

## **CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF ESEE 2009**

### **PRESIDENT**

#### **Sigrid Stagl**

After 6 years as Vice-president, I have decided to stand for the post of President of the ESEE. Since 2001 I have been active in the Board and acted since 2004 as Vice-President together with Arild Vatn to support Clive Spash and then together with Paula Antunes to support Arild Vatn. As Chair of the Conference Committee I worked with the organisers of our biannual conferences. As you may know, the ESEE 2011 conference will take place in Istanbul; an experienced and efficient team at the University of the Bosphorus is looking after the organisation of the event. Conferences allow us of course to exchange ideas and make research findings known, but I believe that they serve also in maintaining and recreating the ecological economics community. Among Arild's many achievements for ESEE in recent years was the establishment of a summer school series, funded by the EC Marie Curie scheme. The series consisted of four events from 2006-2009 and brought together excellent groups of students and speakers. ESEE now needs to seek new funding and it will be a challenge to continue in a similar vein, but I believe that summer schools should have a high priority for ESEE. Since its inauguration in 1996 I have considered ESEE as my intellectual homebase. It means a lot to me and I know that it also does for other people. Under Arild's leadership a system of country contacts was established which helped to increase ESEE membership. In the future we should make good use of this system and broaden our membership base even further.

After graduating from the Ecological Economics PhD programme at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, I worked at universities in Vienna (Austria), Leeds (UK) and Sussex (UK). Recently I moved back to Vienna, where I am currently building up an ecological economics research group. We will primarily work on: (1) sustainable behaviours and (2) ecological macroeconomics. My current position is Professor in environmental economics and policy, WU – Vienna University of Economics and Business, Department of Social Sciences, Institute for the Environment and Regional Development. My main research interests are (i) sustainable behaviours and (ii) sustainability appraisal. Recently I have worked on the adoption of environmental innovations, integrated appraisal of energy futures, methodological aspects of multicriteria appraisal and tried to understand human behaviour better by learning from social psychology, experimental economics and neuroscience. Recent publications include applications of agent-based modelling and conceptual work on social learning. Together with Mick Common, I published the book 'Ecological Economics - An Introduction' with Cambridge University Press. The translation into Spanish was published last year and the book is currently being translated into Mandarin. Since 1993 I taught economics and ecological economics in Vienna, Troy (NY) and Leeds. In recent years I supervised an increasing number of PhD students. This year I hosted together with Andy Stirling the ESEE Summer School at SPRU, University of Sussex, UK, which was very rewarding and fun.

*Candidacy endorsed by Paula Antunes, Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská, Joan Martinez Alier, Jouni Paavola, Inge Røpke and Arild Vatn*

## VICE PRESIDENT

### **Tatiana Kluvánková-Oravská**

MSc. in Environmental Sciences (Bratislava 1994), PhD in Economics (Nitra, Uppsala 1999). Presently I am vice-director of the Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences. My main research interests are concentrating on interdisciplinary research across natural and social sciences such as institutions and governance for biodiversity, published more than 90 articles in peer reviewed journals co-author of two books and several book chapters. I am co-founder of virtual Centre for Transdisciplinary Studies of Institutions Evolution and Policies (CETIP) (2008) dedicated to introduce ideas from institutional, evolutionary and ecological economics into the research, public debate and policy making of enlarged Europe that has contributed significantly to the Ljubljana conference [www.progeko.savba.sk](http://www.progeko.savba.sk). Between 2003-2009 I took responsibility for EU five projects IDARI 2003-2006, EUROCOOP 2005-2008, RUBICODE 2006-2009, GoverNat 2006-2010, THEMES 2006-2009. Acted as the member of Scientific Committee of the International Human Dimension Programme on Global Environmental Change (2003-2007) and become associated editor of International Journal of Ecological Economics & Statistics (IJEES) (2008).

My ambitious for next term on ESEE board are education and research. As ESEE vice president I would promote inter-generational cooperation of early stage and experience researchers via follow-up of projects such as THEMES and GoverNAT and promotion of new ESEE projects'. Thanks to friendly and cooperative relations of ESEE members these have proven to be very successful capacity building. In the area of future research I see need to endorse flexibility of ESEE teams and participation on international projects where research methods and experience of ecological economics in Europe can contribute to the interdisciplinary research across natural and social sciences and address a need of changing and vulnerable world. In order to support the ESEE within international research community and increase cooperation with similar network, forthcoming ISEE 2010 is a promising opportunity to come closer with the International Human Dimension Programme for Global Environmental Change (IHDP).

