Ayubowan from Sri Lanka! Ohayo! Greetings!
私は古くからの友人であり、日本の崇拝者です
watashi wa turuku kara no yujindeari, Nihon no suhai-shadesu
inviting me, especially Prof. Arimura, It is a privilege to address to brilliant you for
minds at the world-renowned Waseda University. The post-Covid world seeks to
achieve sustainable development & SDG in the 21st century – including economic
Green Growth (BIGG) path shows the way forward Let us ACT NOW TOGETHER
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Sustainable development & Economic Policy -
balanced inclusive green growth (BIGG)
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Invited Lecture delivered at the Research Institute for Environmental Economics & Management (RIEEM), Waseda University, 4 October 2022.

This short lecture will cover sustainable development, sustainomics, the balanced inclusive green growth (BIGG) path.

It is brief summary of the first two lectures in the 15 or 30 hour compressed or full graduate course on Sustainomics & Sustainable Development, offered by MIND. The course text is:

Mohan Munasinghe, "Sustainability in the 21st Century: applying Sustainomics to implement the SDG" Cambridge University Press, 2019.

Sustainomics-BIGG Framework, Concepts and Principles

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- Making development more sustainable (MDMS) Climbing the mountain
- Sustainable development triangle Harmonization and integration
- Transcending boundaries Innovation and fresh ideas
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WHICH ? key global issues block Sustainable Development

- Poverty, inequality & other bad socioeconomic trends
- Resource shortages (energy, water, food, etc.)
- Financial sector collapse and wealth concentration
- · Unexpected shocks including pandemics, human-made & environmental disasters
- Conflict, insecurity & shift towards more multipolar world
- Weak leadership & poor decisionmaking
- UNETHICAL, unsustainable values (greed, corruption, violence, etc.)
- Unmanaged trade and special interests
- CLIMATE CHANGE is ultimate threat multiplier, worsening all other issues

Multiple threats are inter-related and synergistic BUT stakeholder interests are divergent. Responses uncoordinated. Weak leadership. People must push leaders to take more decisive action, especially at mid-level - city mayors & company CEOs, & community leaders

Robust, integrated, & comprehensive strategy needed



the Earth System into a unpredictable, dangerous state Stockholm Resilience Center 2015























Business: Corp. Social Responsibility (CSR+), ESG, Sustainability Accounting, Triple Bottom Line, etc.

• Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - considering wider social interests by being accountable for operational impacts on customers, suppliers, employees, shareholders, communities and environment.

• Sustainability Accounting & Reporting includes generation, analysis, use and reporting of economic, environmental and social information (monetised where possible) to improve corporate management and performance, using:

• Triple Bottom Line, which recognizes that the environmental & social consequences of corporate actions are as important as monetary gains,-seeking to measure & report on outcomes. GRI has launched new sustainab. reporting standard, replacing G4 guideline.

• Shared Value - making profits, with benefits to environment & to society through shared sources of value common to firm & society.

• Impact Investment – investing to benefit society & environment

• Integrated External Engagement goes beyond CSR with concern for a wide

range of stakeholders deeply into business decision making at every level.







versus 2005 Hui	rricane Katrina -	New Orleans, US
Event	Deaths	GNP/capita
2004 Tsunami – Sri Lanka	~35,000 (1 in every 570 people)	~ USD 1,000
2005 Hurricane Katrina - USA	~1850 (1 in every 200,000 people)	~ USD 35,000















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Problem: Reconciling Diverse Definitions of Sustainability Economic view focuses on optimality - maximum growth Environmental & social views use durability – system health

Economic: Maximum flow of income that could be sustained indefinitely, without reducing stocks of productive assets. Economic efficiency ensures both efficient resource allocation in production and efficient consumption that maximises utility.

Ecological: Preserving the viability and normal functioning of natural systems, including system health ability to adapt to shocks across a range of spatial and temporal scales. Defined by a comprehensive, multiscale, hierarchical, dynamic measure describing system resilience, vigour and organization.

Social: Maintaining the resilience of social systems and limiting their vulnerability to sudden shocks. Involves building social capital to strengthen cohesion, protecting cultural diversity and values, and improving inclusion and participation - especially of poor and disadvantaged groups.

