

Capitalism, Nature, Socialism Anniversary Conference  
**Ecology, Imperialism and the Contradictions of Capitalism**

July 22-24, 2005  
York University, Toronto, Ontario

**FINAL Programme**

**Friday, July 22 am**

9:30 to 2:00 Working group meetings in Health, Nursing, Environmental Studies (HNES) Building

- 9:30 – 11:30      **CNS Editorial Meeting** (HNES 142)  
Chair: Joel Kovel (CNS Editor-in-Chief; Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson)
- 12:00 – 14:00      **CNS Ecofeminism Meeting** (HNES 142)  
Chair: Ellie Perkins (York University, Toronto)

**Friday, July 22 pm**

14:30 to 20:30 Conference opening in Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building

- 14:30              **Opening Remarks** (TEL 0016)  
LIETTE GILBERT and STEFAN KIPFER (CNS Toronto; York University, Toronto)  
JONI SEAGER (Dean, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University)
- 14:45              **CNS and the Legacy of James O'Connor** (TEL 0016)  
JOEL KOVEL (CNS Editor-in-Chief; Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson)
- 15:30              **Capitalism: Dynamic or Doomed?** (TEL 0016)  
Chair: Leo Panitch (York University, Toronto)
- PATRICK BOND (University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban),  
JOAN MARTINEZ-ALIER (Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Barcelona)  
ELMAR ALTVATER (Freie Universität, Berlin)  
SAM GINDIN (York University, Toronto)  
MICHAEL DORSEY (Dartmouth College, Hannover)
- 17:15              break
- 17:30              **Keynote Address** (TEL 0016)  
MARIA MIES (Fachhochschule, Cologne)  
"War is the Father of All Things" (Heraclit) but "Nature is the Mother of Life" (C.V. Werlthof)  
Chair: Joel Kovel (CNS Editor, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson)
- 19:30              **Wine and Cheese** (The Underground)  
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**Saturday, July 23 am**

9:30 to 11:00 Morning Sessions

11:15 to 12:45 Plenary Session

- 9:30              **SESSION 1: Marxism, Critical Theory, and Ecology I** (TEL 0006)  
**Marxism, Uneven Development, and the Contradictions of Capital**  
Chair: Greg Albo (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)
- ELMAR ALTVATER (Freie Universität, Berlin) *Is there an Ecological Marx?*
- NOEL CASTREE (University of Manchester, Manchester) *The Political Economy of Environmental Change: From Blunt Tools to Sharp Instruments*
- ALAN RUDY (Michigan State University, East Lansing) *Revisiting the Second Contradiction and its Critics*
- COSTAS PANAYOTAKIS (New York City College of Technology, Brooklyn) *Conspicuous Consumption, Economic Inefficiency and Ecological Degradation*

- 9:30 **SESSION 2: Ecosocialism, Feminism, and Environmental Justice I** (TEL 0010)  
**Environmental Justice and Participation**  
 Chair: Josée Johnston (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and University of Toronto, Toronto)
- JOAN MARTINEZ-ALIER (Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona, Barcelona) *Environmental Justice and Regional Planning*
- ELLIE PERKINS (York University, Toronto) *Public Participation and Ecological Valuation: Inclusive=Radical*
- ANDREA MORAES (York University/University of Missouri, Columbia) *Meanings of Public Participation for the Brazilian Watershed Management Committees*
- IRWIN SPERBER (SUNY New Paltz, New Paltz) *Structural and Ideological Contradictions in the Environmental Movement: Why the Movement is Dead in the Water and What to do About it*
- 9:30 **SESSION 3: World Order, Imperialism, and Global Ecological Politics I** (TEL 0014)  
**Capitalist Globalization, Ecological Degradation, and Green Neoliberalism**  
 Chair: Paul Jackson (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)
- JOHN GULICK and HARWOOD SCHAFFER (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) *Soybeans and the Sino-Brazilian Socio-Ecological Division of Labour*
- ORIN LANGELE (Global Justice Ecology Project, Hinesburg) *Corporate Globalization's Destruction of Earth's Life Support System*
- ANNE PETERMANN (Global Justice Ecology Project, Hinesburg) *Global Warming, Carbon Trade, and Genetically Engineered Trees*
- MICHAEL GOLDMAN (University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis) *The World Bank and the Making of "Green Neoliberalism"*
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 **PLENARY: Ecosocialism, Feminism, and Environmental Justice II** (TEL 0016)  
**Social Justice, Gender, and Sustainability**  
 Chair: Ariel Salleh (Ecoethics, Sydney)
- GIOVANNA RICOVERI (*Ecologia Politica*, Rome) *Towards Ecological and Social Justice in the South and the North*
- DAGMAR VINZ (Freie Universität, Berlin) *Gender, Nature, and Time Politics: Feminist Perspectives on Sustainability*
- PATRICK BOND (University of Kwazulu-Natal, Durban) *Global Governance Quandries: Red-Green Activist Analyses, Strategies, Tactics, and Alliances*
- STUART ROSEWARNE (University of Sydney, Sydney) *Removing the Veil and Reclaiming Economic Space: Migrant Women Workers, the Hidden Employment, and the Manufacture of Transnational Identities*
- 12:45 Lunch Break

