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## oiConference: Developments in Finance and Sustainability

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# Day 1 — Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020

Session 1.1) Climate Grief and Personal Change			April 3rd, 10am EST <a href="#">Register Here</a>
Speaker	<a href="#">Rabbi Katy Allen</a> <a href="mailto:rabbikza@gmail.com">rabbikza@gmail.com</a>	 <p>Rabbi Katy Z. Allen is one of the co-conveners of the Jewish Climate Action Network, which was started in December of 2013 at LimmudBoston. She is also the founder and spiritual leader of Ma'yan Tikvah - A Wellspring of Hope. She began her career as a biology teacher, turned to writing and editing educational materials, then started teaching Hebrew school and became involved in family and adult education before entering rabbinical school.</p>	Rabbi  Jewish Climate Action Network
Moderator	<a href="#">Tallessyn Zawn Grenfell-Lee</a> <a href="mailto:tallessyn@gmail.com">tallessyn@gmail.com</a>	 <p>Tallessyn is a United Methodist Climate Resilience Chaplain in the greater Boston area. Formerly a molecular biologist, she has a B.Sc. in Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MA in Biology from the Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She attended seminary at the Boston University School of Theology, where she recently earned her PhD in Ecological Ethics. She teaches, preaches, and writes about intersections of grief, ecofeminism, nature connection, permaculture, and ethics.</p>	Climate Resilience Chaplain  United Methodist Church, Greater Boston Area
Moderator	Rabbi Moshe Givental <a href="mailto:moshegivental@gmail.com">moshegivental@gmail.com</a>	 <p>Rabbi Moshe Givental is the Founder of Water from the Rock: Eco-Chaplaincy and Environmental Education. He has an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and ordination from the non-denominational Rabbinic School of Hebrew College in Boston, M.A. Rabbi Givental resides in Metro-Detroit where he works with communities of faith and grass-organizers on issues of environmental and climate disruption and injustice.</p>	Rabbi  Water from the Rock: Eco-Chaplaincy and Environmental Education

Moderator

[Rev. Ian Mevorach](#)

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Rev. Dr. Ian Mevorach is the founding minister of the Common Street Spiritual Center in Natick, MA, a love-centered community that values many spiritual paths and is a hub for environmental justice and peace activism. He is an ordained American Baptist minister and holds an M.Div., and a Ph.D. in Ecological Theology and Ethics, from Boston University School of Theology. He is also a facilitator of the Work That Reconnects, a form of eco-spirituality rooted in the teachings of Joanna Macy.

Reverend, Founding Minister

Common Street Spiritual Center, Natick (MA)

Moderator

[Oliver Braunschweig](#)

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Oliver is a PhD Student in Economics at The New School in New York. He lives in Boston with his fiancée, Rabbi Elli Cohn. Originally from Switzerland, he graduated from the University of Basel with a BA in Social Sciences and Economics. Today, his research interests span the three fields of ecological economics, economic history, and money & banking (e.g. on the topic of the polemics surrounding usury in the European Middle Ages). He is a co-founder of oikos NYC. In Switzerland he also organized and facilitated Muslim-Jewish dialogue.

PhD Researcher

The New School

## Session 1.2) Sustainable Finance 101: What does it all really mean?

April 3rd, 11am EST  
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Speaker

[Carlos Vargas](#)

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Carlos is a business and finance professional and educator, and received his PhD from the University of Zurich's Department of Banking and Finance. Carlos has significant experience in Sustainable Finance including several projects in Latin America. He has over ten years of experience working for multinational companies. Carlos holds a B.A. in Finance from ITESM, an M.B.A. from IPADE Business School in Mexico, and an M.A. in Sustainability and Environmental Management from Harvard University. Carlos has written financial editorials at two of the most influential newspapers in Mexico and taught courses at ITESM and UIA universities in Mexico City. He is also an instructor for "Sustainable Finance and Investments" at Harvard University Extension School and Summer School.

Professor of Finance

EGADE Business School del Tecnológico de Monterrey

Moderator

[Stephen Snider](#)

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Stephen was born and raised in Jamaica and moved to the US for college to study Economics and Statistics. He then moved to Boston to work in corporate banking and loves his second home. In the summer of 2018, he quit his job to start a Masters in Development Practices at Harvard. He believes in the power of sustainable finance to drive real change and make the world a better place. Most recently Stephen has been working for sustainable investing startups, empowering investors to consider the environment and society in their investment decisions. Connect with him on Instagram as he shares what he is learning: <https://www.instagram.com/sustainabilityaroundtheglobe/>

Masters Student in Development Practices

Harvard University

## Session 1.3) Planning for a Sustainable Life

April 3rd, 1pm EST  
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Speaker

[Will Relle](#)

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Will is a Responsible Investment Consultant based in Boston. In his role, Will supports a broad range of institutional investors, often endowments, foundations, and defined contribution plan sponsors, in integrating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into their investment philosophies and processes. Will has specific expertise in identifying, analyzing, and offering advice on solutions to climate change-related investment risk.

