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Economy's impact on the environment focus of lectures

Canadian environment and finance expert Nicole Foss will this week discuss the economy's relationship to the environment in two public lectures at UTAS.

Foss will present *Peak Oil, Local Resilience and Financial Crisis* at both the Newnham and Sandy Bay campus.

The lecture will discuss how we can prepare and respond to ensure we "keep the lights on" both metaphorically and physically.

Foss is co-editor of *The Automatic Earth (TAE)* blog where she writes under the name Stoneleigh.

She and her team have been chronicling and interpreting the world's on-going credit crunch and the impact it will have on all our lives, particularly on humans' ability to live sustainably.

Prior to the establishment of TAE, Nicole was editor of *The Oil Drum Canada*, where she wrote on peak oil and finance.

Foss also runs the Agri-Energy Producers' Association of Ontario, where she has focused on farm-based biogas projects and grid connections for renewable energy.

While living in the UK, Foss was a Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, where she specialised in nuclear safety in Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union, and conducted research into electricity policy at the EU level.

She holds a BSc in biology from Carleton University in Canada (where she focused primarily on neuroscience and psychology), a post-graduate diploma in air and water pollution control, an LLM in international law in development from the University of Warwick in the UK.

***Peak Oil, Local Resilience and Financial Crisis* lecture information:**

Hobart

13 March

Venue: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus

Time: 7 – 9.30pm

Launceston

15 March

Venue: Lecture Theatre 9, Faculty of Arts Building, Newnham Drive,
Newnham campus

Time: 7 -9.30pm

<http://www.events.utas.edu.au/2012/march/peak-oil,-local-resilience-and-financial-crisis>

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