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IU President, David Triggs

A Chartered Engineer and Management Consultant who studied Engineering at Imperial College London and Business Administration and Management at Henley – The Management College. For more than forty years he specialised in water and environmental management working throughout the UK and worldwide – mainly in developing countries on both small village projects and mega projects in capital cities. David has been a member of the School of Economic Science in London for more than fifty years where he has studied and taught Political Economy for a similar period. He is also Chairman of The Henry George Foundation of Great Britain.



Immediate Past President, Dave Wetzel

President Labour Land Campaign; Chair of The Professional Land Reform Group; Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport 2002-1012; Secretary and also Chair of The International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade 2010-13; President, London University Transport Studies Society 1991-92; Chair Greater London Council Transport Committee 1981-86; Leader London Borough of Hounslow 1987-91; Vice-Chair Transport for London 2000-2008, Chair of London Buses 2000-2001, Chair TfL Safety, Health and Environment Committee 2004-2008. Executive Director DaRT disability transport charity 1989-1994.

Dave is a speaker at international meetings and conferences, author of numerous magazine articles on transport and land issues. He is a strong advocate for LVT policy worldwide. Reach him at dave.c.wetzel@gmail.com.



IU Administrative Director, Alanna Hartzok

Alanna's role as IU Administrative Director is to facilitate and coordinate communications for the IU Executive Committee members, the IU's team of United Nations' representatives, and IU general members. She has served the Georgist movement in several capacities since 1980 and has given numerous lectures and presentations on Georgist economics in many countries around the world. A recipient of the *International Earth Day Award* and the *Radical Middle Book Award* for her book, *The Earth Belongs to Everyone*, she was the Democratic Party candidate for the United States Congress for the state of Pennsylvania's 9th District in 2014 and the Green Party candidate for the same office in 2001. She is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, studied for a year at the Institute of European Studies in Vienna, and has a Masters Degree in Psychology plus several years of additional advanced professional training as a psychotherapist.



IU Deputy President, Wendy Rockwell Brouillette

Wendy lives in Monteverde, Costa Rica with her husband and three grandchildren. Her great grandparents moved from Indiana and Kansas one hundred years ago to be a part of the Fairhope Single Tax experiment in Fairhope, Alabama. The reason this experiment took place in the South was simply that that is where land was inexpensive. In 1948 Costa Rica rewrote its constitution eliminating the military at the same time three Quaker boys from Fairhope, Alabama were being released from US prisons for refusing to register for the draft. In 1951 eleven Quaker families settled up in the mountains of Costa Rica, again where land was cheap enough to afford. Her father came along for the adventure. "Today Monteverde is a tourist destination for people from around the world and land prices are out of reach," says Wendy, who is a strong advocate for LVT. "What an exciting opportunity to demonstrate what happens when land values are collected to finance projects," she states.



IU Second Deputy President, Bill Batt

Bill was a university professor until 1981 and served on the New York State Legislative Tax Study Commission until 1992. After taking early retirement that year, he committed himself to working totally on the Georgist agenda. He now dedicates his time to research, publication, and advocacy of this philosophy with special focus on the utility of land value maps, property tax affairs in New York, and other varied matters. In 1962 to 65 he served as one of the earliest Peace Corps Volunteers in Thailand. He has served on the Boards of the Schalkenbach Foundation, the Center for the Study of Economics, the Henry George School of New York, the International Union for LVT, and the committee for the annual CGO conference. He resides in Albany, New York, USA.



IU Vice President for Australia, Karl Fitzgerald

Karl is the Project Director for *Prosper Australia*, an NGO focusing on economic justice. He produced the documentary *Real Estate 4 Ransom* and runs the weekly *Renegade Economists* radio podcast. Karl wrote the landmark *Total Resource Rents of Australia Report (2012)* and oversees the *Speculative Vacancies* report into vacant housing he started in 2006. He works closely with Professor Michael Hudson as his webmaster and co-editor. He stays sane by running a permaculture based community nursery, *Power Plants*, from the side of his house with his young family. Who says the land isn't productive? For 10 hours a week they turn out 500 seedlings a month for \$1 each. Karl has a B.Ec (Monash Clayton).



