

Round Table on “From Ecological Economics to Ecology, Economy and Society: Engagements with Interdisciplinarity in Environmental Research”

(This roundtable is being organized by ATREE, Bangalore)

Rationale:

When INSEE was founded, the idea of environmental research that bridges the natural and social sciences was still a nascent one in the Indian context. INSEE, although founded on the idea of bridging ecology and economics, has consistently sought to push the boundaries and is today poised to launch a journal titled “Ecology, Economy and Society”, reflecting a wider understanding of the environmental problem. Others have engaged with the same question (how to analyse environmental problems holistically) in their own ways and own institutional contexts. This panel probes the question of where do we stand today in our understanding of the conceptual, organizational, and pedagogical aspects of interdisciplinarity in environmental research?

This panel is not focused on a subtheme of the conference; instead, its focus is more expansive and engages the methodological questions that underpin INSEE’s work and approach.

Panelists:

1. Kanchan Chopra: Professor Emeritus, Former Director, Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi; Founding President of INSEE.
2. Arild Vatn: Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB); Former President of European Society for Ecological Economics.
3. Desmond McNeill: Head of Research and Director of SUMs Research School, Center for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo.

Moderator:

Sharad Lele: Senior Fellow & Convenor, Centre for Environment & Development, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE).