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Research interests

My research forms part of the inter-disciplinary field of environmental studies, that is, the study of the social and bio-physical causes of environmental degradation. I am motivated by a quest to cross conceptual divides between the social and the natural domains as, for example, in my collaboration with R. Norgaard at Berkeley, where we advanced the concept of socio-ecological coevolution. I am interested on the political-economic roots of environmental degradation and its uneven distribution along lines of power, income and class. My current research is motivated by the double global economic and ecological crisis. I explore the hypothesis of sustainable de-growth: a smooth economic downscaling to a sustainable future where we can live better with less.