*Candidacy endorsed by Paula Antunes, Veronika Chobotova, Jouni Paavola, Peter Söderbaum, Andrej Udovc, Arild Vatn*

### **Marina Fischer-Kowalski**

Marina Fischer-Kowalski, Ph.D. in sociology, is professor of social ecology at Klagenfurt University and director of the Vienna based Institute of Social Ecology at the Faculty for Interdisciplinary Studies (IFF). She is, *inter alia*, president of the International Society for Industrial Ecology (ISIE) and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Potsdam Institute of Climate Impact Research (PIK). She published several books on social and environmental issues, and was co-author to the World Resources Institute 2000 publication "The Weight of Nations: Material Outflows from Industrial Economies". During the past years, she was a key person for the generation of Eurostat's database of economy wide material flows. 250 scientific articles in books and journals. Latest book: Fischer-Kowalski, M. and H. Haberl, 2007, Socioecological Transitions and Global Change, Cheltenham (E.Elgar).

I am interested in the biophysical structure of economies, and do a lot of empirical work in material and energy flow analysis to track these structures and relate them to various other features of societies, such as their population dynamics, household structures, time use, infrastructures, land use, and the like. I see contemporary states as products / stages in historical processes, as results of international division of labour, and as complex outcomes of micro-meso-macro processes. I wish to contribute to a fundamental change in the social science paradigm for the social, seriously taking into account natural processes as drivers and constraints.

To my mind, Ecological Economics is one of the communities (besides Human Ecology, Industrial Ecology, Ecological Anthropology and Environmental History) that can and should contribute to such a change in outlook, in particular among economists, and I am willing to contribute to this, even if I do not share a strong economic background.

*Candidacy endorsed by Nina Eisenmenger, Inge Roepke, Katharina Kowalski, Sigrid Stagl, Arild Vatn.*

## **SECRETARY**

### **Klaus Kubeczko**

I am senior researcher at the Austrian Institute of Technology in the Department of Foresight & Policy Development located in Vienna, Austria. I studied economics and social sciences focussing on ecological economics as well as evolutionary and institutional economics and hold a doctoral degree from Vienna University of Economics and Business. Presently, I work in the area of research, technology and innovation policy and am focussing on applied and action research related to large sectoral innovation systems such as transport and energy systems with a particular focus on issues of long term transition and sustainability. My work has been mostly empirical and applied, including foresight processes, transition management and full carbon accounting based on material flow analysis. Over the pas few years, I have been involved in several foresight activities and policy strategy processes at national and regional level. My earlier appointments were related to innovation for sustainable development in forestry at the European Forest Institute, Project Center INNOFORCE and on monitoring-methods of climate policy at IIASA in Laxenburg and at the IFF, Department of Social Ecology. My relations to the society date back to organising the ESEE conference in 2000 in Vienna, which was a great experience for me.

I am applying for the position of a secretary of ESEE for the coming period to support the activities of the society in general and also in intensifying the links with other associations with corresponding principles.

*Candidacy endorsed by Fritz Hinterberger, Rene Kemp, Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska, Sigrid Stagl, Arild Vatn*

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Begüm Özkaynak**

I am currently an assistant professor of economics at Boğaziçi University. I received my MA in Economics at Boğaziçi University; MPhil in Economics at Manchester University and PhD in Ecological Economics under Environmental Sciences at Autònoma de Barcelona University, Spain. My research interests include environmental and ecological economics,

sustainable development, urban sustainability and environmental governance. I have actively participated in the ESEE activities since 2000 and currently, I am among the local organizers of the next ESEE conference that will be held in Istanbul in 2011. In fact, I see ecological economics as a distinctive paradigm and would like to do my best so that it can realize its full potential and influence policy-making.

