

Just transition – a question of fairness:
How can we organise transformation
processes towards sustainability in
societies in an ecological and socially
successful way?

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Previously President of the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) from 2000 – 2010, Sharan is a passionate advocate and campaigner for social justice, women's rights, the environment and labour law reforms, and has led union negotiations on major economic reforms and labour rights campaigns in her home country of Australia and globally.

HOW IS THE TOPIC OF THE PANEL RELATED TO YOUR EVERYDAY PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND/OR YOUR VITA?

Climate action and just transition with jobs, human and labour rights and social protection are the mandated priorities of the ITUC with a focus on reducing inequality and inclusion. These are critical elements of a sustainable future.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT REGARDING THE PANEL AND/OR THE TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE IN GENERAL?

A timely intervention given the convergence of crisis we now face and the need to build a new social contract for recovery and resilience to ensure an inclusive and environmentally stable future.

LINKS

 www.ituc-csi.org

➤ https://www.ituc-csi.org/IMG/pdf/measuring_government_accountability_and_moving_beyond_gdp_en.pdf

➤ ITUC-TUDCN (2019) [The contribution of social dialogue to the 2030 Agenda - Promoting a Just Transition towards sustainable economies and societies for all](#)

➤ Just Transition Centre (2019) [Just Transition in action, Union experiences and lessons from Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Nigeria and Spain](#)

Klemens Gutmann

regiocom SE, Magdeburg (Germany)



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Born 1964; 3 children; separated; Growing up in the Black Forest and Madrid; Computer Science study at Karlsruhe University (1981–88, leaving without degree); Volunteer of Aktion Sühnezeichen in The Hague; volunteer in refugee camps in El Salvador (1987); 3 months Kenya and Zimbabwe (1992)

1988–1992: Freelancer with Fraunhofer-ISI in Karlsruhe; freelancer with INIT, a transport telematics company
1993–2000: Co-founder of Teleport Sachsen-Anhalt
1996–heute: Co-founder of regiocom SE, since 2019 President of the Board (5.000 employees); focussing on energy billing and market data exchange processes.

Other Appointments

- President of the Employers Association of the Federal State of Saxony-Anhalt ;
- President of the German National Association of Energy Market Service Providers (BEMD, 2014-2017)

- Chair of the advisory board of the German Foundation for Data Protection (since 2018)
- Chair of the Committee on Information and Telecommunications Technology of the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (DIHK, 2003 - 2009), member 1999 until today).

German Federal Cross of Merit in 2019

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My company builds software for the German „Energiewende“. The decentralization of the German energy system is part of my daily work.

Personally I try to use the term „just“ and „social justice“ very carefully. Reaching a state of „justice“ is often extremely difficult, both within the German society as well as in international relations. Trying to reach to a „fair sharing“ and to „balanced solutions“ is much more realistic.

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In the German constitution the concept of „Sozialstaat“ – social justice – has a very strong anchor in the constitution (§2, §14, §20) and gives citizens a strong claim against the state. The ecological transition is also mentioned in the constitution, but much less „armoured“ with claims against the state. Actually, when it comes to ecology, the state mostly claims sustainable behaviour from its citizens and its economy.

I am curious how specialists from other countries look at that and how the situation is in their countries.

LINKS

 www.regiocom.com

 www.aw-sa.de

Frederik Moch

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Frederik Moch is the Head of Department Structural Policy, Industry and Services at the German Trade Union Confederation (DGB) in Berlin. In addition to the department's name giving topics, energy, environmental, climate, mobility and crafts policy are also covered. The department focusses on the just design of structural changes in the economy. Frederik Moch worked in the solar industry until 2011. He is an electrical engineer and holds a master's degree in sustainable management.

HOW IS THE TOPIC OF THE PANEL RELATED TO YOUR EVERYDAY PROFESSIONAL LIFE AND/OR YOUR VITA?

At the DGB, we work intensively on the question of a just transition into a carbon-neutral future. The changes that lie ahead of us as a result of the transformation need social anchoring and support.

That is why we have to combine ambitious ecological goals with social justice, decent work and sustainable prosperity.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT REGARDING THE PANEL AND/OR THE TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE IN GENERAL?

We are pleased that the DGB is involved in this exciting conference and gets the chance to represent the voice of workers. It is a good opportunity to advance the debate in society and broaden the picture.

LINKS

 www.dgb.de/sid

Jan Göldner

Member of the executive committee

NAJU (Youth Association for the Protection of Nature)



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- I was born in 1997, grew up in Hamburg and got involved into nature and environmental protection pretty fast.
- With the beginning of my school time, I became a member of NAJU (Youth Association for the Protection of Nature within the NABU) and devoted myself mainly to practical nature conservation activities in my neighbourhood
- Later I expanded my honorary office in becoming a board member of NABU and NAJU in Hamburg and gained first experiences in shaping political discussions and decisions.
- Since 2018 I am a member of the executive committee of NAJU on a voluntary base and especially responsible for the topics communication and environmental policy
- Additionally, I am studying environmental engineering in Berlin and I'm working in an engineering office specialized on technical environmental protection

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Social-ecological transition means to create a visionary perspective of how we want our life to be in the future and how we can fix the social and environmental challenges of our time all together. In some cases, the solutions are not easy at hand and we need an honest and serious discussion to find a solution that suits both - environment and social. Young people are the most concerned, most affected and have a special interest in designing the required processes. In my position as youth speaker, it is my task to translate and communicate these innovative thoughts to decision-makers and to get in touch with other youth organisations to formulate political demands jointly.

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A sustainable transformation of our everyday life and

our economic system can only be reached if all stakeholders and all parts of the society pull together. That means for me politics, business- and industry representatives as well as non-governmental organisations have to find sustainable solutions all together. It is not useful and not goal achieving if every group make their own thoughts without communicate among each other. Discussion, finding commonalities and disagreements is the base of transforming our society. However, in view of climate change and the loss of biodiversity we do not have much time left. It is necessary to act immediately and to find quick solutions to stop these crises. This calls for courageous and exemplary measures which inspire others to do the same. Events like the Sustainability Transformation Conference 2020 can contribute to both.

LINKS

 <https://www.naju.de/über-uns/english/>

 <https://www.naju.de/über-uns/bundesvorstand/>

Luisa Neubauer

Climate Activist, Co-Organizer Fridays for Future Germany



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Luisa Neubauer, born in 1996 in Hamburg, Germany, is one of the co-organizers of Fridays for Future. She works for various NGOs on topics such as climate protection, intergenerational justice and is acting against poverty. In 2018, she met the Swedish pupil Greta Thunberg at the UN climate conference and was one of four German delegates to the G7 youth summit in Canada. At the end of 2019, she took part in the climate conference in Madrid, together with Greta Thunberg and other activists. In early 2020 she attended the WEF in Davos. In January 2020 Luisa Neubauer and Fridays for Future protested against Siemens' participation in the planned Australian hard coal mine Carmichael.

Luisa Neubauer completed a bachelor's degree in Geography in 2019. She is currently studying master's degree in Resource Analysis and -Management at the Georg August University in Göttingen. Together with Alexander Repenning, she published the book „From the end of the climate crisis - a story of our future“ in 2019. She lives in Göttingen and Berlin.