

Study Questions

The questions relate to the four pieces of reading that have been set for study before the taught aspect of the course begins in October.

Economic Challenge of Sustainability

- Why do economies grow?
- What do you understand by emergence?
- How would your life change if you could only have access to 10% of the oil you use today?

Green Economics, chapter 3

- What does the second law of thermodynamics have to do with the economy?
- What do you understand by a bioregion? How might the concept be relevant to economic planning?
- Can you think of something you use that came directly from nature?
- Give an example of a closed loop economic process that you are familiar with

It's the Core Economy, Stupid

- Do you think women or men are more likely to work in the core economy?
- Are there things you would do for love that you would never do for money?
- How do you understand the concepts of a 'time bank' and a 'time dollar'?

Green Economics: Chapter 12

- Do you think it should be possible to own land? What do you make of the indigenous view that 'The Earth is our Mother'?
- What would be the advantages and disadvantages of a land tax, from the point of view of the government?
- What do you understand by 'low-impact living'? Would it be a lifestyle you would choose for yourself?