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Subject: Doughnut Economics, Climate Change, and the SDGs! -- Looking Ahead to Beyond GDP Week 6

Greetings, Beyond GDP class, OLLI staff, and guests,

As promised, OLLI Announcements are listed at the end of this message.

Looking ahead to Week 6: **Doughnut Economics, Climate Change, and the SDGs!**

FIRST HOUR:

In advance of the 2012 U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development, Oxfam ecological economist Kate Raworth developed a “doughnut” model to visualize 11 key domains of human wellbeing, encircled by nine environmental global thresholds that must not be breached. We trace the evolution of this visually compelling model of human and ecological wellbeing, connections with the SDGs, and its application by the city of Amsterdam. (from the syllabus)

As part of the first hour, Paul Belanger will discuss climate change as an SDG; what it means and what needs to be done. Climate change is causing a divergence between GDP and the GPI, resulting in the erosion of wealth, and is impacting our future sustainability, biodiversity, our oceans and more. Concerns and solutions: The need to decarbonize our energy sources and sequester carbon emissions.

Background suggestions

1. View Kate Raworth’s riveting TEDx talk on [Why It’s Time for 'Doughnut' Economics](#) (17 min.)

2. How to Save the Planet: Degrowth vs Green Growth? Kate Raworth moderates a debate/discussion between Jason Hickel, London School of Economics, and Samuel Fankhauser, Oxford University. (90 min.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxJrBR0lg6s>

“As the climate crisis looms ever larger, a critical question has taken the stage: is economic growth incompatible with ecological sustainability? Green growth and degrowth proponents take staunchly different stances, but they do agree on one thing: overhauling the current economic growth model is necessary to avoid catastrophic climate change and ecological degradation. How to do it, on the other hand, is up for debate.” [source](#)

3. TIME magazine article (January 22, 2021): “Amsterdam Is Embracing a Radical New Economic Theory to Help Save the Environment. Could It Also

Replace Capitalism?" <https://time.com/5930093/amsterdam-doughnut-economics/>

4. *World Resources Institute* article (February 27, 2022): "6 Big Findings from the IPCC 2022 Report on Climate Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability" ([click here](#))

5. [Project Drawdown](#) - The World's Leading Resource for Climate Solutions

SECOND HOUR: "Regenerative Economics and the SDGs" -- presented by **Brenna Simmons-St. Onge**, Executive Director, [The Alliance Center](#).

Background suggestion

1. Learn about the [Regenerative Recovery Coalition](#), led by the Alliance Center:

While many focus on reinstating our pre-COVID way of life, The Alliance Center realizes there can be no return to "normal". Instead, recovering from the pandemic provides us with an opportunity to tackle the generational issues we face, such as economic inequality, environmental injustice and the climate crisis. We can rebuild Colorado with a regenerative future in mind—a future with a robust local economy that meets human needs abundantly and equitably provides clean air, water, food and energy to all.

No single organization can do this alone, so we formed the Regenerative Recovery Coalition. The Coalition is a collaboration of nonprofits, businesses, academic institutions, government agencies and individuals boldly working together towards this future.

We welcome your questions and/or comments. Feel free to contact us anytime via email or texting.

Best regards,

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OLLI ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Evaluations for first four-week courses have been sent out. Please help our facilitators by providing comments and suggestions.

2. OLLI at DU Fall Recess Webinar Series:

What are you doing between terms at OLLI? Join OLLI at DU for a series of six Fall Recess Webinars (formerly called Fall Seminars). All sessions will be held on Friday mornings from November 4 through December 16 via Zoom (skipping the day after Thanksgiving). Registration is now open and the cost is \$15 per webinar or \$60 for the bundle of six. There is no cost for OLLI members who purchased our Annual Membership.

The schedule is as follows:

Date: November 4 - 9:30-11:00

Title of Presentation: *Lost Department Stores of Denver*

Presenter: Mark Barnhouse

Date: November 11 - 9:30-11:00

Title of Presentation: *Que Viva La Raza*

Presenter: Nicki Gonzales

Date: November 18 – 9:30-11:00

Title of Presentation: *Denver's Greatest Early Architects*

Presenter: Carol Lynn Tiegs

Date: December 2 – 9:30-11:30

Title of Presentation: *Remembering the Music of Johnny Cash*

Presenter: Larry Tannenbaum

Date: December 9 – 9:30-11:00

Title of Presentation: *Winter Dreams: A Classical Music Season*

Presenter: Betsy Schwarm

Date: December 16 – 9:30-11:00

Title of Presentation: *The TV Celebrity Special - Bringing the Holidays into Our Living Rooms* - presented by *Chicken Lips*

Presenters: Dave Johnson and Bob Wells