IU Vice President for Belgium, Niels Charlier

Niels Charlier is an independent software engineer and spatial data (GIS) specialist. He finished his Masters in Computer Science at Ghent University in 2006, and was a researcher and teacher at that same University for two years. Afterwards he lived in Perth, West Australia for 2.5 years where he worked as a software engineer in a GIS project for CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation). He also volunteered for a local Georgist organisation. After moving back to Belgium he became an independent contractor.



IU Vice President for Denmark, Jesper Christensen

Jesper is a Navy service member who has represented Denmark as VP for the IU since 2013. In his home country he has done political work for *The Justice Party* alongside work within the context of the *Danish Henry George Foundation*. At the international level Jesper has worked for Democratic candidate for House Representative Alanna Hartzok and served for many years in the role of contributor, editor and managing editor of *Land & Liberty*, a British magazine with a major focus on land issues and land value tax policy that has been continuously published since 1894.



IU Vice President for Egypt, Amir Mohamed Mahmoud Taha

Amir has a Bachelor's Master's degree in law, *Alexandria University*, Egypt and a Doctorate of Business Administration in Maritime Law, *University of Beni Suef*. He helped to organize and participated in conferences on Arab Commercial and Maritime Law, on arbitration and challenges of information technology. As a lawyer and legal investigator for the Egyptian government, he has prepared proceedings and memoranda of opinion concerning disputes involving the administration. He has worked as a lecturer in Sultanate of Oman providing legal materials for students of the Faculty of Law Beirut Arab University, as a lecturer in the Arab Training Institute, director of the master's program in international legal transactions, and as Chairman of the Committee for continued legal education of Arab Assembly for Commercial and Maritime Law. He has also worked as a member of the Audit Committee Charter Drafting for the African maritime commissioned by the African Union. His interest in land value tax policy began with his enrollment in the online course on *Land Rights and Land Value Capture*.



IU Vice President for Germany, CV Prof. Dr. Dirk Loehr (German: "Löhr")

Prof. Dr. habil. Dirk Loehr, MBA (*1964) is a Professor of Taxation and Ecological Economics at the *Trier University of Applied Sciences* (Environment-Campus Birkenfeld), Germany. His career has included work as tax adviser, as a lecturer for a private real estate academy, as a consultant for the *German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) / German International Cooperation (GIZ)* in Cambodia (land sector), as financial manager in an international hotel group and as a chief department manager for the *Deutsche Bahn AG*. Loehr is a member of the public real estate assessment board (3rd period of office) of *Rheinessen-Nahe*, and member of the supreme public real estate assessment board of the state of *Rhineland-Palatinate*, Germany (since 2014). He is also head of the *Center for Soil Protection and Land Use Policy* (Trier / Birkenfeld), and member of the scientific board of the *Freiherr-vom-Stein-Akademie für Europäische Kommunalwissenschaften* (Freiherr-vom-Stein-Academy for Urban Studies).



IU Vice President for Honduras, Quisia D. Gonzalez, M.D.

After training as a medical doctor at the *Universidade de Pernambuco* in Brazil, Quisia returned to her native Honduras where she practiced medicine for three years until she moved to the US in 1989. She has worked extensively in the field of education, including adult basic education and literacy, as well as parenting and HIV counseling. In addition, she has been active in the *Proyecto de los Trabajadores Latinoamericanos*, advocating for fair wages and immigration reform.

Quisia taught at the *Henry George School* in New York for over 11 years and served on the school's board for 5 years. Her personal experience in Latin America inspired her interest in Henry George and her commitment to Georgist principles. She is a fervent activist for economic justice and human rights.



