



## **“Transforming International Finance: toward Economic, Social and Planetary Justice”.**

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Biographies and headshots of Speakers and moderators as they appear



**Roy Culpeper, Chair, Group of 78**

Roy Culpeper is Honorary Senior Fellow of the University of Ottawa’s School of International Development and Global Studies, Adjunct Professor at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, and a Fellow of the Broadbent Institute. He is Chair of the Group of 78, and founding Chair of the Coalition for Equitable Land Acquisitions and Development in Africa (CELADA). From January until May 2011 he was Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair at the

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. Previously he was President and Chief Executive Officer of The North-South Institute, Ottawa. Earlier in his career, he was an official at the World Bank in Washington, the federal Departments of Finance and External Affairs in Ottawa, and the Planning Secretariat of the Government of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

Roy Culpeper obtained his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Toronto. He has published widely on the issues of international development, finance and global governance.





**Jim Stanford** is Economist and Director of the [Centre for Future Work](#). He divides his time between Vancouver, B.C., and Sydney, Australia.

Jim is one of Canada's best-known economists. He served for over 20 years as Economist and Director of Policy with Unifor, Canada's largest private-sector trade union (formerly the Canadian Auto Workers). He is quoted frequently in the print and broadcast media, and contributes regular commentaries to the *Toronto Star*, Global National news, and CKNW Radio. He is also the Harold Innis Industry Professor in Economics at McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, and an Honorary Professor in the Department of Political Economy at the University of Sydney.

Jim received his Ph.D. in Economics from the New School for Social Research in New York. He also holds an M.Phil. in Economics from Cambridge University, and a B.A. (Hons.) in Economics from the University of Calgary.

Jim is the author of *Economics for Everyone: A Short Guide to the Economics of Capitalism* (second edition published by Pluto Books in 2015), which has been published in six languages. Stanford has written, edited or co-edited six other books, and dozens of articles and reports in both peer-reviewed and popular outlets.

He has provided research and advice through numerous federal and provincial government panels and inquiries on economic policy, innovation, jobs, and social policy. Jim is recognized for his ability to communicate economic concepts in an accessible and humorous manner.



**Susan Tanner**, Vice-Chair, Group of 78; Secretary, OREC

Susan Tanner, L.L.B., M.E.S., L.L.M While holding senior positions in both Federal and Ontario governments Susan has maintained an active role in the non-profit community. In 1982, Susan was the founding chairperson of LEAF (Legal Education and Action Fund) to promote the rights of women under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. In 1995, Friends of the Earth (FoE) Canada accepted a UN Environmental Prize for work on the Montreal Protocol done under her leadership. Susan continues to be actively involved with organizations such as Ottawa Renewable Energy Coop, Women for Nature (Nature Canada) and Group of 78.

Government positions included: Senior Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Justice on Gender Equality and Diversity; Forum Lead, WUF Habitat Jam; Member of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board; Vice-Chair, Social Assessment Review Board; and mediator for the Ontario Grievance Settlement Board.



She holds a Masters of Environmental Studies and a Masters of Law.



**Richard Kozul-Wright**, is the director of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's globalization and development strategies division.

He has worked at the UN in both New York and Geneva and published widely on economic issues, including in the *Economic Journal*, the *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, the *Journal of Development Studies*, and the *Oxford*

*Review of Economic Policy*.

He has co-written books such as *The Resistible Rise of Market Fundamentalism* with Paul Rayment and co-edited volumes on Transnational Corporations and the Global Economy, Economic Insecurity and Development, Securing Peace, Climate Protection and Development and Industrial Policy.

He also co-edited *Transforming Economies: Making Industrial Policy Work for Growth, Jobs and Development* published by the International Labour Organization.

He holds a PhD degree in economics from the University of Cambridge in the UK.



**Manfred Bienefeld**, Professor Emeritus, School of Policy and Public Administration

Manfred A. Bienefeld is emeritus professor in the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. His current research interests include, development policy, wages/employment, commodity/capital markets, human capital, technology/industrialization, development and the environment, development in a historical perspective, his area interests include

Africa, Canada, the Pacific, and East Asia and his issue interests include, the debt crisis, protectionism, industrial policy, planning, privatization, and the "newly industrializing countries." He has edited (with Jane Jenson and Rianne Mahon) *Production, Space, Identity*, Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press 1993.



**Grace Blakeley** Grace Blakeley studied philosophy, politics and economics at St Peter's College, Oxford, then obtained a master's degree in African studies at St Antony's College, Oxford. After graduating, she worked as a management consultant for KPMG in their Public Sector and Healthcare Practice division. Blakeley then worked as a research fellow for a year at the left-wing think tank, Institute for Public Policy Research in Manchester, specialising in regional economic policy.