**Saturday July 23 pm**

14:00 to 15:30 Afternoon Sessions  
 15:45 to 19:15 Plenary Session

- 14:00 **SESSION 1: Marxism, Critical Theory, and Ecology II** (TEL 0006)  
**Critical Theory, the Domination of Nature, and the Societal Relations with Nature**  
 Chair: Kanishka Goodewardena (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and University of Toronto, Toronto)
- ALEX DEMIROVIC (J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt) *Crisis and Nature*
- CHRISTOPH GÖRG (J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt/Main) *Ecological Imperialism: A New Level in the Domination of Nature Postfordist Relationship with Nature and Adorno's Theory of Non-Identity*
- CHRISTOPHER BUCK (University of Chicago, Chicago) *Experience First! Adorno and Radical Environmental Thought*
- JOEL KOVEL (CNS Editor-in-Chief, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson) *The Conditions of Ecosocialism*

- 14:00 **SESSION 2: Ecosocialism, Feminism, and Environmental Justice III** (TEL 0010)  
**Ecosocialism, Technology and Development**  
 Chair: Micki Honkanen (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)
- JOAN ROELOFS (Keene State College, Keene) *Socialism and Ecology*
- GRAEME CHESTERS and IAN WELSH (Cardiff University, Wales) *Complex Ecologies of Struggle*
- KATE ERVINE (York University, Toronto) *A Critique of Green Developmentalism: The Case of Chiapas*
- VICTOR WALLIS (Berklee College of Music, Boston) *Socialism and Technology: A Sectoral Overview*
- 14:00 **SESSION 3: Urbanization, Ecological Degradation, and Political Ecology I** (TEL 0014)  
**Food, Agriculture, and Urban Conflicts**  
 Chair: Douglas Young (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)
- EVAN L. WEISSMAN (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) *Food Security in the 21st Century: Lessons from Cuba for Peak Oil Production*
- NIK HEYNEN (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee) *Starving for Revolution: The Black Panther Party's Production of Revolutionary Art and the Urban Political Ecology of Hunger*
- GERDA R. WEKERLE and L. ANDERS SANDBERG (York University, Toronto) *Contested Natures, Land and Development: The Emergence of Bioregional Citizenship in an Exurban Region*
- ANDI WEISS BARTCZAK (Science Consultant, New Paltz) *Double-Edged Sword: Science for Profit, Science for Environmental Justice*
- 14:00 **SESSION 4: World Order, Imperialism, and Global Ecological Politics II** (TEL 0007)  
**European Integration and Ecological Modernization**  
 Chair: Ahmed Allahwala (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)
- BIRGIT MAHNKOPF (Berlin School of Economics, Berlin) *The Impact of Regional and Bilateral Agreements on Trade and Investment on Sustainable Development*
- CHRISTOPH HERMANN (FORBA, Vienna) *European Integration and Environmental Impacts*
- FRDERICK PETERS (York University, Toronto) *The Valuation of Water: What European Water Policy Has Made of James O'Connor's Second Contradiction and What the Left Can Do about It*
- BRENDAN HALEY (York University, Toronto) *Social Democracy and Ecological Modernization: Sweden and Canada*
- 15:30 Break
- 15:45 **PLENARY: Urbanization, Ecological Degradation, and Political Ecology III** (TEL 0016)  
**Dreams and Perils of Global Urbanization**  
 Chair: Joan Martínez-Alier (Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona)
- SHANE GUNSTER (Simon Fraser University, Vancouver) *City Dreaming: Commercial Discourse and the Production of Urban Space*
- GEORGE MARTIN (Montclair State University, Montclair) *Comparative Patterns and Social Ecologies of Global Motorization*
- GEORGE GONZALEZ (University of Miami, Coral Gables) *Urban Sprawl, Global Warming and Oil Depletion: The Unraveling of the Modern Economy*
- PETER FREUND (Montclair State University, Montclair) *Fast Cars/Fast Foods: Modes of Consumption, Space-Time, Health, and Environmental Consequences*

