



## Structuring an Economy for People and Planet in the Time of Climate Crisis and COVID-19

Thursday, May 28 at 11:00am PST/ 2:00pm EST USA Time

*Please check your own time zone to coordinate!*

**Register here:** <https://bit.ly/2y03kX3>



### **Melina Laboucan-Massimo (Lubicon Cree) Campaign Director, Indigenous Climate Action**

Melina Laboucan-Massimo is Lubicon Cree from Northern Alberta, Canada. She is the founder of Sacred Earth Solar and the Campaign Director at Indigenous Climate Action. She has worked on social, environmental and climate justice issues for over 15 years. Melina has worked, studied and campaigned in Brazil, Australia, Mexico, Canada and across Europe focusing on resource extraction, climate change impacts, media literacy, energy literacy and Indigenous rights & responsibilities.

Melina is the host a new TV series called Power to the People which documents renewable energy, food security and eco-housing in Indigenous communities across North America. She is also a Fellow at the David Suzuki Foundation with a focus on Climate Change, Indigenous Knowledge and Renewable Energy. Facing the firsthand impacts of the Alberta tar sands in her home community, Melina has been a vocal advocate for Indigenous rights and environmental justice. For over a decade, Melina worked as a Climate and Energy Campaigner with Greenpeace Canada and the Indigenous Environmental Network. She has written for a variety of publications and produced short documentaries on the tar sands, climate change, water issues and Indigenous cultural revitalization.



### **Cindy Wiesner Executive Director, Grassroots Global Justice**

Cindy Wiesner, a 25-year veteran of the social justice movement in the U.S. and internationally, is the executive director of the Grassroots Global Justice Alliance. She's been active in many movement building initiatives, including Climate Justice Alliance, World March of Women, Social Movement Assemblies, International Council of the World Social Forum, Fight Against the FTAA, UNITY, Building Equity and Alignment Initiative and, currently, It Takes Roots and the Rising Majority, Green New Deal National Network and

People's Bailout. Her main passions are training organizers in a transformative radical organizing model and building counter-hegemonic campaigns that not only fight what participants are against, but put into practice what they want to see manifested. She identifies as a lesbian and is of Salvadoran, Colombian and German descent. She is a grassroots feminist, internationalist, and movement strategist.



**Ruth Nyambura**  
**African Eco-Feminists Collective, Kenya**

Ruth Nyambura is a Kenyan eco-feminist and researcher working on the intersections of ecological justice in Africa. Her work and activism uses a feminist political ecology lens to critically engage with the continent's and global food systems; challenging neoliberal models of agrarian transformation and amplifying the revolutionary work of small-holder farmers of Africa (most of them women), as well as rural agrarian movements offering concrete anti-capitalist alternatives to the ecological, economic and democratic crisis facing

the continent.



**Dr. Julia Kim**  
**Program Director, Gross National Happiness (GNH) Center, Bhutan**

Dr. Julia Kim is the Program Director for the Gross National Happiness (GNH) Centre Bhutan [www.gnhcentrebhutan.org](http://www.gnhcentrebhutan.org). She joined the GNH Centre in 2013, after serving as a member of the International Expert Working Group for a New Development Paradigm (convened by the Royal Government of Bhutan).

Through local and international partnerships, the GNH Centre leads initiatives that promote a more flourishing, equitable and sustainable world - based on New Economics principles, alternative progress measures, the growing science of wellbeing,

and sustainable development (Global Wellbeing Lab and The Right Livelihood & GNH Program). Prior to living in Bhutan, Julia worked as a physician and HIV researcher in Africa and Asia, before serving with the United Nations (UNDP and UNICEF) in New York. She brings a background in programs, policy, and research in the fields of global health and sustainable development, and is a member of the Club of Rome and an associate of the Presencing Institute - a global network that views the integration of awareness-based practices as a core capacity of 21st-century innovation and leadership. Julia holds degrees from the University of Manitoba, Cornell University, Tufts University, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



**Ellen Brown**  
**Attorney and Founder of the Public Banking Institute**

Ellen Brown is the founder of the Public Banking Institute and the author of a dozen books and hundreds of articles. She developed her research skills as an attorney practicing civil litigation in Los Angeles. In the best-selling *Web of Debt* (2007, 2012), she turned those skills to an analysis of the Federal Reserve and "the money trust," showing how this private cartel has usurped the power to create money from the people themselves and how we the people can get it back.

Ellen ran for California State Treasurer in 2014 with the endorsement of the Green Party garnering a record number of votes for a Green Party candidate. Her 330+ blog articles are at <http://EllenBrown.com>. The Public Banking Institute is at <http://PublicBankingInstitute.org>. She can be heard biweekly on "It's Our Money with Ellen Brown" on PRN.FM.



**Rauna Kuokkanen (Sápmi)  
Professor, Arctic Indigenous Studies, University of Lapland,  
Finland**

Rauna Kuokkanen is Research Professor of Arctic Indigenous Studies at the University of Lapland, Finland. Prior to that, she was Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science and Indigenous Studies Program at the University of Toronto (2008-2018). Her main areas of research include comparative Indigenous politics, Indigenous feminist theory, Indigenous women's rights and Arctic Indigenous governance and legal and political traditions.

Professor Kuokkanen's new book *Restructuring Relations: Indigenous Self-Determination, Governance and Gender*, forthcoming by Oxford University Press in 2018, is an Indigenous feminist investigation of the theory and practice of Indigenous self-determination, governance and gender regimes in Indigenous political institutions. She was the founding chair of the Sámi Youth Organization in Finland and has served as the Vice-President of the Sámi Council. She has also long worked and advocated for the protection of Sámi sacred sites, particularly Suttésája, a sacred Sámi spring in Northern Finland. Professor Kuokkanen was recently appointed as the Chair of the Arctic Program Committee of NordForsk. She is from Ohcejohka/Utsjoki, Sápmi (Finland).



**Osprey Orielle Lake  
Founder and Executive Director of WECAN International**

Osprey Orielle Lake is the Founder and Executive Director of the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN) International dedicated to accelerating a global women's climate justice movement. She works nationally and internationally with grassroots and Indigenous leaders, policy-makers and scientists to promote climate justice, resilient communities, and a just transition to a decentralized, democratized energy future. She serves on the Executive Committee for the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature

and Osprey is the Co-Director of the Indigenous Women's Divestment Delegations, and actively leads WECAN's advocacy, policy and campaign work in areas such as Women for Forests, Divestment and Just Transition, Indigenous Rights, a Feminist Agenda for a Green New Deal, and UN Forums. Osprey is the author of the award-winning book, "Uprisings for the Earth: Reconnecting Culture with Nature."

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