

# Dr. Julian Agyeman

October 5, 2015, in Dr. Julian Agyeman's keynote, *Just sustainabilities: Re-imagining Equality, Living within Limits*, Dr. Agyeman will first outline the concept of 'just sustainabilities'. He will argue that integrating social needs and welfare, offers us a more 'just,' rounded, and equity-focused definition of sustainability and sustainable development, while not negating the very real environmental threats we face. He will define it as 'the need to ensure a better quality of life for all, now and into the future, in a just and equitable manner, whilst living within the limits of supporting ecosystems.' He will then look at examples of just sustainabilities in practice in the real world focusing on ideas about 'fair shares' resource distribution globally; planning for intercultural cities; achieving wellbeing and happiness; the potential in the new sharing economy; and finally, the concept of 'spatial justice' and how it complements the more established concept of social justice.

Julian Agyeman Ph.D. FRSA is a Professor of [Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University](#), Medford, MA. He is the originator of the concept of 'just sustainabilities,' the full integration of social justice and sustainability, defined as:



Dr. Julian Agyeman presents the lecture at the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Environmental Lecture Series at the Strom Thurmond Institute on October 5, 2015 at 2:00pm

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As an ecologist/biogeographer turned environmental social scientist, he has both a science and social science background which helps frame his perspectives, research and scholarship. He thrives at the borders and intersections of a wide range of knowledges, disciplines and methodologies which he utilizes in creative and original ways in his [research](#).

He was co-founder in 1988, and chair until 1994, of the [Black Environment Network \(BEN\)](#), the first environmental justice-based organization of its kind in Britain. He was co-founder in 1996, and is now Editor-in-Chief of [Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability](#) and was elected to the Fellowship of the [Royal Society of the Arts \(FRSA\)](#) in the same year. The mission of the RSA is to enrich society through ideas and action.

He is Series Editor of [Just Sustainabilities: Policy, Planning and Practice](#) published by Zed Books and Co-Editor of the Series [Routledge Equity, Justice and the Sustainable City](#). He is also Contributing Editor to [Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development](#) and a member of the editorial board of the [Australian Journal of Environmental Education](#). In addition, he is an Affiliate at the [Civitas Athenaeum Laboratory](#) at KTH – Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, a Studio Associate at [The Studio at the Edge of the World](#), University of Tasmania Creative Exchange Institute and a Senior Scholar at [The Center for Humans and Nature](#), Chicago.

His publications, which number over 160, include books, peer reviewed articles, book chapters, published conference presentations, published reports, book reviews, newspaper articles, Op-Eds and articles in professional magazines and journals. His books include [Just Sustainabilities: Development in an Unequal World](#) (co-edited with Robert D Bullard and Bob Evans: MIT Press 2003), [Sustainable Communities and the Challenge of](#)

[Environmental Justice](#) (NYU Press 2005), [Environmental Inequalities Beyond Borders: Local Perspectives on Global Injustices](#) (co-edited with JoAnn Carmin: MIT Press 2011), [Cultivating Food Justice : Race, Class and Sustainability](#) (co-edited with Alison Hope Alkon: MIT Press 2011), [Introducing Just Sustainabilities: Policy, Planning and Practice](#) (Zed Books 2013) and [Incomplete Streets: Processes, Practices, and Possibilities](#) (co-edited with Stephen Zavestoski: Routledge 2014). December this year will see the publication of his book [Sharing Cities: A Case for Truly Smart and Sustainable Cities](#) (co-authored with Duncan McLaren: MIT Press). He is currently working on a book on food trucks.

For fuller details of his work, take a look at his [research interests](#), [complete list of publications](#) and his [Curriculum Vitae](#). For measures of the (academic) impact of his work, take a look at his Google Scholar citations, h-index and i10-index. To keep up with his latest ideas, visit his Just Sustainabilities Blog and his Incomplete Streets, Invisible Cyclist and Urban Food Stories websites and of course, follow him on one, but preferably all his of Twitter accounts @julianagyeman @IncompleteSts @urbanfoodstory and @invisiblcyclist.

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