IU Vice President for Ireland , Emer O'Siochru

Emer is an Architect and Development and Planning Valuer. In her long and varied career, she has taught architecture, owned a furniture design gallery, redeveloped inner city property, worked in local community development, run an architectural practice and served on many public and voluntary sector boards that promote equality and sustainability. Inspired by the first currency crisis 1998, she co-founded *Feasta, the Foundation for the Economics of Sustainability* with economist *Richard Douthwaite* and others. She has written on monetary, taxation and planning reform. She directed the *Smart Tax Network* funded by the *Irish Department of the Environment* and edited "The Fair Tax" a book published in 2012.

Emer is principal of *EOS Future Design* a consultancy that provides eco-architectural and general sustainability design services. It has produced reports and/or designs for anaerobic digestion systems for farm and village wastes, pyrolysis systems to produce energy and biochar (a valuable agricultural input), distributed community-owned energy production and advice on community led development. She is currently a Director of the *Irish Biochar Cooperative Society Ltd* and Convenor for the *Community Land Trust Initiative* campaigning for permanently affordable housing. She is a member of the board of the *Tipperary Energy Agency* and a Steward of the *Peoples Energy Charter*. She has recently launched a new business +Char to sell kilns and biochar products to Irish farmers. +Char is the trading name of the *Biochar Cooperative*. Emer farms an organic Dexter beef enterprise on a small farm in Tipperary.



IU Vice President for New Zealand, Robert (Bob) Keall

Bob has a background in Theology, Accountancy and Finance and has worked as a financial advisor. He is Secretary / Treasurer of the *New Zealand Association* since 1952; with Rolland O'Regan as chairman until 1992; and as a solo operator thereafter. He is the author of several articles and proposals for land value tax in NZ and has made several submissions to the local and central government.



IU Vice President for Nicaragua, Aaron Fuentes

Aaron has had the opportunity to support the *Henry George International Center* in Nicaragua since 2007, specifically in education and economic policy. He has assisted the Director of the Center with various facets of its work. He has experience in the field of sustainable economic development in rural development projects with the international organization *Raleigh international*.



IU Vice President for Nigeria, Gordon Abiama

Gordon is Pastor of a church in Abuja State as well as the Director of the *Africa Centre for Geoclassical Economics*, a local based non-governmental organization that is dedicated to sustainable development practices and eco justice pedagogy which has been promoting Georgist advocacy in Nigeria for a number of years now. He also serves on the Board of the *Henry George Institute*.



IU Vice President for Spain, Fernando Scornik Gerstein

Fernando was born and educated in Argentina, where he graduated as a lawyer in 1963. Specialising in agrarian and taxation law, he was Legal Advisor to the *Argentinian Agrarian Cooperatives* for 10 years. Later he was appointed Advisor on Land Taxation to the Minister of Economy and, subsequently, to the Secretary of State of Agriculture for whom he produced a report—*The Basis for a Tax System on the Rent of Land*, published in 1973. In 1975 he chaired the *Special Commission on the Taxation of Land's Potential Rent* set up by the Secretary of State for Agriculture. He was visiting lecturer on Agricultural and Mining Law at the Faculty of Law in the *University of Buenos Aires* (1973-75) and served as Chairman of the *Union of Argentinean People* (UDELPA).

Fernando moved to Spain in 1976 where he pursued his legal career and is now Senior Partner of a prominent firm of lawyers. From 2006 to 2010 he was President of the *International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade*. He is the President of AEPERS (Asociación Española para el Estudio del Regimen del Suelo y los Recursos Naturales). He is a member of the Economic Group of Podemos, a rising Spanish political party lead by Pablo Iglesias and Iñigo Errejón. He has participated in Seminars at Cambridge and Sussex Universities. His publications include: Francia: Legislación Agraria (ARG.); El Impuesto a la Tierra (ARG.); Desalojos Rurales (ARG); Bases Para un Régimen Impositivo Sobre la Renta del Suelo (ARG.); Poll Tax: The Tax that Sank a Government (U.K.); The Future of Taxation (U.K. and Russia).



