



Ecological Economics and Rio+20:  
Challenges and Contributions for a Green Economy

**12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics:  
ISEE 2012: ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS AND RIO +20:  
CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHALLENGES FOR A GREEN ECONOMY**  
29 May – 1 June, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

## FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

ISEE is a nonprofit, member-governed organization dedicated to advancing understanding of the relationships between the economy, ecology and society, for the mutual well-being of people and nature. ISEE conferences are transdisciplinary and have been held biennially since 1990. ISEE 2012 has been conceived to dovetail with the Rio+20 UNCSD Earth Summit. The Earth Summit has been charged with developing a road map for international cooperation toward a “Green Economy” and for promoting institutions necessary for sustainable development. ISEE 2012 will address UNCSD themes as well as other key debates within ecological economics and environmental policy. It will promote dialogue with the Summit through a final ministerial panel and the participation of policy makers. The challenge for Ecological Economics at this Summit is to contribute to designing innovative alternatives, to address market and institutional failures, as well as to better understand ecological and economic systems.

### CONFERENCE THEMES

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| <p><b>(1) Greening the Economy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measuring green growth</li><li>• The energy question</li><li>• Sustainable consumption</li><li>• (Un)sustainable cities?</li></ul>   | <p><b>(2) The Political Economy of Green Development</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food security: who sows? who reaps?</li><li>• The economics and politics of climate change</li><li>• Pollution and politics</li><li>• Challenges of community resource governance</li></ul>               |
| <p><b>(3) Environmental Justice, Ethics and Values</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Global agreements: is convergence possible?</li><li>• Balancing nature: people, biodiversity and resilience</li><li>• Governing environmental behaviour</li><li>• Mores and morals: toward an environmental ethic</li><li>• Political ecology and ecological conflicts</li></ul> | <p><b>(4) Methodological Challenges</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feminist economics and ecological economics: can the twain meet?</li><li>• Behavioural economics and economic behaviour: beyond homo economicus</li><li>• Economics and Ecology: transdisciplinary conversations</li></ul> |

### ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

There will be three tracks for abstract submissions: Panels (for long presentations), Roundtables (for short interventions) and Posters. Submissions can be in the form of individual abstracts or as full Panels and Roundtables. Full Panels/Roundtables require a cogent theme, a brief introduction giving the rationale, names of session chair(s), and abstracts/papers of all contributors. Alternative innovative formats, including performances, films and installations, would also be welcome for consideration.

Abstracts should be a maximum of 700 words and must be submitted online via the conference website: [www.isee2012.org](http://www.isee2012.org). All abstracts for Panels and Roundtables will be reviewed by an international review panel (see schedule below). Abstracts for poster presentations will be evaluated by the ISEE Local Organizing Committee. Acceptance of all abstracts will be based on relevance for ecological economics and the conference theme, originality, and overall quality. Official notification of abstract acceptance or rejection, or optional poster presentation will be emailed to the corresponding author on 15 December 2011.

Conference organisers will make every effort to seek funding to reimburse travel costs and participation fees of those from non-OECD countries and for student researchers (with proof of university attendance). Those needing funding must submit a full paper in advance.

### CONFERENCE DEADLINES

- 15 November 2011** – Submission of session & paper abstracts & full papers (for those seeking funding)
- 15 December 2011** – Author notification
- 2 March 2012** – Pay registration fee online to ensure inclusion of abstract in conference brochure
- 29 May 2012** – Conference begins

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may 29 - june 1  
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