

UKNEE Seminar Announcement
UK Network of Environmental Economists 2009 Seminar Series

"Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster"
5:30pm for 6pm start

Tuesday 10 March 2009

The London School of Economics and Political Science
Room 2.06, New Academic Building
54 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LJ

Nearest tube: Holborn (Temple, Covent Garden, Chancery Lane all nearby)

Economic growth has been the primary policy objective in most countries over the last half century. It is becoming increasingly clear, however, that the growth agenda is limited in what it can accomplish. As economies around the world have expanded, we are being faced with environmental and resource limits and a disconnect between higher incomes and happiness. Further, the drive to grow has failed to meet other key economic, social and environmental policy objectives such as full employment, poverty reduction or reduced environmental impacts. Combining a systems approach with more conventional economic analysis, our guest speaker, Dr. Peter Victor, will argue why rich countries should turn away from economic growth as their driving policy objective and instead pursue more specific objectives that enhance well-being.

The seminar will be chaired by Chris Hewett. Chris is Head of Climate Change at the Environment Agency, but is currently on a year-long secondment as an Associate to Green Alliance, leading a new programme of work looking at a green economic recovery.

Guest Speaker

Peter Victor, PhD is Professor of Environmental Studies at York University (Canada) and author of the recent publication *Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster*. Peter is an ecological economist with long career spanning academia, consultancy and the public sector. His current research focuses primarily on managing without growth, but also spans other environmentally-focused research projects, such as an innovative multi-stakeholder, multi-perspective approach for estimating the benefits of remediation of Hamilton Harbour, Ontario. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science, founding President of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics, and is and has been a member of numerous other boards and committees including the Ontario Government's Advisory Committee on Transboundary Science, the Advisory Panel of TruCost, the Board of the David Suzuki Foundation and the Advisory Committee on the National Accounts for Statistics Canada.

Copies of the book *Managing Without Growth: Slower by Design, Not Disaster*
will be available at a 35% discount to seminar attendees.

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RSVP: Olga Anderson (olga@eftec.co.uk) before 6 March 2009

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