Optimal Development Paths (Economic)

Maximize welfare (or utility), subject to non-decreasing stock of productive assets (or welfare itself). A simple example of maximization of the flow of aggregate welfare (W), cumulatively discounted over infinite time (t), is:

$$\operatorname{Max} \int_0^\infty W(C, Z) . e^{-rt} dt.$$

Here, W is a function of C (the consumption rate), and Z (a set of other relevant variables), while r is the discount rate.

C depends on the production rate of the economy, which in turn depends on stocks of various assets. Side constraints may be imposed to satisfy sustainability needs – e.g., non-decreasing consumption or stocks of productive assets (including natural resources).

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<u>Integration via Economic Optimisation</u> <u>subject to Sustainability Constraint</u>

Maximum flow of income (or consumption) that could be sustained indefinitely, without reducing stocks of productive assets. Economic efficiency ensures both efficient resource allocation in production and efficient consumption that maximises utility.

Define: A = E + N + S

Total assets = Economic capital + Natural capital + Social capital

Weak Sustainability Constraint: dA/dt > 0

Strong Sustainability Constraint: dE/dt > 0; dN/dt > 0; dS/dt > 0

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Durable Development Paths (Ecological)

Focus mainly on sustaining the quality of life – e.g., by satisfying environmental, social and economic sustainability requirements. They permit growth, but are not necessarily economically optimal. There is more willingness to trade off some economic optimality for the sake of greater safety, in order to stay within critical economic, environmental and social limits.

A simple durability index (D) for an organism or system is its expected lifespan (in a healthy state), as a fraction of the normal lifespan: D = D(R,V,O,S);

where durability (D) is a function of resilience (R), vigour (V), organization (O), and the state of the external environment (S) – especially in relation to damaging shocks.

Durable paths seek to increase diversity and adaptive capacity, while reducing risk.





























BIGG: Sustainable Production - Ideas from Workshops on Business 50 Sustainability for CEOs & Sen. Managers of top Multinationals

Sustainability & triple bottom line is wave of future.
 Resource use efficiency is win-win starting point.
 Ethical values are key to long term sustainability.

Recent Examples:

- BASF, Germany (Chemicals)
- TESCO, UK (Supermarkets)
- Unilever, Coca Cola, Reckit-Benkeiser, Johnson SC, Danone, Nestle (Retail)
- OPEC (Energy, Oil and Gas)
- Petrobras, Brazil (Energy, Oil and Gas)
- Sime Darby, Malaysia (Plantations Conglomerate)
- Novozymes, Denmark (Biotechnology)
- Vale, Brazil (Mining)
- Siemens, Shanghai Electric Group (Heavy Industry)
- Taylor, Portugal (Wine Producer)





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Transdisciplinary integrative analytical tools & economic policy applications

- Sustainable Development Goals (SDG, targets & indicators)
- Sustainable Pricing Policy
- Supply/Value Chain, Life Cycle Analysis: Sustainable Consumption & Production
- SD analysis (macro level)
- Action impact matrix (AIM)
- Green accounting (SEEA-SNA)
- Integrated models (IAM, CGE, etc.)
- SD analysis (micro level)
- Cost-benefit analysis (CBA) and economic valuation, multi-criteria analysis (MCA)
- Issues-policy transformation map (IPTM)

<u>BIGG: SD Analysis at the</u> <u>Macroeconomic/Sectoral Level</u> (general equilibrium analysis)

1. Macroeconomic/Sectoral Modeling

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- 2. Environmental and Macroeconomic Analysis
- 3. Poverty/Income Distributional Analysis

Some Key SD Modelling Objectives & Approaches

- •Utilitarian: Optimize discounted welfare or consumption/income over time
- Equity (intra-generational): Ensure income distribution at any given time will not become less equitable over time
- Equity (inter-generational): Ensure per capita income will not fall over time
- Strong sustainability: Ensure aggregate stock of productive assets (assuming full substitutability), will not decrease over time
- Weak sustainability: Ensure stocks of critical types of (non-substitutable) productive assets will not decrease over time
- Durability: Maintain resilience and decrease vulnerability of socioeconomic and ecological systems to withstand shocks within desirable limits
- •Steady state: Maintain consumption/income & resource use at constant levels
- Combinations of above: e.g., Utilitarian with strong sustainability constraint