She joined the magazine *New Statesman* in January 2019 as its economics commentator, writing a fortnightly column and contributing to the website and podcasts. Her articles for the magazine included support for a Green New Deal. Her first book, *Stolen: How to Save the World from Financialisation*, was published by Repeater Books on 10 September 2019. Blakeley became a staff writer for the democratic socialist magazine *Tribune* in January 2020. She sits on the Labour Party's National Policy Forum, which is responsible for policy development.

Blakeley's second book, *The Corona Crash: How the Pandemic Will Change Capitalism*, was published in October 2020.



**Jen Hassum** assumed the role of Executive Director at the Broadbent Institute in September 2021. In the last two decades, she led teams at the municipal, provincial and national levels. She is recognized as an innovator in building online community and mobilizing users to real-world action. Most recently as the Publisher of PressProgress, she helped oversee its growth into an award-winning national news organization read by millions of Canadians. Over the years, her work has contributed to historic electoral victories, winning new organized workplaces and helping win important public policy gains for working-class people. She

studied history at York University and the University of Toronto and lives in Cambridge, ON with her partner and two young kiddos.



**Angella MacEwen** Angella MacEwen is the Senior Economist at CUPE, where her focus is on the impacts of social policy and broader economic trends for workers, especially climate policy and international trade and investment treaties. A research associate with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives since 2006, Angella is a regular contributor to their Alternative Federal Budget. She's also a policy fellow with the Broadbent Institute, and sits on the steering committee of the Progressive Economics Forum. She holds a Masters in



Economics from Dalhousie University, and an undergraduate degree in International Development Studies from Saint Mary's University in Halifax.



**Senator Rosa Galvez**

The Honourable Rosa Galvez is an environmental engineer, an independent senator, and the President of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change of ParlAmericas. She was a professor at Laval University in Québec for over 25 years and was Chair of its Civil and Water Engineering department from 2011 to 2017. She specializes in pollution control, water and wastewater treatment, watershed management, sustainable development, municipal and hazardous waste, site remediation, impact assessment and climate risk to infrastructure.

At the Senate of Canada, she is a member of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance and the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources which she chaired during the 42<sup>nd</sup> Parliament. In 2021, she was the sponsor in the Senate of the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*, providing an accountability framework for the Canadian federal government to achieve its net-zero emissions goal by 2050. She was also recipient of the Clean50 Award 2021 for her parliamentary work on climate and the environment. In March 2022, she published a white paper on *Aligning Canadian Finance with Climate Commitments*, which led to the introduction in the Senate of Bill S-243, the *Climate-Aligned Finance Act*, legislation to help guide Canada's financial sector in its transition to a net-zero economy.



**Bruce Campbell** is former Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. He is adjunct professor, York University, Faculty of Environmental Studies; and Senior Fellow, Toronto Metropolitan University, Centre for Free Expression. He is the author of *The Lac-Mégantic Rail Disaster: Public Betrayal Justice Denied*, James Lorimer, 2018. He is the author of *The Petro-Path Not Taken: Comparing Norway with Canada and Alberta's Management of Petroleum Wealth*, CCPA, January 2013, and a recent commentary comparing the two countries on climate action.





**Mark Plant** is co-director of development finance, a senior policy fellow, and chief operating officer of Center for Global Development Europe. His appointment to CGD follows a long career at the International Monetary Fund, where he was most recently the director of Human Resources. Prior to that, Plant worked extensively with African countries, culminating in his appointment as deputy director of the IMF's African Department. He also held a range of senior positions in the Strategy, Policy and Review Department, where he had oversight of the IMF's policies towards low-income countries, including its work on the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (MDRI) and the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative. Before joining the IMF, Plant held senior positions in the US Department of Commerce and at the General Motors Corporation. He began his career teaching economics at the University of California, Los Angeles.



**Matías Vernengo** is Professor at Bucknell University. He was formerly Senior Research Manager at the Central Bank of Argentina, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Utah, and Assistant Professor at Kalamazoo College and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He has been an external consultant to several United Nations organizations like the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the International Labor Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the United Nations Development Program, and has six edited books, two books and more than one hundred articles published in scientific peer reviewed journals or book chapters. He specializes in macroeconomic issues for developing countries, in particular Latin America, international political economy and the history of economic ideas. He is also the co-editor of the *Review of Keynesian Economics* and co-editor in chief of the *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*.



**Eric Helleiner** is a Professor in the Department of Political Science and Balsillie School of International Affairs at the University of Waterloo. His recent books include *The Neomercantilists: A Global Intellectual History* (2021), *The Status Quo Crisis: Global Financial Governance after the 2008 Meltdown* (2014), and *The Forgotten Foundations of Bretton Woods* (2014).



