



INVESTING FOR DEVELOPMENT: A JUST TRANSITION TO ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES IN ASIA PACIFIC

A Public Seminar and Discussion

2:00-3:30PM, Monday 16 July, Liverpool Campus (LC) 3.9.01 & 3.9.02

The UN's Sustainable Development Goals aim to transition global society to a very different future. The changes required for humanity will be immense, requiring enormous reconfigurations in how people live their lives. The concept of **JUST TRANSITION** aims to build a bridge from the present to a future where all jobs are green and decent, where poverty is eradicated, and where communities are thriving and resilient. It refers to a systemic and holistic approach to sustainability and addresses environmental, social and economic issues through measures to reduce the impact of job losses and industry phase outs on workers and communities, as well as creating measures to produce new, green, decent jobs, sectors and healthy communities.

Presenters from The International Labour Organization (ILO) Regional Office in Bangkok and from the ILO office in Nepal will outline how their programs provide support to governments and social partners in the Asia Pacific to promote employment-centric and inclusive growth through improved labour market governance, industrial relations, and protecting rights in the workplace. Presenters will focus discussions around cross-cutting issues of environment, gender equality, tripartism, social dialogue, and international labour standards. Presenters from the European Commission and the Asian Development Bank will discuss how projects need to link to results and policy outcomes.

The event will be opened by Professor Kevin Dunn, Dean, Social Sciences and Psychology, Western Sydney University and Mr Richard Howard, ILO Country Director in Nepal.

PRESENTERS

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