BIGG Application	
SRI LANKA PRESIDENTIAL EXPERT COMMITTEE (2019)	2
Chairman: Mohan Munasinghe	
Report: "Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision & Strategic Path"	
"By 2030 Sri Lanka hopes to become a sustainable,	Example
upper middle income, Indian Ocean hub with	growth o
1. an economy that is prosperous, competitive and	environr
advanced;	(eg. poll
2. environment that is green and flourishing; and	
3. society that is inclusive, harmonious, peaceful & just.	
We seek Balanced Inclusive Green Growth (BIGG).	

Presidential Expert Committee on Sustainable Sri Lanka 2030 Vision: BIGG Integration Matrix						
	CLUSTERS					
	ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT	SOCIETY			
Example: Unsustainable_Economic prowth can harm the						
environment and society						
(eg. pollution)						















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- 7. SD Analysis (Project/Local)

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Cost-benefit analysis (CBA): single value method - money

Decision making criteria:

(1) Net present value (NPV) = PV(Benefits) – PV(Costs)

where $PVB = \sum_{t=0}^{T} Bt / (1+r)^{t}$; $PVC = \sum_{t=0}^{T} Ct / (1+r)^{t}$.

Bt and Ct are the project benefits and costs in year t, r is the discount rate, and T is the time horizon. Both benefits and costs are defined as the difference between what would occur *with and without* the project being implemented.

(2) Internal rate of return (IRR) is that value of discount rate which makes PVB = PVC

(3) Benefit-cost ratio (BCR) = PVB/PVC

(4) Least cost solution (LCS) is used if two projects yield the same benefits (PVB)

Accepting projects: NPV>0; IRR>r; BCR>1 Ranking projects: Higher NPV, IRR, BCR is better. For LCS, lower PVC is better

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Cost-benefit analysis (CBA) - continued

For a purely financial analysis (private entrepreneurs viewpoint), B, C, and r are defined in terms of market or financial prices. This situation corresponds to the ideal economic world of perfect competition, where numerous profit-maximizing producers and utility-maximizing consumers achieve a Pareto-optimal outcome.

However the real world is imperfect, with distortions due to monopoly practices, externalities, and interference in markets (e.g., taxes), which cause market prices for goods and services to diverge from their economically efficient values. Therefore, the economic efficiency viewpoint requires use of shadow prices (or opportunity costs) to measure B, C and r.

Basically, the shadow price of a given scarce resource is given by the change in value of economic output caused by a unit change in the availability of that resource. Practical techniques for measuring shadow prices include removing taxes, duties and subsidies from market prices

All significant environmental impacts and externalities need to be valued as economic benefits and costs.

Source: Munasinghe (1975, 1992)



Source: Munasinghe 199

<u>Fechniques for economically valuing environmental impacts</u> multiple, interdependent environmental services across range of stakeholders, is most useful, but more difficul					
BEHAVIOUR TYPE	Conventional market	Implicit market	Constructed market		
Actual Behaviour	Effect on Production Effect on Health Defensive or Preventive Costs	Travel Cost Wage Differences Property Values Proxy Marketed Goods Benefit Transfer	Artificial market		
Intended Behaviour	Replacement Cost Shadow Project		Contingent Valuation		

Methods for economically valuing environmental impacts

Effect on production. An investment decision often has environmental impacts, which affects the quantity, quality or production costs of various outputs that may be valued readily in economic terms. Effect on health. This approach is based on health impacts caused by pollution and environmental degradation. One practical measure related to the effect on production is the value of human output lost due to ill health or premature death. The loss of potential net earnings (ie. human capital method) is one proxy for foregone output, to which the costs of health care or prevention may be added.

Defensive or preventive costs. Often, costs may be incurred to mitigate the damage caused by an adverse environmental impact. For example, if the drinking water is polluted, extra purification may be needed. Then, such additional defensive or preventive expenditures (ex-post) could be taken as a minimum estimate of the benefits of mitigation.

