

The Economics of Biodiversity

The Dasgupta Review

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Prof. Sir Partha Dasgupta is the Frank Ramsey Emeritus Professor of Economics at the University of Cambridge, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, and Professorial Research Fellow at the Sustainable Consumption Institute, University of Manchester. He has taught at the London School of Economics (1971-1984), and the University of Cambridge (1985-present) as Professor of Economics, where he served as Chairman of the Faculty of Economics from 1997-2001. He was also the Professor of Economics, Professor of Philosophy, and Director of the Program in Ethics in Society at Stanford University (1989-1992), and Chairman of the (Scientific Advisory) Board of the Beijer International Institute of Ecological Economics, Stockholm (1991-97).

Prof. Dasgupta is a co-founder of the [South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics \(SANDEE\)](#) along with the late professor Karl-Goran Maler. He has been honoured with the Volvo Environment Prize (2002), John Kenneth Galbraith Prize (2006), Zayed International Environment Prize (2011), Blue Planet Prize (2015), and Tyler Prize (2016). He has also been awarded honorary doctorates by Harvard University, Wageningen University, University of Bologna, Tilberg University, Catholic University of Louvain, and University of York. Prof. Dasgupta's

research interests cover welfare and development economics, economics of technological change, population, environmental and resource economics, theory of games, economics of undernutrition, and economics of social capital. He has a distinguished list of publication, with the latest being [Economics of Biodiversity: The Dasgupta Review](#) (2021).

The Dasgupta Review provides a rich overview of the economics of biodiversity, paints a bleak picture of the current state of biodiversity, and is a call to arms for action in anticipation of the CBD COP 15. The Review takes a global perspective aimed at the high level of international and national policy on biodiversity, while elucidating the very local nature of biodiversity threats and values. The central point of The Review is that the economy is embedded in the environment and growth is limited. The Review provides a new framework, grounded in ecology and Earth Sciences, yet applying the principles from finance and economics to understand the sustainability of our interaction with nature and prioritize efforts to enhance nature and prosperity.

Prof. Dasgupta will highlight different aspects of The Review in his keynote address and outline its relevance to the region.