



## **Justice and Equity - Saturday Economic Lectures**

This term the Saturday morning Justice and Equity Economics Lectures continue with two challenging talks. The lectures start at 10.00am in the MacLaren Hall at Mandeville Place. We look forward to welcoming you. Please feel free to invite family, friends and colleagues from work.

### **‘Eradicating Ecocide’, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2011**

Polly Higgins is a barrister and international environmental lawyer, author of *Eradicating Ecocide*. In 2008 3,000 corporations caused \$2.2 trillion dollars of biodiversity destruction; in 2009 the figure was \$4 trillion. The final count for 2010 is expected to be exponentially higher. The economic argument for halting ecocide is made out, as is the moral one

### **Annual Economics Lecture, Tuesday 15th March 2011**

Ian Mason, Head of Law and Economics will give the Annual Economics Lecture at Hinde Street Methodist Church on Tuesday 15th March starting at 7.17pm.

### **At the Root of the Crisis: Who Gets to Create Money, Saturday 26th March 2011**

Over the last 160 years, the power to create money has shifted from the state to the private sector – specifically, to high-street banks. The skill with which the banks have handled this power can be seen in the crisis of the last few years. Ben Dyson of Positive Money explains why the biggest economic question we should be addressing is who gets to create money, for what purpose, and in what way. He will explain why a centuries-old business model used by the banks has become the biggest threat to economic development, and show how most of the social and economic issues we face today are rooted in the privatisation of the power to create money. He will also explain the simple reforms that need to be made to solve our debt problem and avert a further crisis.