Responsible Investment  
Consultant

Mercer

Speaker

[Stefania Di  
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Stefania founded Physis with the vision to disrupt the financial system and empower investors to have an impact through their investments. As CEO, she developed Physis from an idea to an SEC-registered wealth management platform, and positioned the company to be the go-to sustainable investing robo-advisor. She currently advises institutional investors with \$90 billion in assets on sustainable portfolio implementation. She was the youngest impact investing fund manager in Europe, and has published two books on sustainable finance.

Founder

Physis Investment

Speaker

[James Osborn](#)

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James is the founder of Envest Asset Management, LLC, a sustainability-focused financial and investment advisor. He spent his entire career involved with social responsibility and sustainability – formerly as an environmental engineer, an investment banker in social infrastructure, and private debt and equity investor in clean energy. He worked at some of the largest investment banks and, most recently, on behalf of some of the largest institutional investors via a clean energy focused private equity fund.

Founder

Envest Asset  
Management, LLC

Moderator

[Emy Wijker](#)

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Emy is a Dutch sustainability enthusiast, both professionally and in her own time. Working in Risk management, she specializes in non-financial risks, where sustainability is an ever increasing hot topic. She has a background in sustainable agriculture and renewable energy, but currently she focuses mainly on the regulation, governance and ethics around sustainability. At the moment Emy is participating in courses of the sustainability program of Harvard extension school.

Sustainability Student

Harvard University

**Session 1.4) World Cafe and Breakouts: Reflection and Networking**





April 3rd, 5pm EST  
[Register Here](#)

Organizer [Oliver Braunschweig](#) See Above

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# Day 2 — Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2020

Session 2.1) Sustainability Perspectives from Asia			April 4th, 10am EST <a href="#">Register Here</a>
Speaker	<a href="#">Luanne Sieh</a> <a href="mailto:luanne.sieh@gmail.com">luanne.sieh@gmail.com</a>	 <p>Luanne is the head of Group Sustainability at CIMB, one of ASEAN's leading banking groups, where she is responsible for transforming CIMB into a leader in sustainable finance and responsible banking in Asia. Luanne has extensive experience in strategy and transformation, as well as change management. She has been involved in a number of fields, including financial services and consulting.</p>	Head of Sustainability CIMB (Commerce International Merchant Bankers)
Speaker	<a href="#">Yuki Yasui</a> <a href="mailto:yuki.yasui@un.org">yuki.yasui@un.org</a>	 <p>Yuki has been working on sustainable finance for the last 18 years. She moved to the UN Environment Programme's (UNEP) Asia Pacific Office in 2018 to expand UNEP Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) activities in the region. She works towards the acceleration of the development of financial institutions that integrate sustainability as a value creation driver and which contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).</p>	Asia Pacific Region Coordination Manager UNEP Finance Initiative
Speaker	<a href="#">Dr. Kishore Ravuri</a> <a href="mailto:kish@impacto.my">kish@impacto.my</a>	 <p>KisH is a regional sustainability advocate, with special interest in fostering partnerships that help create 'impact' which is meaningful, measurable, and mutual. In his current role, KisH works with leaders and practitioners in developing Asia to help them build their business case for sustainability and sustainable development.</p>	Founder & Chief Impact Officer Impacto Sdn Bhd
Moderator	<a href="#">Karen Lin</a> <a href="mailto:karenaurlin@gmail.com">karenaurlin@gmail.com</a>	 <p>Karen Lin is a native of southern California and will soon graduate with a Masters in Strategy Consulting and Finance at EDHEC Business School in the north of France. She began her career in sustainability as the President of the oikos Lille chapter in 2018 and is now writing her thesis on the demand in investment products related to environmental conservation from institutional investors. After two internships in ESG, she is now looking to Paris to further cement her role in this ecosystem.</p>	Masters Student EDHEC Business School



## Session 2.2) Society, Race, and the Environment

April 4th, 11am EST

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Speaker [Elizabeth Salas Evans](#)  
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Elizabeth is the President of Cayena Capital Management, an independent registered investment firm located in New Hampshire. Elizabeth has 15 years of experience working in financial services and holds a Bachelors in Business Finance and Masters in Applied Economics.

President & Chief Compliance Officer  
Cayena Capital Management, LLC

Speaker [Loretta Brady](#)  
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Loretta is the creator of Bad Ass & Bold, a transformational approach to planning with your loves, dreams, and realities in mind. She is an inclusive leader and speaker, a Professor, clinical psychologist, researcher, columnist, entrepreneur, ethicist and consultant. Loretta strives for excellence in leveraging strategic relationships to empower impact and inclusion. She is a Board and Advisory board member to several leading non profits and is Director of Requity Labs at Saint Anselm College.