*Candidacy endorsed by Joan Martinez Alier, Sigrid Stagl, Jesus Ramos Martin, Heinz Schandl, Peter Söderbaum*

### **Esteve Corbera**

I am a Senior Research Associate at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia, and the UK's Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, where I have developed the early stages of my academic career. My background includes an undergraduate degree in Environmental Sciences (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 1999), an MSc in Natural Resources and Development (University of East Anglia, 2001) and a PhD in Development Studies (University of East Anglia, 2005). Most of my research has to date focused on the Kyoto Protocol's Clean Development Mechanism and its effectiveness in Mexico and South Africa, and on examining the equity implications of Payments for Environmental Services across scales of governance. I have written more than a dozen publications in leading scholarly journals, such as *Ecological Economics*, *Global Environmental Change* and *World Development*, contributed to edited volumes, numerous conferences and written many non-referred publications for the general public through working papers, website articles and newspapers. In doing so, I have collaborated with leading Ecological Economists, such as Katrina Brown, Neil Adger, Joan Martínez-Alier, Peter May and Richard Norgaard, among others. In the future I expect to continue developing international and European-based research on climate change issues and environmental justice which incorporates principles and methods from ecological economics.

I became an ESEE member in 2003, after presenting my first ever written academic paper in Tenerife, Spain. I felt ESEE was a vibrant and intellectually stimulating community of critical scholars and, since then, I have submitted papers to our biannual regional and international conferences, coordinated parallel sessions with other colleagues and organised the PhD students' workshop in our conference in Leipzig. Currently, I'm co-editing a Special Section for *Ecological Economics* with Unai Pascual and Roldan Muradian, due early 2010. If elected, I would contribute to ESEE by fostering communication and collaborative research between ecological economists across Europe and by actively coordinating country focal points. I would also work with other Board members to raise funding for a more effective engagement of ESEE with broader academic circles and civil society, including the further improvement of our website (e.g. incorporating videos and interactive discussion platforms) and fostering a better interaction between ecological economists, the media and policy-makers. In this regard, ecological economists may have plenty to add about the global economic downturn from different angles (e.g. biophysical limits, intergenerational issues, well-being and valuation, environmental justice), which can enrich debates and help to mainstream our perspectives and field of knowledge.

*Candidacy endorsed by Katrina Brown, Peter May, Unai Pascual, Jouni Paavola, Arild Vatn*

### **Janne Hukkinen**

I seek nomination to the ESEE Board in the fall 2009 election because I want to shape, together with ESEE members, a transdisciplinary society committed to exploring sustainable futures. I think ESEE's unique strength is its capacity to cross not just disciplinary boundaries, but also boundaries between science and society, which I see as the hallmark of transdisciplinary work. I have been a member of the ESEE Board since the fall of 2006 and the Chair of its membership and fundraising committee since 2008. While ESEE with over 350 paid members plus an active pool of student members is on a solid footing, it also faces many challenging opportunities. We can do more to hold on to existing members and recruit new ones. One such effort was the membership campaign conducted at the end of 2008 with the help of our country contact network. The 26 country contacts are a unique feature of the society, linking the members and the Board. As a society, we should also be on top of the latest developments in academic publishing. The launch of the society's new journal, Environmental Policy and Governance (EPG) offers an excellent platform for this. Finally, I think ESEE's key attraction is its ability to organize meetings that are much more stimulating than the run-of-the-mill scientific conferences. I am professor of environmental policy at University of Helsinki, Finland. I work on cognitive aspects of sustainability assessment and strategy. I am an editorial board member of Integrative Environmental Sciences and International Journal of Learning and Change, recipient of the Lasswell Prize for the best article published in Policy Sciences, and author of Sustainability Networks (Routledge 2008), Institutions in Environmental Management (Routledge 1999), Reindeer Management in Northernmost Europe (Springer-Verlag 2006) and Promoting Interdisciplinary Research (Academy of Finland 2005). I am also a member of the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme Environment and Climate Scientific Advisory Group and an expert environmental counselor of the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland. (See also <http://blogs.helsinki.fi/jahukkin/>)

*Candidacy endorsed by Andy Gouldson, Juha Hiedanpää, Tommaso Luzzati, Jouni Paavola, Inge Ropke, Peter Söderbaum.*

## **Giorgos Kallis**

I have been a member of the ESEE and ISEE for ten years now and much of my research has evolved around the inter-disciplinary themes of ecological economics. I work on climate change, social vulnerability and human security, participatory governance, evolution and coevolution, and political ecology. Recently I have become interested in the ecological dimensions of the economic crisis, and am trying to critically think about the concept of “sustainable de-growth” as a response to the multiple problems we are facing.