**Susan Spronk** teaches at the School of International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa. Her research focuses on the impact of neoliberalism on the transformation of the state and social policy, and the rise of anti-privatization movements in Latin America and South Africa. She is also a research associate with the Municipal Services Project, an international research project that focuses on policy alternatives in municipal service delivery in Africa, Asia and Latin America (<http://www.municipalservicesproject.org>). Her articles have appeared in *Studies in Political Economy*, *Water Alternatives*, *Latin American Perspectives*, *International Labor and Working Class History*, amongst others. Her most recent book in English and Spanish is *Public Water and Covid-19: Dark Clouds and Silver Linings* (with David A. McDonald and Daniel Chavez).



**Heather Whiteside** is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo and Fellow at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Canada. Her research on the political economy of the state, privatization, and fiscal-finance has been published in journals including *Canadian Public Administration*, *Economic Geography*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Studies in Political Economy*, and *Urban Studies*, and through six books including *Varieties of Austerity* (2021), *Canadian Political Economy* (2020), and *Capitalist Political Economy* (2020). Heather is also currently working on grant-funded projects related to colonial era joint-stock royal charter companies in English North America and public enterprise solutions for post-pandemic recoveries.



**John Anderson** is a Senior Researcher with the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada. He represents PIPSC on the Canadian Labour Congress Task Force on Automation and Artificial Intelligence which will present its report in the fall of this year. Prior to this, John was an independent researcher who wrote the major studies on postal banking for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and several reports for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives including one on regulating the digital giants. He also has been the Director of Policy and Research for the Federal NDP as well as Director of Policy for the Canadian Co-operative Association and Research Director for the Canadian Council on Social Development, as well co-ordinator of the Technological Adjustment Research Project for the Ontario Federation of Labour. He taught Labour Studies at McMaster University for 13 years. He is a frequent op-ed contributor to major dailies. He has a BA and MA from McGill University.





### **Peter Venton**

Peter Venton, MA (Econ) is an economist and lead of the Canadian Pugwash Group's "Global Issues Project" which focuses on the search for socioeconomic and environmental threats to human security. Prior to his retirement in 2009, Peter was a senior economist in the Ontario Government's Ministry of Finance for 25 years. His work included analyzing and advice on federal, provincial and municipal taxation and fiscal policies,

federal-provincial finance and provincial-municipal finance. Since his retirement, he has published articles on political economy that include:

- "Radical Changes in Canadian Democracy for Ecology and the Public Good" (2015)
- "Pope Francis's Ethics for Democratic Capitalism and the Common Good" (2017)
- "Towards World Federalism for International Peace and a Sustainable Environment" (2018)
- "The Political Economy of Managing Without Growth." (2020)
- "The Politics of Climate Change Since the US Golden Age of Democracy and Capitalism" (2022)



**Andrés Arauz** is an Ecuadorian economist. He completed his PhD in financial economics at UNAM in Mexico City. His research work focuses on banks, cross-border payments, technology and the public sector. He is a former presidential candidate -runner up in the 2021 elections-, Minister of Knowledge and Human Talent, former Vice Minister of Development Planning, and former Chief Operating Officer of the Central Bank of Ecuador. He was the architect of the world's first central bank digital currency. Arauz transformed Ecuador's national payment system in favor of

technological and economic inclusion of the popular and solidarity financial sector. He sat on the boards of Ecuador's Tax Committee, Foreign Trade Committee, and Public Debt Committee. He has worked together with civil society organizations from around the world on tax justice, illicit financial flows, and monetary reform and has done consulting and advisory work in these areas. He is a leading researcher and supporter of Special Drawing Rights and leads Ecuador's Observatorio de la Dolarización.







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**Mario Seccareccia** Professor emeritus at the Department of Economics, University of Ottawa

Mario Seccareccia is a professor emeritus at the Department of Economics, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where he taught for forty years, from 1978 to 2018, in the fields of macroeconomics, monetary theory, labour economics, history of economic thought, and economic history areas in which he has also published extensively. Indeed, he has published over 100 academic articles in scientific refereed journals or chapters of books and has authored or edited a dozen books/textbooks and monographs. He has also edited or co-edited some 40 special issues of journals. Also, some of these publications are of an interdisciplinary nature and cover many areas of political economy.

Mario Seccareccia has been visiting professor in a number of universities in France (Université de Bourgogne, Université de Grenoble, Université Paris 13, and Université Paris-Sud) and in Mexico (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)), and he participates regularly in policy debate in both Europe and North America.



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