

Call for Book Chapters

Tentative title: *Economics and Sustainability: A Disciplinary Nexus*

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Background

Economic outcomes are the result of cultural norms, beliefs and assumptions. As a result all aspects of cultural transmission may impact economic systems albeit to differing degrees. The present textbook project is focused on the relationship between economics and sustainability and acknowledges the significance of culture and the disciplinary nexus embedded in both the discipline of economics and the descriptive state of sustainability.

The starting perspective of the text is that economics is a nexus discipline. The discipline incorporates psychology, sociology, history, and religion and influences and is influenced by culture and the environment. Economic policy and systems establish institutional frameworks posited on assumptions of behavior, social norms and perception of the relationship between humans and the ecosystem. The teaching of economics arguably endogenizes the prevailing set of behavioral assumptions, facilitating their transformation from assumption to observable cultural norms.

In the majority of economics textbooks and courses the interdisciplinary influence and relationship between economics and culture is not discussed. Similarly, the relationship between sustainable outcomes and economic frameworks is not included in the course material. This text satisfies a need and not only promotes a stronger understanding of economics, which is essential for individuals, but also enables a tangible understanding of change agency and the relationship between individual action and the establishment of sustainable outcomes.

The book at completion will be used in economics courses that focus on sustainability and explicitly tie the outcome of economic systems to culture. Courses focused on this type of content are increasingly being developed given the significance of economics as a contributory element to anthropogenic climate change. Fundamentally, the basis for the text and course is to foster an explicitly normative approach to teaching and thereby inspire a catalyst for social change through education.

The solicited call is for authors with subject matter expertise in the following areas:

- Religion, Spiritual Practice and Sustainability
- Culture and Sustainability
- Historical Record and Sustainability
- Scientific Record and Sustainability
- Moral Philosophy and Sustainability

Objectives

Many universities and colleges are integrating sustainability programs into their institutions often economics is not included and where it is, it is not integrated with the discussion of the science

and humanities. Arguably, there is a significant connection between economics and sustainability where the discussion of the nexus can increase the tangibility of economics (consumer theory, producer theory, elasticity, and economic growth) but also increase student understanding of the interconnectivity between societal values and norms and the corresponding sustainability of economic outcomes. This latter point provides an opportunity to increase student comprehension of the relationship between areas of disciplinary study and related societal outcomes. In turn, this comprehensive perspective fosters the significance of societal participation, cultural norms and economic literacy with respect to the institutionalization of sustainability within a society, all of which support the sustainability and social justice initiatives found on many campuses.

Potential contributor

If you have a subject matter expertise in one or more of the chapter themes listed you are invited to send an abstract detailing your approach to the chapter content. Note that the abstract should relay the relationship between the subject and sustainability and should provide detail on the significance of the influence as well as your approach to the discussion. Examples related to the chapter theme may be used from any geography without background explanation however contextual explanation for examples is required for selected abstracts specific to full chapter submissions.

Please write a summary for proposed chapter (350-500 words) and attach a short bio/CV. Submissions should be emailed to economicsandsustainability@gmail.com.

Chapter Expectations

All invited authors will be provided with a template that will outline the sections standard for each chapter. Since this is meant to be a textbook there will be standardization across chapters specific to how information is presented. However, the outline and framework will not interfere with the author's expression of the subject matter.

Final chapter submissions must be original work that has not been published before. A 7,500-10,000 words maximum manuscript inclusive of references (without tables & figures) is expected for each chapter. Authors should avoid footnotes, endnotes and use of appendices. An integrated and multidisciplinary approach is strongly encouraged but must be easy to follow, non-technical and be accessible to a general audience. The edited text will be distributed by a major university press. Publisher details will be made available to authors invited to submit full chapters.

Timeline

A chapter proposal in the form of an abstract (350-500 words) is expected by the deadline (Sept. 22, 2017). All proposals will be reviewed and selected abstracts will be notified by October 1. All others will be notified on or before October 1. Following notification of acceptance, chapter guidelines will be forwarded along with additional publisher detail. Contributors will have 6-months to submit the first draft after the review and acceptance of the individual proposal. The manuscript will be peer-reviewed and returned to the authors for revision. Resubmission are expected within 3-months of receipt of the review. The text is scheduled to be available for use in the fall of 2018.

Important dates:

Sept 22, 2017- Proposal submission deadline

October 1, 2017- Acceptance notification

March 31, 2017- Full submission

May 1, 2017- Manuscript returned for revision

June 1, 2017- Final deadline for submission