975 US growth ban helped paved the way for green growth --Richard Lane (U. of Sussex)
- An Overview on Development and Implementation of Energy Efficiency Policies in Vietnam -- Nguyen Duc Luong (National University of Civil Engineering, Hanoi)
- 3. Uneven Development, Climate Change and Carbon Markets: The Concentration and Centralisation of Emissions -- Gareth Bryant (U. of Sydney)
- Quantifying the Environmental Impacts
 Derived from the Investment and Trade in
 China -- Chunmiao CAO (Renmin U. of China)
 & Tao Hu (WWF, China Program)
- Green Growth for Transforming Societies: Redefining/negotiating Urban-Rural Carbon Inequity – Mahendra Sethi (United Nations University & National Institute of Urban Affairs, India)

Parallel Session 2 (Committee Room 3)

Session Chair: Jose Puppim de Oliveira (UNU)
Discussant: Prof. Dimiter S. Ialnazov (Kyoto
University)

- Is Green Growth Here to Stay? The Global Context and the Case of South Korea -- Chiden Balmes (Global Green Growth Institute)
- 2. Democratic Deficit and Institutions of Inequality in the Philippines: The Prospects of a Green Economy for Green Growth -- Jalton Garces Taguibao (U. of the Philippines-Diliman)
- 3. Interrogation of Green Growth through the Second Contradiction of Capital and Contemporary Neoliberalism: A Case Study of Jakarta Urban Waterscape -- Indrawan Prabaharyaka (UNESCO-IHE)
- Rethinking Policy Intervention for the Transition Towards Competitive Trade-led Green Growth -- Bhusal Bhishma (Ministry of Finance, Nepal & U. of Deusto)

^{**19:00 – 20:00.} Catered dinner at UNU 5th Floor reception area behind Elizabeth Rose Hall**

Day 2 - July 26th 2014 (Saturday)

10:00 - 12:10 Plenary Session 3 (Each presenter has 20-25 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A)

Chair: Manu V. Mathai (UNU)

Discussant: Jose Puppim de Oliveira (UNU)

- 6. The green growth trap in Brazil Ricardo Abramovay (U. of Sao Paulo)
- 7. Steady states, green growth and the falling rate of profit James Meadway (New Economics Foundation)
- 8. The Green Jobs Approach: Harnessing the world of work to contribute toward an environmentally sustainable production and consumption paradigm Anne Posthuma (International Labour Organization) (Skype)

12:10 - 13:00. Box Lunch at UNU 2nd Floor Reception Hall

13:10 - 15:35 - Parallel Sessions 3 & 4

(Each presenter has 15 minutes + 10 minutes Q&A)

Parallel Session 3 (Elizabeth Rose Hall)

Session Chair: Manu V. Mathai Discussant: Prof. Kenichi Matsui (Tsukuba University)

- The Heart of Greenness: Putting Peoplehood at the Center of the Green Economy -- Kabir Sanjay Bavikatte (United Nations University)
 Daniel F. Robinson (U. of New South Wales)
- Growing a Green Economy: Counter-Hegemonic Attempts to Transform the Agri-Food System in Thailand -- Prapimphan Chiengkul (U. of Warwick)
- 3. Greening Rural Development of India and Environmental Sustainability -- Jyotish Prakash Basu (West Bengal State University).
 - **14:25 14:35 Coffee/Tea Break**
- Implications of NGO Activism on Corporate Environmental Footprints in China: Evidences of Alternative Social Reporting -- Dan Shen (U. of Essex)
- 5. Pyongyang's own "Green Wave"?:

Parallel Session 4 (Committee Room 3)

Session Chair: Gareth Dale Discussant: Dr. Jose Puppim de Oliveira

- Enemy within: Counter movement, carbon pricing, and green neoliberalism in Australia --Rebecca Pearse (U. of New South Wales)
- Scarcity, Creativity and Urban Futures:
 Accelerationist urbanism -- Deljana Iossifava (U. of Manchester)
- 3. The Harnessing Role of International Economic Law: Sustainable and Inclusive Growth through Law and Development -- Lee Soo-Hyun (UNCITRAL RCAP)
 - **14:25 14:35 Coffee/Tea Break**
- Uncovering hidden trade-offs in the Green Economy: Biodiversity and the manufacturing, transport and renewable energy sectors --Alexandros Gasparatos (U. of Tokyo) and Christopher Doll (United Nations University)
- 5. Economic Growth vs. Sustainable

Sustainability under the Byungjin Line -- Robert Winstanley-Chesters (U. of Leeds and U. of Cambridge)

Development: A Critical View on Development of Environmental Governance in China -- Le Bo (U. of Essex)

15:35 - 16:00 Coffee/Teabreak

16:00 – 18:10 – Plenary Session 4 (Each presenter has 20-25 minutes + 15 minutes Q&A)

Chair: Jose Puppim de Oliveira (UNU) **Discussant: Manu V. Mathai** (UNU)

- 9. Giving green teeth to the Tiger? A Critique of the Concept "Green Growth" Bettina Bluemling (Wageningen University) & Sun-Jin Yun (Seoul National University) (Skype)
- 10. Radical Alternatives to Green Growth Ashish Kothari (Kalpavriksh) (Skype)
- 11. Alternatives to Green Growth? Possibilities and Contradictions Steffen Boehm (U. of Essex) and Maria Ceci Araujo Misoczky (Federal University of Rio Grande Do Sul) (Skype)

18:10 – 19:00 – Session for contributors and editors to discuss the status of the book *Green Growth: Political Ideology and Political Economy* (with Zed Books) and further feedback on the chapters.

19:00 – 20:00. Catered dinner at UNU 2nd Floor Reception Hall