IU Vice President for the United Kingdom, Carol Wilcox

Carol is a retired software engineer, a socialist and humanist. She is secretary of the Labour Land Campaign, her local Labour Party and Labour CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament). She was attracted to Land Value Tax when studying economics but didn't understand it fully until she went to a Labour Land Campaign fringe meeting in 1996. She has co-written a paper 'A Strategy for Replacing Council Tax and Business Rates with a Land Value Tax: A First Step Towards a More Equitable Tax System'. Comment on a school report: "Carol does the minimum of work extremely well." Always been proud of that one, she says.



IU Vice President for the United States, Edward J. Dodson

Ed worked in the community lending and redevelopment field for over 30 years, until his retirement early in 2005 from Fannie Mae, a US federal mortgage agency, where he held several management-level positions in the *Housing & Community Development* group based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Prior to joining Fannie Mae in 1984, he managed the residential mortgage loan program for a large regional bank. Ed has been an instructor of political economy at the *Henry George School of Social Science* since 1981. In 1997 he established an internet-based education and research project called the *School of Cooperative Individualism*. He has written extensively on social, political and economic issues for a variety of publications. Ed is a graduate of Shippensburg and Temple Universities in Pennsylvania.



IU Advisor, Nicolaus Tideman

Nicolaus Tideman, PhD (University of Chicago), is Professor of Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Among his numerous professional publications are A Tax on Land Value is Neutral (*National Tax Journal*), Takings, Moral Evolution and Justice (*Columbia Law Review*), Taxing Land is Better than Neutral: Land Taxes, Land Speculation and the Timing of Development (in *Land-Value Taxation: The Equitable and Efficient Source of Public Finance*), and A Markov Chain Monte Carlo Analysis of the Effect of Two-Rate Property Taxes on Construction (*Journal of Urban Economics*). He is also a former President of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.



IU Advisor, Tommas Graves

Trained in City firm of Chartered Accountants, stayed for 17 years, then head hunted by large firm of stockbrokers, followed by a stint in a member firm of the London MetalExchange, then set up as sole practitioner in Hatton Garden, until 2002, when took business home to Teddington. Studied in The School of Economic Science, member of Land Value Tax Campaign, and runs a website "Landisfree" as a resource for land taxers.



IU Advisor, Ole Lefmann

Ole Lefmann was born 1928 in Copenhagen, Denmark, in a family of shop owners, who urged for Free Trade and low income tax. He worked in retail, wholesale, export and import, and graduated 1963 from The Copenhagen Business School. He worked thirty-four years in insurance business, taught at the Danish Insurance Academy about *Private persons' legal liabilities and Insurance of private liability*, and wrote the textbook *Insurance of Private Liability* (1987), updated edition (1991). Wrote (in Danish): *Three Synonyms* (1979) and *Out with the old Tax* (1993) and many articles, letters to editors. Edited and sent (in English) *Open letter to Pope John Paul II* (1997), and wrote together with Karsten K. Larsen the Chapter DENMARK in Dr. Andelson's book *Land-Value Taxation Around the World* (2000). Served 8 years as Deputy President of 'The International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade' followed by 12 years as that movement's Assistant General Secretary; created its first website (1999) and maintained it for 10 years; lectured at international conferences (Ütrecht, Holland 1982, United Nations-NGO Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark, 1995, and London 2010); wrote articles about *PRIVILEGES in Land and Liberty* (2007-08) and presented a slide show also about *PRIVILEGES*. Translated Fred Harrison's book *The Silver Bullet* (2008) into Danish (2010) and Henry George's *The Science of Political Economy* (1897) into Danish (2012).



IU Advisor, Yonatan Higsmith

A Land Value Tax activist and filmmaker, and active officer for the Labour Land Campaign and Professional Land Reform Group. Notable films include *The Taxing Question of Land*, *Land*, and *An Ode TO LVT*; He is Producer / Project Manager at Yesh Video <http://www.yeshvideo.co.uk/>