Greetings
The ESA Human Ecology Section has the following events scheduled for ESA Austin. Your participation is warmly invited in any and all, and do please encourage others interested in Human Ecology to come along and help build our section.

Special Session: SS 4 - ‘Earth Stewardship’: Workshop and Roundtable Discussion for a Potential Issues in Ecology
Monday, August 8, 2011: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM; 13, Austin Convention Center

As Earth Stewardship addresses complex socio-ecological problems, firmer integration of conventional ecology with Human Ecology is essential if a wider range of methods and approaches are to be harnessed. The Session will revolve around a facilitated workshop where participants will use simple, but effective, system analysis tools to explore Earth Stewardship challenges and opportunities. This will be followed by a roundtable discussion of the outcomes of the facilitated workshop. Critical feedback from these discussions will be used to help generate a manuscript targeted towards a broad audience of readers who are trying to understand the challenges that they face as Earth stewards, and could be submitted as an Issues in Ecology. In seeking to develop a practical interdisciplinary guide to Earth Stewardship the Human Ecology Section intends to ‘walk the talk’. Consequently, it is hoped that this Special Session will be of interest to a broad audience: your critical input is requested!

Mixer: Human Ecology Section mixer, joint with Applied Ecology, Agroecology, Urban Ecosystem Ecology, and Environmental Justice Sections
Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 PM-8:00 PM; Travis III, Radisson Hotel

This year’s section mixer is joint with a number of other sections that share our concern for the linkages between nature and culture. Mingle with like minded ecologists. Nibbles, soft drinks and cash bar.

Business Meeting: Human Ecology Section Business Meeting
Wednesday, August 10, 12 PM-1 PM; Room 18D, Convention Centre

All welcome, and bring a friend. Come and contribute your ideas and support for the future direction of this new section. Brown paper bag lunch.

Symposium: SYMP 22 - Global Perspectives of Earth Stewardship
Friday, August 12, 2011: 8:00 AM-11:30 AM; Ballroom E, Austin Convention Center

This symposium looks at processes driving or constraining the capacity of people to rationally choose to change their behaviour in order to become good Earth Stewards. Special emphasis will be on those aspects of Earth Stewardship that are common to all and those that are fundamentally local and contextual. Adequate time has been made available for discussion from the floor.
Speakers are;

- Thomas Lovejoy (George Mason University & Heinz Center for Science) *The imperative for planetary management*
- Barry Newell (Australian National University) *Metaphor, conceptual integration, and adaptive capacity*
- Alfredo Fantini (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina) *Problems, problematic situations and plural perspectives: Conciliating collective interests through wise forest stewardship*
- Carina Wyborn (Australian National University) *Engaging with earth stewardship*
- Rusong Wang (Chinese Academy of Sciences) *Rethinking, reform and renovation: A case study of ecological civilization renaissance in Hangzhou City*
- Rich Borden (College of the Atlantic) *Getting to the good life: Reflections on the psychological dimensions of a livable future?*
- Erle C. Ellis (University of Maryland Baltimore County) *Globalizing local thinking to support earth stewardship*

Followed by open discussion.

**Section Information Booth**

The Human Ecology Section has an information booth where you can come and pick up information on what the human ecology section is about. You can also leave your contact details to add to our email group lists. You may even win a prize! Volunteers to help staff the booth are most welcome — contact Rob rob.dyball@anu.edu.au or Amy amy.freitag@duke.edu to list your availability. If you have material related to human ecology that you think conference attendees might be interested in contact us and we can look to add it to the display.

**Website:** [ESAhumanecology.org](http://ESAhumanecology.org)

The Section has a new website and blog. Subscribe, join the conversation and help us to develop this into a useful resource.

**Section Flyer**

We have had a flyer made up to promote the section - see attached. Please put this up on any relevant notice board. Thanks to Sally White and ESA’s Historical Records Committee for putting this together for us.

Look forward to seeing you all at ESA Austin! Please forward this as you see fit

Cheers

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