

Keynote speaker: Jeremy Lent

Keynote talk: Toward an Ecological Civilisation: Vision and Principles

Presented by Jeremy Lent

In the face of climate breakdown and ecological overshoot, promises of “green growth” are not enough. We need to restructure the fundamentals of our global cultural/economic system to cultivate an Ecological Civilisation that prioritizes the health of living systems over short-term wealth production. This presentation assesses the full scale of our ecological crisis and reviews the rare historical precedents for the full-scale cultural/economic transformation currently required. It describes the foundational philosophy and principles of a life-affirming Ecological Civilisation and offers some specific examples of what such a transformed system might mean in practice.



Jeremy Lent is an author whose writings investigate the patterns of thought that have led our civilization to its current crisis of sustainability. His recent book, *The Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity's Search for Meaning*, explores the way humans have made meaning from the cosmos from hunter-gatherer times to the present day.

He is founder of the nonprofit Liology Institute, dedicated to fostering an integrated worldview that could enable humanity to thrive sustainably on the earth. His upcoming book is *The Web of Meaning: Integrating Science and Traditional Wisdom to Find Our Place in the Universe*.

Workshop: Making Ecological Civilisation Real: Practical Steps Toward Transformation

Facilitated by Jeremy Lent and Elizabeth Ferguson

Following on from Jeremy's earlier presentation, this workshop will interactively explore the question of what it will take to make an Ecological Civilisation a reality:

- How can the turbulence of our current crisis be transformed into a leadership opportunity?
- How can the vision of an Ecological Civilisation be applied to practical steps on a daily basis?

The workshop will invite you to explore the practical expression of the principles of Ecological Civilisation in your own work, and introduce practices of ecological leadership, providing skills to transform the challenge of climate breakdown into an opportunity for growth and vision.



Elizabeth Ferguson, Ph.D. is founder of Climate Compassion, dedicated to advancing compassionate action for ecological and social flourishing. She has recently initiated an action leadership cohort to face into the climate emergency, weaving together climate action, psychosocial resilience, spiritual practice, and regenerative adaptation. She holds a doctorate in Transpersonal Psychology, and consulted to leading tech companies in Silicon Valley for over a decade in Usability Research. She is a facilitator and coach, certified in Permaculture Design and Leadership Embodiment Coaching. As a member of the International Transformational Resilience Coalition she is working to build large-scale psychosocial resilience ahead of climate breakdown.