Replacement cost and shadow project. If an environmental resource that has been impaired is likely to be replaced in the future by another asset that provides equivalent services, then the costs of replacement may be used as a proxy for the environmental damage - assuming that the benefits from the original resource are at least as valuable as the replacement expenses. A shadow project is usually designed specifically to offset the environmental damage caused by another project. For example, if the original project was a dam that inundated some forest land, then the shadow project might involve the replanting of an equivalent area of forest, elsewhere.

Travel cost. This method seeks to determine the demand for a recreational site (e.g. number of visits per year to a park), as a function of variables like price, visitor income, and socio-economic characteristics. The price is usually the sum of entry fees to the site, costs of travel, and opportunity cost of time spent. The consumer surplus associated with the demand curve provides an estimate of the value of the recreational site in question.

Methods for economically valuing environmental impacts

Property Values. When relatively competitive markets exist for land, real estate prices may be decomposed into components attributable to different characteristics like house and lot size, air and water quality. The marginal willingness to pay (WTP) for improved local environmental quality is reflected in the increased price of housing in cleaner neighborhoods. This method has limited application in developing countries, since it requires a competitive housing market, as well as sophisticated data and tools of statistical analysis. Wage differences. As for property values, this method attempts to relate changes in the wage rate to environmental conditions, after accounting for the effects of all factors other than environment (e.g. age, skill level, job responsibility, etc.) that might influence wages.

Proxy marketed goods. This method is useful when an environmental asset has no readily determined market value, but a close substitute exists which does have an accurate price. In such a case, the market price of the substitute may be used as a proxy for the value of the environmental resource. Benefit transfer. Value of the same resource in another comparable location is adjusted and used.

Artificial market. Such markets are constructed for experimental purposes, to determine consumer WTP for a good or service. For example, a home water purification kit might be marketed at various price levels, or access to a game reserve may be offered on the basis of different admission fees, thereby facilitating the estimation of values.

Contingent valuation. This method asks questions about how much persons might be willing to pay for an environmental asset, or how much compensation they would be willing to accept if they were deprived of that resource. CVM is more effective when the respondents are familiar with the good or service (e.g. water quality) and have adequate information to make choices. CVM, prudently applied, could provide estimates of value helpful in decision-making, especially if other valuation methods fail.

Source: Munasinghe, 1992.

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Issues-Policy Transformation Mapping (IPTM: Inserting Environmental (& Social) concerns into CBA and Conventional Economic Decisionmaking - 1 Environmental Sustainomics-BIGG Decisionmaking **Analytical Tools and Methods** Systems Structure Global Inter-Transnational National Natural Habitats National Macroecon Land Sectoral Water Regional Urban, Indust Subsectoral Project and Air





Sustainomics-BIGG application at project/micro level

Multicriteria SD Assessment of small hydro schemes using economic, social and ecological indicators

Morimoto R., and Munasinghe M. (2005) "Small hydropower projects and sustainable energy development in Sri Lanka", *Int. Journal of Global Environmental Issues*, Vol.4.

<u>Transdisciplinary research:</u> engineering, mathematics, computer science, physics, chemistry, water resources, hydrology, biology, ecology, soil science, sociology, economics, demography, etc.



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Overview of study

- · Energy affects all three dimensions of sustainable development.
- Review of linkages between potential impacts of energy production and consumption on sustainable development.
- Multi-criteria analysis used to assess the role of small hydroelectric power projects in sustainable energy development.
- 3 key variables (measured per unit of GHG avoided per year): *Economic* - electricity supply costs, *Social* - numbers of people displaced (resettled),

Environmental - biodiversity loss

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- Analysis helps policy-makers compare and rank project alternatives more easily and effectively.
- The multi-criteria analysis, which includes environmental and social variables, supplements and balances cost benefit analysis which is based on economic values alone.

Economic, social & ecological indicators: Sri Lanka small hydro projects Av. gen. costs (AVC), biodiv. index (BDI), & resettled people

(RE) by hydro project. All indices are per tonne CO2 avoided per year. People resettled and biodiv. index are scaled by multipliers 10⁻⁵ and 10⁻⁹ respectively. Values at top of graph show annual energy generation in gigawatt hours (GWh).





