



*International Society for Ecological Economics*

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The jury has awarded the Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen prize from the International Society for Ecological Economics to Dr. Brendan Fisher.

Brendan Fisher received his MSc in Environmental Change and Management from the University of Oxford's Environmental Change Institute and recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Vermont under the supervision of Dr. Robert Costanza. The title of his dissertation was "Distribution and Development: analyses of global poverty, policy and sustainability." He is now a Senior Research Associate at the CSERGE, University of East Anglia.

The jury has been formed by Professor John Gowdy (chairman), Professor Joan Martinez-Alier, and Dr. Sigrid Stagl. The jury considered that at least five of the candidates had achievements and merits to receive the prize. It decided to award the prize to Dr Brendan Fisher for the following reasons.

The committee was impressed by the quality of Brendan's publications, his areas of research, his breadth of training in engineering, natural science and economics, and his ability to communicate his research results not only in high-impact academic journals but also in popular outlets including newspapers, and editorials in Science and Nature.

Brendan's work comprises two main strands of research. One focuses on how the biophysical characteristics of ecosystem services (e.g. spatial distribution of ecosystem processes) should inform the design of conservation interventions. This work includes how these characteristics affect who "gains" and who "loses" under such interventions. His other research focuses on the current global economic growth paradigm and its consequences for sustainability and equity.