

# Who developed the course?

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## Dr Jefim Vogel (course author and content lead)

Jefim is an interdisciplinary climate and sustainability researcher, educator and activist focused on climate and social justice. His interest in the climate crisis began in high school, leading to a BSc in Earth System Physics in Kiel and an MSc in Climate Dynamics in Bergen. He actively engaged in public education and activism throughout his studies and pursued a PhD in ecological economics at the University of Leeds, examining socio-economic strategies to avert climate breakdown. During his PhD, he advised on the UK Climate and Nature Act, co-founded the climate justice organisation Our Future Leeds, worked as a consultant on the campaign against the expansion of Leeds Bradford Airport, and developed an online masterclass on climate action for students and staff at the University of Leeds. Currently, he is a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Barcelona, evaluating policies to address the climate crisis and promote human wellbeing.

## Professor Vera Trappmann (course director)

Vera is a Professor of Work and Comparative Employment Relations at Leeds University Business School and Executive Board Member of the Priestley Centre for Climate Futures.

For five years, Vera led a Blueprint programme at the Leeds Business School as Sustainability Director, committing the Faculty to integrate sustainability into teaching, research and its own organisational practices.

Vera had the idea to develop Climate Action training that would empower students and also equip them with a holistic understanding of the climate crisis. She initiated and led the project, wrote early versions of the course, and supported the course development.

In her own research, she is looking at the impact of climate change on work, currently leading a project on Just Transition in 14 countries. As a result of her research, she was appointed to the Economics Advisory Group on Climate Adaptation to the Climate Change Committee.

## Juan Pablo (JP) Arellano (lead content developer)

JP is a communications specialist, activist and content creator focused on alternative economies, social justice and ecological issues. He strives for a world where resources are equitably distributed within ecological limits. He recently completed a Master's degree in degrowth, political ecology and environmental justice at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where he developed [explore.degrowth.net](https://explore.degrowth.net) to make heterodox economic discourse accessible. He holds a background in economics and environmental sciences from McGill University. His extensive communications experience in the non-profit sector includes roles such as Content Director at ClimateScience, Science Communicator at the Redpath Museum, Media Officer for COP27 coverage at ClimaTalk and Communications Specialist for the Campaign of Campaigns. Additionally, he actively supports the Debt for Climate and StopEACOP campaigns.

## Adélaïde Cadioux (content developer)

Adélaïde is a climate justice advocate and communications specialist with over four years of experience in renewable energy, intersectional feminism and degrowth policy. She has worked in various organisations, focusing on narrative-driven communications that emphasise the interconnectedness of social justice issues. In March 2024, she completed a Master's in degrowth, political ecology and environmental justice at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, where her research explored Brittany's folklore and how cultural heritage can inspire sustainable futures. Currently she works as a Content Strategist for Vizzuality and as a host of the Radish Radio, an online platform for artists and activists.

## Mario Díaz (content developer)

Mario is a researcher with a diverse, interdisciplinary background, focusing on microbial community assembly, regenerative agriculture and the impact of policy on farmers' land management. His research also includes studies on Green New Deals and fossil fuel-based energy systems. He holds Master's degrees in ecology and natural resource management from Utrecht University and in political ecology, degrowth and environmental justice from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Mario is passionate about understanding how the political and economic landscape influences socio-economic configurations, with a particular focus on the role of power dynamics in the transformation of socio-ecological systems.