Focus on Climate Change: IPCC Assessment Process

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was created in 1988 by WMO and UNEP

Five assessment reports already completed. Sixth in process. IPCC progressively improved our understanding of climate change:

- 1. Climate Change 1990
- 2. Climate Change 1995
- 3. Climate Change 2001
- 4. Climate Change 2007
- 5. Climate Change 2014
- 6. Climate Change 2022 to be released soon

IPCC reports review most recent and key scientific information. They are meant to be policy relevant but NOT policy prescriptive.

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IPCC Received 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace after the Fourth

Assessment Report (AR4), which focused on the integration of climate change with sustainable development policies and

relationships between mitigation and adaptation.

Three Main Working Groups produce 3 reports:

- I. Science of Climate Change
- II. Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
- III. Mitigation
- **Synthesis Report**
- Task Force on National Greenhouse Gas Inventories

IPCC Reports benefit by selecting authors from wide range of countries, and multiple disciplines. Key cross-cutting theme reports also prepared – eg., SD report for TAR. We achieve consensus with many discussions & multiple reviews. Clarity in dissemination improved with preparations of two key summaries of each report: Technical Summary and Policymakers Summary.













Watch Out for Potential Surprises!!

- Climate Change (Risk Multiplier)
- · Pandemics, Environmental Crises and **Resource Shortages**
- Social Unrest, Terrorism and Conflicts
- Economic Crises
- Technological Disruption

Innovative thinking will build resilience against shocks and helps us survive in a dynamically changing world

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RISKS: 12 potentially economically disruptive technologies

- 1. Mobile Internet Cheap, capable mobile computing devices & internet connectivity
- 2. Artificial intelligence Intelligent software systems doing knowledge work with autonomy
- 3. Internet of Things (IOT) Networks of low-cost sensors and actuators for data collection, monitoring, decision making, and process optimization
- 4. Cloud technology Computer hardware & software services delivered via networks or web
- 5. Blockchain Algorithms that ensure security of data
- 6. Advanced robotics Robots with enhanced senses, dexterity, & intelligence to automate tasks or help humans
- 7. Autonomous vehicles & drones Vehicles navigating/operating with minimal human control
- 8. 3D printing Manufacturing techniques to create objects by printing layers of material based on digital models
- 9. Advanced materials Materials with superior characteristics (e.g., strength, weight, conductivity) or functions
- 10. Next-generation genomics- Fast, low-cost gene sequencing, data analytics, & synthetic biology (writing DNA)
- 11. Energy storage- Devices or systems that store energy, including batteries
- 12. Renewable energy and advanced fossil fuel tech Electricity generation from renewable sources & advanced fossil fuel technologies to limit harmful environmental & climate impacts

Optimistic final message for Japan, Sri Lanka & World

- Multiple global problems pose a serious challenge to us all pandemics, economic crises, poverty, resource scarcities, conflict, ecosystem harm, climate change, etc. are interlinked.
- These problems can be solved together, provided we begin now, although the issues are complex and serious,
- Sustainomics shows us how to take the first steps towards making development more sustainable (MDMS), that will transform risky "business-as-usual" scenario into a safer & more secure future
- Governance systems (at all levels) must be transformed to deal with multiple crises in an integrated way.
- Manage post-Covid recovery to support SD business and civil society can support and work with government
- Waseda University can lead in devising 21st century paths for sustainable development in Japan and the world

Remember our Past: Ancient Pali Blessing (Sri Lanka)

"DEVO VASSATU KALENA SASSA SAMPATTI HETU CA PHITO BHAVATU LOKO CA RAJA BHAVATU DHAMMIKO"

Environmental: "May the rains come in time, Economic: May the harvests be bountiful Social: May the people be happy & contended May the king be righteous"

Even in ancient times, a favourable environment, economic prosperity, social stability (and good governance), were well identified as key pre-requisites for making development more sustainable. Today we are rediscovering these old truths!



MIND Graduate Course on Sustainable Development and Sustainomics

MIND courses have been attended by over 2000 participants, including ministers, legislators, senior officials, policy analysts, researchers and university students in many countries (e.g., Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, South Africa, UK, USA and other nations), and UN agency staff.