As a member of the ESEE board I will work to increase interactions between ESEE and civil society. There is a lot of politically-relevant research undertaken by ecological economists in Europe that is highly relevant in these times of economic and environmental crises, and it is crucial that we work to disseminate better this type of research and reach lay persons through a more intense mass media strategy. I also see as central to the long-term sustainability of our societies the continuation and development of training programs for young researchers (such as the Themes school or the Marie Curie Advanced schools before it). I also believe we should work closer to develop a European curriculum for Ecological Economic courses at the undergraduate and master levels, and eventually, organize a European PhD in Ecological Economics.

*Candidacy endorsed by Paula Antunes, Joan Martinez Alier, Nuno Videira, Jeroen Van Den Bergh, Jouni Paavola*

## **Ines Oman**

I am currently a senior researcher and head of the group “Sustainable Development and Quality of Life” at the Sustainable Europe Research Institute (SERI), Vienna. I studied economics and environmental systems sciences at the Universities of Graz (Austria) and Lund (Sweden). In 2004 I received a PhD in Economics from University of Graz (Thesis: ‘Multi-criteria decision aid as an approach for sustainable development analysis and implementation’). After working as a research fellow at Joanneum Research (1998), Austria I joined the Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, Energy in Germany (1999). Since 1998 I am teaching macroeconomics and ecological economics at the University of Graz and since 2006 Sustainable Development at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna.

When I first found out about Ecological Economics in 1999, I knew that this was my “scientific home”, as I was not satisfied by the answers mainstream economics is giving to environmental issues. Since then I have been active in ecological economics research with the main emphasis in integrated sustainability assessment, transdisciplinary research, governance for sustainable development and quality of life research. I have been an ESEE board member in 2008 and 2009, where I was head of the publications and publicity committee. I was responsible for the ESEE website, the quarterly newsletter, helped with the relaunch of Environmental Policy and Governance. If I am elected for a second term I will continue my work as leader of the publications and publicity committee and its related work. I am also intended to strengthen ESEE’s networking capacities to support European and international research cooperation, which is indispensable for finding solutions to current (global) societal problems.

*Candidacy endorsed by Felix Rauschmayer, Inge Ropke, Bernd Siebenhüner, Peter Söderbaum, Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska*

### **Unai Pascual**

(BSc Economics – Bilbao, Basque Country; MSc Environmental Economics and Environmental Management – York, UK; PhD Environmental Economics and Environmental Management – York, UK). At the moment I am a member of the current board of the ESEE (since 2006) and would like to continue contributing to the European Ecological Economics community from the Society's board. I am a lecturer of ecological economics at the University of Cambridge (Department of Land Economy since 2003). In the recent past I have held research positions in ecological economics at the University of York, (Environment Department, 1996-2001) and at the University of Manchester (School of Economic Studies, 2001-03). In addition, I am actively collaborating with various universities and research institutes in Europe, Latin America (Peru, Bolivia, Mexico) and Asia (e.g., India) since most of my research is concerned with the inter-relationships between land use change and economic development. For example, I am very interested in highlighting the complex links between deforestation and biodiversity loss (including agro-biodiversity loss) and rural poverty in the Third World. For the last five years I have been closely collaborating (and continue to do so) with international research organizations to conserve agro-biodiversity such as Diversitas International and Biodiversity International in the context of global environmental and economic change. More at [www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/staff/profiles/upascual.htm](http://www.landecon.cam.ac.uk/staff/profiles/upascual.htm).

I am convinced of the need to widen the influence that ESEE can have in shaping the ways in which researchers, policy makers and the European citizenship in general think of emergent local and global environmental challenges, including climate change. In this vein, I have noticed that ESEE has strengthened its important intellectual contribution to counterbalance the mainstream European economic policies that carelessly promote economic growth and over-consumption in the complacent North (specially as a way out of the actual structural economic crisis) thus furthering the inevitable ecological, economic and political conflicts in the South. The rich debate within ESEE about this issue is something that I would like to continue fostering within the ESEE. Europe cannot be silent or passive about the economic and environmental problems in the South! In addition I think that traditionally ESEE has held very valuable insights that has enriched other regional societies and the ISEE itself. Further, I think that it is important to continue fostering the flow of information and increased communication within ESEE, especially between young ecological economists (e.g. postgraduate students) in the new accession countries, thus learning more about common environmental challenges and more specific ones from all regions in Europe. This would no doubt increase the cohesion of a European view on the actual environmental and economic crisis within the ESEE – something really needed and which we should voice in a well tempered choral voice to European policy makers. I hope that by continuing in the ESEE Board I can strengthen these views through its different committees.

