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ECOLOGICAL Debt?



8:30 – 9:00 Welcoming attendees

9:00 – 9:15 **INTRODUCTION**

- **Jean-Paul Huchon**, President of the Île-de-France Region
- **Laurence Tubiana**, Director of the Sciences Po Sustainable Development Center and IDDRI

9:15 – 11:15 **FIRST SESSION:**

EMERGENCE OF THE ECOLOGICAL DEBT CONCEPT

With the concept of ecological debt used ever more frequently, it is necessary to take a look at the history behind it and at its different definitions. In the first session we will therefore lay the groundwork for the debate by providing a few key historic and theoretical elements about the emergence of the ecological debt concept, as well as some criticism.

- **Jean Gadrey**, Professor (University Lille-1, France)
- **Olivier Godard**, Professor (École Polytechnique, France)

Presentations followed by a round table discussion with:

- **Andrew Simms**, Author, Campaigner and Fellow (The New Economics Foundation, United Kingdom)
 - **Leida Rijnhout**, Executive Director (ANPED-The Northern Alliance for Sustainability, Belgium)
- Chairman: Antoine de Ravignan** (Deputy editor-in-chief of *Alternatives internationales* and journalist at *Alternatives économiques*)

11:15 – 11:35 Coffee Break

11:35 – 13:00 **SECOND SESSION:**

OPERATIONALITY OF THE CONCEPT OF ECOLOGICAL DEBT

In the second session we will address questions regarding the operability of ecological debt. Has the concept already been applied? Is it applicable economically? Do the necessary tools to measure and assess its implementation exist in economic theory? And, is it compatible with the economy?

- **Olivier Deleuze**, member of the Belgium federal government from 1999 to 2003 and European Deputy (Belgium)
- **Esperanza Martinez**, Coordinator (Oilwatch South America), member (Acción Ecológica) (Ecuador)
- **Michel Rocard**, Ex-French Prime Minister, French ambassador for International Negotiations on the Arctic and the Antarctica (France)
- **Laurence Tubiana**, Director of the Sciences Po Sustainable Development Center and IDDRI (France)

Moderator: Laurence Caramel (Journalist, *Le Monde*)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch (offered by the Île-de-France Region)

14:30 – 16:00 **THIRD SESSION:**

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS (SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 **FOURTH SESSION:**

FINAL ROUND TABLE

On the basis of the day's debates, representatives of the main political groups of the Île de France Region will discuss the advantages of including the concept of ecological debt in their policies.

- **Marie-Pierre Badré**, Regional councillor groupe Majorité présidentielle at the Regional council of Île-de-France
 - **Guillaume Balas**, Head of the Parti socialiste group at the Regional council of Île-de-France
 - **Cécile Duflot**, Head of the Europe Écologie Les Verts group at the Regional council of Île-de-France
 - **Gabriel Massou**, Head of the Front de Gauche group at the Regional council of Île-de-France
- Chairman: **Ruth Stegassi** (journalist, France Culture)

18:00 – 18:15 **CONCLUSION**

- **Philippe Kaltenbach**, Vice-President for International and European Affairs of the Île-de-France Region and senator of the Hauts-de-Seine

18:15 **CLOSING COCKTAIL**

WORKSHOP 1: ECOLOGICAL DEBT AS A TOOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

During this workshop, ecological debt will be discussed through the prism of environmental justice and solutions and policies suggested for reducing environmental injustices between regions or among populations in one region.

- **Eloi Laurent**, Senior economist and scientific advisor (OFCE), Professor (MPA of Sciences Po and Stanford University) (France)
- **William Bourdon**, Lawyer, founding President (Sherpa NGO, France)
- **Thierry Ngosso**, PhD student (University catholique of Louvain, Belgium)

Chairman: Jacques Picard, Île-de-France Regional councillor

Workshop in French

WORKSHOP 2: SOUTHERN COUNTRIES AND ECOLOGICAL DEBT

Does ecological debt only concern North-South relations, or also those between emerging and developing countries, or even domestic situations within developing countries? This workshop will focus on whether ecological debt is a relevant tool for going beyond North-South relations and integrating South-South relations, particularly with regard to extending natural resource extraction policies in developing countries created by emerging countries.

- **Kathryn Hochstetler**, Professor (Balsillie School of International Affairs, University of Waterloo, Canada)
- **Jose Augusto Padua**, Professor of Environmental History, Dr. in Political Sciences, (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- **Leida Rijnhout**, Executive Director (ANPED-The Northern Alliance for Sustainability, Belgium)

Chairman: Grégoire Chertock, Île-de-France Regional councillor

Workshop in English

WORKSHOP 3: INTERGENERATIONAL DEBT

The issue of intergenerational debt is becoming crucial both within countries and between countries. To what extent can the concept of ecological debt modify development practices and foster better consideration of the needs of all?

- **Andrew Simms**, Author, Campaigner and Fellow (The New Economics Foundation, United Kingdom)
- **Olivier Deleuze**, member of the Belgium federal government from 1999 to 2003 and European Deputy (Belgium)
- **Daniel Joutard**, Founder and manager (Ainy, France)
- **José Gaillou**, Regional councillor of Guyana, founder member of the French Guyana Regional Natural Park and of the French Guyana Amazonian Park (France)

Chairman: Roberto Romero, Île-de-France Regional councillor

Workshop in English with simultaneous translation

WORKSHOP 4: DEBT AND OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT AID

Sustainable development and the global public goods approach have redefined official development aid. In addition, the credit crunch in less advanced countries has been partially taken into account by major investors. To what extent is ecological debt a means to pursue such reform of official development aid?

- **Denis Loyer**, former climate counsellor at the French Development Agency (AFD, France)
- **Luc Mukendi**, Coordinator (CADTM, Congo)
- **Pape Ahmet Keita**, President of the Environmental Commission of Regional Council of Dakar (Senegal)

Chairman: Clément Ortega-Pelletier, Île-de-France Regional councillor

Workshop in French

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