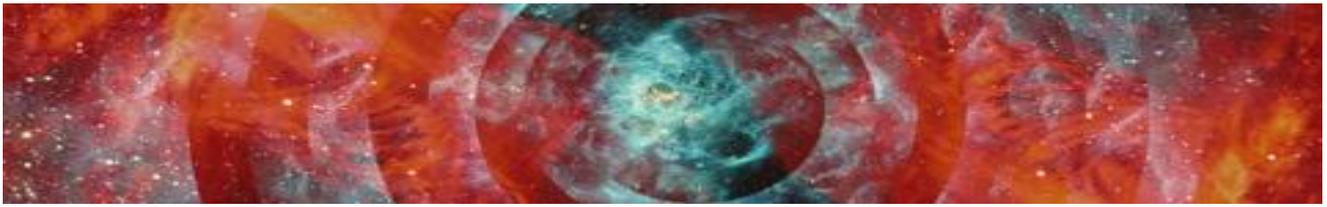


Social Ecology Symposium 2013 – ‘The Expanding Universe of Social Ecology’

April 18 (Thurs)-19 (Fri) 2013, University of Western Sydney – Hawkesbury Campus



Rationale: In its 30-year history at the University of Western Sydney, Social Ecology has established a unique position in the Australian educational landscape as a radical transdisciplinary program that applies ecological perspectives to enable personal and social action for a meaningful, equitable and sustainable world. Many Social Ecology graduates have gone on to prominent roles as leaders, thinkers and social activists in academic settings, government, non-government, community and business organisations, and in the arts. In 2013 Social Ecology is well positioned to capitalise on the growing interest in issues of sustainability, with a recent major publication ([Social Ecology: Applying Ecological Understanding to Our Lives and Our Planet](#)) attracting significant international attention, staff awards for our work in sustainability education and creative pedagogies for transformation, and recent high level appointments.

Aims: The aims of the April 2013 symposium are to take stock of our successes, to learn from the achievements of our graduates and, most importantly, to renew and re-imagine the Social Ecology agenda in light of recent developments and pressing needs for social change to achieve global and local sustainability. We invite you to join with us to help us reaffirm and redefine the Social Ecology project to play a leading role in promoting a sustainable society and to proactively be ready to meet the challenges ahead.

Presenters:

Special guest: [Stephen Kellert](#), Tweedy Ordway Professor Emeritus of Social Ecology at Yale University, plus Stuart Hill, Uncle Max Dulumunmun Harrison, Susan Murphy, Margaret Somerville, Brendon Stewart, Richard Bawden, Carol Birrell, David Bubna-Litic, Catherine Camden-Pratt, Dexter Dunphy, Bruce Fell, Karen Malone, Dale Hunter, Sally Gillespie, Susie Goff, Christina Kirk, David Wright...and more!

Program: The program includes:

1. a dialogue stream, featuring a series of panels with invited presenters, arranged around the following core themes in our work:
 - Social Ecology as action pedagogy for transformative education
 - Community action/community arts
 - Ecopsychology and cultural change
 - Sense of place
 - Environmental education and advocacy
 - Leading change
 - Ecological futures
 2. An open workshop stream (proposals can be submitted via the symposium website)
 3. [Biophilic Design](#) documentary screening and discussion with Professor Kellert
 4. Campfire and storytelling with Uncle Max Harrison
 5. Symposium dinner
- and that's not all...*

To register go to www.uws.edu.au/education/soe/social_ecology_symposium.

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