

A Public Seminar
On the most important issues of our time
23 February 2012
Hawke Centre

University of South Australia, West Campus

Doors open 4pm, Seminar starts 4.30pm, Q & A 5.50pm, Finish 6.30pm

Nicole Foss: a mentor for turbulent times

Are you puzzled, concerned, even frightened, over the worsening economic situation? Where will it go next, why doesn't conventional economic 'wisdom' provide solutions? Where might solutions be found?

Nicole Foss will show that conventional economic growth is a Ponzi scheme inescapably prone to boom and bust cycles. In past cycles material resource supply was large compared with human demand. She will show that in this round of the cycle the attempt to get growth going again has come up against the constraints of the real bio/geophysical world. The usual energy sources are becoming scarce and more expensive. Given the close relationship between the flow of money and the flow of material resources, especially energy a very different economic model has now become necessary; one based firmly on an acceptance of Nature's constraints. She will show that a return to *business as usual* (BAU) is not possible, that the attempts being made by governments across the globe to reinstate BAU are not only failing, they are impeding the inevitable transition to this new economy.

Some have claimed that economic growth can be decoupled from growth in energy demand, Nicole will show that this is not possible, not least because of continuing population growth.

Nicole will outline the direction and characteristics of a new and environmentally sustainable economy and what this means in our everyday lives. See: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=FqRGVNUK5x0>

Many well known economists and environmental writers associated with *The Automatic Earth* include: Steve Keen, Chris Martenson, Jay Hanson and James Kunstler

Nicole Foss is one of those all too rare big-picture people who understands and explains the links between the many factors now threatening the existence of human civilisation. Resource depletion is entwined with economic failure and increasing inequity.

Nicole is academically well qualified, first degree in biology, neuroscience and psychology and later degrees in international law and post-graduate diplomas in air and water pollution. While living in the UK she was a Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, where she specialised in nuclear safety. Nuclear safety is among her areas of expertise.

She is co-editor of [*The Automatic Earth*](#), writing under the name **Stoneleigh**. She chronicles and interprets the on-going credit crunch as the most press-

ing aspect of our current multi-faceted predicament. The site integrates finance, energy, environment, psychology, population and *real politik* explaining why we find ourselves in a state of crisis and what we can do about it. Prior to the establishment of *The*

Automatic Earth she was editor of *The Oil Drum Canada*, where she wrote on peak oil and finance.

Nicole lives on a farm near Ottawa, Canada. From her hands-on experience she explains why the green future to which many aspire is very difficult to put into practice.

Bookings: John Coulter, 8388 2153