**Sunday, July 24 am**

10:00 to 11:30 Morning Sessions  
 11:45 to 13:30 Plenary Session

- 10:00 **SESSION 1: Urbanization, Ecological Degradation, and Political Ecology II** (TEL 0006)  
**Urban Political Ecology and Global Cities**  
 Chair: Thomas Dunk (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and Lakehead University, Thunder Bay)

ROGER KEIL and HARRIS ALI (York University, Toronto) *The Urban Political Ecology of Infectious Disease: The Case of SARS in Toronto*

MARKUS WISSEN (Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, Berlin) *Urban Politics and the Commercialization of Infrastructure in the Water Sector*

MATTHEW HUBER (Clark University, Worcester) *We Are All Resource-Dependent People: Towards a Political Ecology of Consumption*

10:00 **SESSION 2: World Order, Imperialism, and Global Ecological Politics III** (TEL 0010)

**Continental Integration and Transnational Water Politics**

Chair: Andrew Biro (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and Acadia University, Wolfville)

Kristen VAN HOOREWEGHE (University of Tennessee, Knoxville) *Intersecting Capitalism, Patriarchy, and the Environment: Looking at the NAFTA through a Gendered Lens*

MICHAEL McMAHON (York University, Toronto) *From Neoliberal Threats to Social Nature: Lessons from Great Lakes Basin Struggles?*

BETTINA KOHLER (Technische Universität, Vienna) *The Making of the Global Water Crisis*

ZOE WILSON (Centre for Civil Society; Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainability, Durban) *States, Socialism, and Sanitation: Challenges from Africa*

10:00 **SESSION 3: World Order, Imperialism, and Global Ecological Politics IV** (TEL 0014)

**Neoliberalism, Privatization, and Green Capitalism**

Chair: Ute A. Lehrer (CNS Toronto Editorial Group and York University, Toronto)

ARIEL SALLEH (EcoEthics, Sydney) *Neo-Liberal Denial: An Ecofeminist Reflection on the Genetic Engineering Industry*

TIM LUKE (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg) *Structures of Sustainable Degradation: Eco-Managerialism, Eco-Judicialization, and Eco-Commercialism*

TERISA E. TURNER and LEIGH S. BROWNHILL (University of Guelph, Guelph) *The Future in the Present of Oil Wars*

MICHAEL EKERS (York University, Toronto) *The Canadian Tree-Planting Experience: Producing Natures, Alienation, and Critique*

11:30 Break

11:45 **PLENARY: World Order, Imperialism, and Global Ecological Politics V** (TEL 0016)

**Empire, Nation, and Ecological Injustice**

Chair: Alex Demirovic (J.W. Goethe Universität, Frankfurt)

DANIEL FABER (Northeastern University, Boston) *International Capitalism, Ecological Injustice, and Unsustainable Production*

NEIL SMITH (Graduate Center, CUNY, New York) *Making Nature's Nation*

KAVITA PHILIP (University of California, Irvine) *Nature, Culture, Capital, and Empire: Reflections in Doing Environmental Histories of the Global South*

THOMAS W. O'DONNELL (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor) *The Global Oil System: Resources, Technology, and the New US Strategy*

13:15 **Concluding Statement**

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