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Speaker [Mariana Martin-Leys](#)  
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Mariana is a lawyer with a Masters Degree in Animal Law and Society, certified as a Climate Reality Leader for The Climate Reality Project, and is currently obtaining a Professional Graduate Certificate in Environmental Policy and International Development at Harvard University. Mariana is an active member and leader of the Climate Reality Project (led by former US Vice-President Al Gore), dedicated to educating others and inspiring action with regards to fighting the climate crisis and finding solutions,

Animal Lawyer, Climate Reality Leader & Environmentalist  
The Climate Reality Project

Moderator [Colby Kyes](#)  
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Colby Kyes is pursuing his ALB degree at Harvard Extension School in Government with a minor in Environmental Studies. He is the current Vice President of the Harvard Extension School Environmental Club. Colby has most recently worked with the Massachusetts Climate Action Network in their research on regional municipal light plants.





Vice President  
HESEC



## Session 2.3) The Language of Sustainability

April 4th, 12pm EST

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Speaker	<a href="#">Tammy Tullis</a> <a href="mailto:tammytullis@mellivorafinance.com">tammytullis@mellivorafinance.com</a>		Tammy brings 24 years of experience in global capital markets into the environmental regenerative space. Where she uses an investor's perspective to vet the viability of projects for funding. Ms. Tullis understands international fund management and has a particular interest in Green Bond financing. She is president at Mellivora LLC, which enables financing for large scale green projects and CIS LLC, a regenerative builder.	President Mellivora LLC, CIS LLC
Speaker	<a href="#">Wayne Seaton</a> <a href="mailto:wayne.seaton@sustainalytics.com">wayne.seaton@sustainalytics.com</a>		Wayne is responsible for the strategic growth of Sustainalytics in the global fixed income markets, specifically for sovereign, sub-sovereign (including U.S. municipal), and corporate asset classes. In this role he integrates Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”) metrics and methodologies for both issuers and investors. Wayne received his A.B. from Harvard University and an M.B.A. in Finance and International Business from Columbia Business School. He holds Series 7, 24, 53, 63, 79 (FINRA); and Series 50 (MSRB) licenses.	Director, Product Strategy and Development Sustainalytics
Speaker	<a href="#">James Ellsmoor</a> <a href="mailto:james@islandinnovation.co">james@islandinnovation.co</a>		James is the founder of Island Innovation, a global sustainability company that connects island communities to advance cooperation and collaboration. In 2019, they hosted the first Virtual Island Summit with 4,000 island stakeholders from around the world participating in the first entirely-online event of its kind. James also started Solar Head of State, an NGO working with governments of Small Island Developing States to promote renewable energy.	Director Island Innovation
Moderator	<a href="#">Sangeeta Laudus</a> <a href="mailto:sangeetalaudus@yahoo.co.uk">sangeetalaudus@yahoo.co.uk</a>		Sangeeta is passionate about climate change initiatives. Formerly a debt capital markets lawyer, she is currently working as an independent marketing consultant supporting sustainable/green finance development.	Marketing & Business Development Professional

## Session 2.4) The Fossil Fuel Divestment Movement

April 4th, 2pm EST  
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Speaker [Connor Chung](#)  
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Connor Chung is a Harvard first-year from Albany, NY. As an environmental activist, he organizes with Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard, the movement fighting to end institutional complicity in the climate crisis.

Activist  
Fossil Fuel Divest Harvard

Speaker [Randi Mail](#)  
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Randi Mail is dedicated to #StopTheMoneyPipeline. As Political Director for the MassDivest Coalition, she's leading efforts for H.4440, a bill in the MA Legislature to allow public pensions to divest from fossil fuels. As Finance Organizer with Rainforest Action Network, she's helping to pressure Liberty Mutual to stop insuring and investing in fossil fuels. From 2002-2016 Randi was the City of Cambridge Recycling Director. In 2018 she was a top staffer in the MA governor's race.

Political Director  
MassDivest Coalition

Speaker [Marjan Fadavi Ardekani](#)  
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Marjan is a PhD candidate in Economics at the New School for Social Research. She has been a research assistant for the New School Advisory Committee for Investor Responsibility (ACIR) since 2015 where she is performing different tasks in arranging committee's focus, agenda and advisory tasks for responsible investment. Her academic area of focus is development economics, complexity economics, economic ethics, methodology and philosophy.

Research Assistant  
The New School Advisory Committee for Investor Responsibility (ACIR)

Moderator [Oliver Braunschweig](#) See Above

## Session 2.5) World Cafe and Breakouts: Reflection and Networking

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