

# Ecological Economics and Environmental Justice



..... What **past students** have said: .....

**"Brilliant course for people working in NGOs wishing to understand the basic concepts of ecological economics.**

The methods and tools introduced through case studies, accompanied by interactive discussions and lectures, illustrated the possible dimensions of their use well."

"I am currently doing a **master's degree** in environmental sciences, and I felt the need to complete the curricula with ecological economics topics. This course provided a **great opportunity to better understand participatory processes** like multi-criteria assessment, and concepts of environmental justice, which I feel are key to finding better solutions to the crises we are facing today. "

"With its **interactive approach**, this course has helped me to understand better **ecological economics methods and the concept of sustainable development.**

I would recommend this course to all those who are working in NGOs or **simply interested in enriching their knowledge** of issues related to sustainable environmental management."

"This course is useful for **CSOs/EJOs looking for new approaches and arguments** in environmental campaigns, especially ones based on social science and valuation in money terms. Also, the course was a good source of examples and ideas for innovative (and traditional) social arrangements and institutions."

"My work focuses on **participatory development** for poverty alleviation through local economic development. The concepts of sustainability from the perspectives of ecological economics are vital to achieving increased **quality of life and prosperity for rural communities.**"



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**EJOLT**, in collaboration with **Fundación Neotrópica**, a Costa Rican NGO, and **UCI** (Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional) is running an online course “Ecological Economics and Environmental Justice”, taught through civil society organisation (CSO) case studies. It will run **from April 1st 2014**

This is an interactive course taught in **English** over **sixteen weeks**. It features lectures based on CSO and EJO case studies across a broad range of topics, taught by well known ecological economists / political ecologists including Joan Martinez Alier, Bernardo Aguilar, Beatriz Rodriguez-Labajos and Hali Healy. It has been designed for activists interested in understanding and applying the tools of ecological economics to their work, and for researchers of the sustainability sciences interested in the real world application of the concepts and methods of ecological economics and political ecology.

## Structure:

Each module is tutored by a leading researcher or practitioner of ecological economics. It consists of a recorded lecture, an assigned case study reading from the core text, and further optional readings. A key feature is the online discussion forum - a virtual classroom where trainees interact with each other and with tutors. Each module ends with the submission of a short assignment that is assessed by the module tutor. The course also requires trainees to submit an additional final assignment in the form of a contribution to an interactive map of environmental (in)justices, along with a corresponding “factsheet”, on a particular issue they are familiar with or interested in.

## Course Certificate (non-accredited):

Along with the final assignment, trainees must fill in a course evaluation form before receiving an electronic course certificate. The certificate is a PDF document issued jointly on behalf of EJOLT and Fundación Neotrópica, and their affiliated institutions.

All course elements can be accessed whenever it is convenient for trainees - within the time period (one week) dedicated to each specific module. However, as the lectures cannot be downloaded and have to be watched online, a strong, reliable internet connection is a must.



# Module Topics for 2014

All trainees take part in the introduction module (1) and select 9 other modules from Modules 2-16 described below: (for more information on some of the modules, you can read some of the case studies here: <http://www.ceecec.net/case-studies/>). On acceptance to the course students will be asked to list their preferred modules, with one or two alternate choices in the case that some modules are oversubscribed.

**1) Introduction (compulsory): Ecological Economics, Political Ecology and EJOs Social Metabolism**

**2) Aid, Social Metabolism and Social Conflict in the Nicobar Islands**

**3) Distributive Conflicts on Commodity Frontiers – Manta-Manaos and Cordillera del Condor**

**4) The TAV (High Speed Train) in Italy**

**5) Let Them Eat Sugar: Life and Livelihood in Kenya's Tana Delta Participation and Institutions**

**6) Governance and Environment Investments in Hiware Bazar, India**

**7) Forestry and Communities in Cameroon**

**8) The Waste Crisis in Campania**

**9) EJOs and Legal Avenues for Claiming Environmental Liability Valuation and other policy tools**

**10) Local Communities and Management of Protected Areas in Serbia**

**11) Payments for Ecosystem Services and REDD**

**12) Environmental Justice and Ecological Debt in Belgium: The UMICORE case**

**13) "Rip-off(sets): The False Solutions of Green Capitalism" – A Critique of Climate Change Adaptation/Mitigation Measures**

**14) The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity - Recent Debates**

**15) ECOTICOS: multi-dimensional valuation for environmental conflict analysis in Costa Rica**

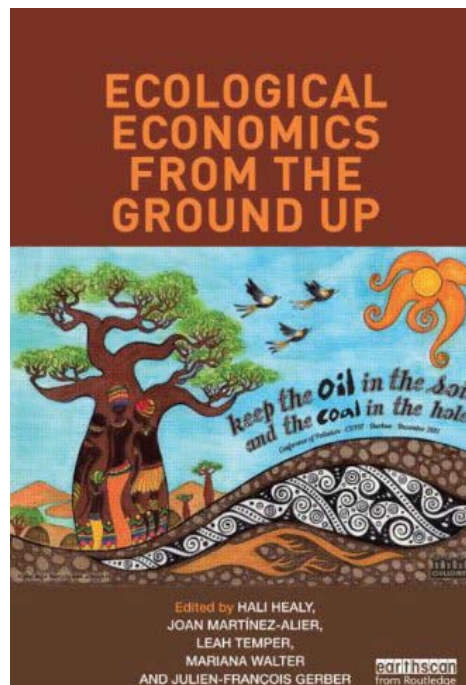
**16) Grassroots concepts for sustainability coined by Environmental Justice Organisations**

## Requirements:

Regular access to a reliable high speed internet connection

Payment of course fee of USD \$275, plus,

Purchase of the core text (a special rate)  
Ecological Economics from the Ground Up (Routledge UK)



## Deadline for Application: March 1st, 2014

How to Apply: Send a one-page letter of intent, outlining your relevant experience and interests, and why you wish to take the course, and email it to [hhealyatceecec@gmail.com](mailto:hhealyatceecec@gmail.com)