Coverage, Objectives and Details

The full and compressed (15 and 30 semester hour) courses provides complete coverage of theory and many detailed case study applications covering a wide range of topic modules – including climate change, energy, agriculture-water resources, primary forests, extreme events, transport and urban development. The core course material may be tailored further to suit special student requirements – e.g., focus on climate change or other selected sectoral applications. These courses will cover sustainable development comprehensively, paying special attention to developing a transdisciplinary framework (sustainomics), analytical methods, and decision criteria for making development more sustainable – economically, environmentally and socially. Policy-oriented case studies will illustrate practical applications of the core theory, while classroom exercises will help build problem solving skills and provide experience in analyzing and presenting policy-relevant results to decision makers. It could include several hours of research seminar time to be provided for university lecturers, researchers, and doctoral students, who are looking for advanced research applications of sustainomics. The course material is self-contained to facilitate participation of students from a broad range disciplines, but those with prior preparation in climate change, energy, environment, or resource economics will be able to follow the lectures more easily. Upon successful completion of the full and compressed courses, students will be able to:

1. understand the critical issues underlying all aspects of sustainable development in terms of its economic, social and environmental dimensions;

2. be familiar with the basic concepts and indicators of sustainable development so as to be able to define, frame and resolve issues;

3. assess and present alternative approaches to sustainable development, especially in critical sectors and from a decision making perspective -- in terms of the economic, social and environmental impacts;

4. apply the tools of sustainomics (including Action Impact Matrix, sustainable development analysis, multi-criteria analysis, etc.); and

5. identify and undertake graduate level research in the field.

A certificate of attendance will be provided upon successful completion.

Prerequisites: A basic course in development, climate change, industry studies, business, energy, environment, engineering or resource economics is preferred.

Course requirements

Active participation in classroom discussions will be encouraged. The course will comprise lectures and illustrative case studies. For the 30 and 15 semester hour courses, small teams of students may be required to prepare short applications papers (on pre-agreed topics). Each team will be expected to present their paper briefly in class, and lead the ensuing discussion.

Instructors: Professor Mohan Munasinghe (biodata attached below) and other MIND staff

Course Materials:

Main text: Sustainability in the 21st Century: Applying Sustainomics to implement the Sustainable Development Goals by Mohan Munasinghe (Cambridge University Press, 2019) available on request to all participants. Other materials include readings from two additional text books ("Climate Change and Sustainable Development" and "Aftermath of the Asian Tsunami"), modularized slides, DVDs, and other handouts.

FULL POST-GRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE (30 hours = 10 modules x 3 hour per module)

 Module 1: Introduction to SD

 Module 2: Sustainomics Framework and Balanced Inclusive Green Growth (BIGG)

 Module 3: Analytical Tools and Methods

 Module 4: Climate Change Applications

 Module 5: Sustainable Energy Development Applications

 Module 6: Agriculture and Water Resource Applications

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 Module 7: Extreme Event Applications

 Module 8: Transport and Urban Development Applications

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 Module 9 & 10: Preparation of Applications Papers and Presentation of Results in Class

 Additional modules available: Business & SD, Science and Technology for SD, Industry and Trade, etc.

Brief Biodata of Prof. Mohan Munasinghe – Course Instructor http://www.mohanmunasinghe.com/default.cfm

Prof. Mohan Munasinghe is the 2021 Blue Planet prize Laureate and shared the 2007 Nobel Prize for Peace, as Vice Chair of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC-AR4). Currently, he is Founder Chairman of the Munasinghe Inst. of Development (MIND), Colombo; and Distinguished Guest Professor, Peking University, Beijing, China. He has earned post-graduate degrees in engineering, physics and development economics from Cambridge University (UK), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (USA), and McGill University and Concordia University (Canada). Prof. Munasinghe has also received several honorary doctorates (honoris causa). Highlights from 40 years of distinguished public service include working as Senior Energy Advisor to the President of Sri Lanka, Advisor to the United States Presidents Council on Environmental Quality, and Senior Advisor/Manager, World Bank. He has taught as Visiting Professor at leading universities worldwide, and won many international prizes and medals for his research and its applications. He has authored 120 books and over 350 technical papers on economics-business, sustainable development, climate change, power, energy, water resources, transport, environment, disasters, and information technology. He is a Fellow of several internationally recognized Academies of Science, and serves on editorial boards of a dozen scientific journals.