*Candidacy endorsed by Esteve Corbera, Tatiana Kluvankova-Oravska, Jouni Paavola, Mette Termansen, Arild Vatn*

### **Mikael Skou Andersen**

I am research professor in Policy Analysis at Denmark's National Environmental Research Institute (NERI) and Aarhus University. I began my academic career as a political scientist conducting comparative research of environment and energy issues, in particular with respect to processes of ecological modernisation, but my teaching and research soon began to address in a more operational way the integration of environmental concerns in the economy, particularly via environmental taxation. I took part in several large-scale EU projects and have collaborated with key persons in the environmental economics community of EAERE. About 10 years ago when I was employed by NERI I began to promote the integration of environmental economics with the environmental modelling capacity available at NERI, but avoiding superficial valuation approaches and emphasising the significance of non-linearities and other representations of the realities, this was influenced mainly by ideas and principles of ecological economics. At the same time I have devoted quite some effort to climate change mitigation and policy studies.

I am interested to join the board of ESEE for at least three reasons; 1) To strengthen the European Society for which I offer my organisational skills and experience; 2) To promote the important cross-fertilization between ecological economics and non-orthodox environmental economists, so as to enlarge and strengthen the community of ecological economics; 3) To help expand the collaboration between natural scientists and ecological economists, as the neoclassical paradigm can only be outperformed by developing more operational approaches within the theoretical framework of ecological economics. My most recent book publication, co-edited with Paul Ekins, is: *Carbon-energy taxation: lessons from Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2009) . See also: <http://person.au.dk/en/msa@dmu.dk>

*Candidacy endorsed by Norbert Kohlheb, Inge Røpke, Felix Rauschmayer, Mette Termansen and Andy Gouldson*

### **Irene Ring**

Being a member of ISEE since 1994 and of ESEE since its foundation in 1996, I consider ecological economics as my real scientific home. In 2007, I was member of the organising committee of the ESEE conference in Leipzig. Now, I would be very happy to increase my engagement for the development of ESEE as a new board member. I am working at the Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ in Leipzig, Germany, where I am Deputy Head of the Department of Economics, next to leading an interdisciplinary Social Sciences Working Group on Nature and Biodiversity Conservation. My own research focus is on economic instruments in conservation policies, biodiversity economics and environmental federalism, but I also regularly coordinate international and interdisciplinary research projects. Currently, I am actively contributing to the TEEB study on “The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity”. For many years, I have been teaching various courses in ecological economics, environmental sciences and public finances at the University of Leipzig. I spent the winter semester 2008/2009 at the University of Bayreuth, where I was invited to a guest Professorship of Ecological Services, as part of an international Master Degree's programme on Global Change Ecology..

*Candidacy endorsed by Paula Antunes, Stefan Baumgärtner, Felix Rauschmayer, Rui Santos, Arild Vatn*

**Andreas Thiel**

Lecturer, Division of Resource Economics, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin – Germany.

My main work focus revolves around developing an understanding of societal interaction with non-human nature. I approach this principally from an institutionalist perspective, which has been developed through my multi-disciplinary background in economics, political science and social theory. My current theoretical focus draws on classical and new institutional economics, and emphasises the importance of adequately conceptualising the environment in social scientific analysis. Empirical work to date has focused on water, coasts and landscapes as (natural) resources, mainly in Europe, and on analysing and critically evaluating changes in the way they are governed. My most profound scientific convictions are: methodological and theoretical openness and belief in the worth of debate in order to tailor innovative and sound research. I very much enjoy teaching and academic dialogue and exchange. As a member of the board of ESEE I want to work to promote an enthusiastic, innovative and dynamic society that remains open to new people and new ideas, that engages in teaching and rigorous scientific examination of emerging work, and that proactively shapes its role at the interface with society and policy.

*Candidacy endorsed by Ilona Banaszak, Violeta Dirimanova, Katharine N. Farrell, Giorgos Kallis, Jouni Paavola, Nuno Videira.*