



# EMPOWERING SUSTAINABILITY



**AGENDA - JULY 17 and 18, 2017**

**UCI Law School, room EDU 1111**

## MONDAY, JULY 17th

<b>9:00 am Conference opening and welcome: The Empowering Sustainability Initiative</b>	
Juliana M. Zanotto	UCI Principal Researcher and Empowering Sustainability Initiative Coordinator
<b>10:00 am Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10:15 am Sustainability at the University of California, Irvine</b>	
Wendell Brase	UCI Associate Chancellor for Sustainability
<b>10:45 am Politics, policies, and how to build coalitions to effect change</b>	
Fran Pavley	Former State Senator and author of California's landmark policies
<b>12:00 pm Lunch Break</b>	
<b>1:30 pm P.I.P Talks by Empowering Sustainability Fellows</b> (presentations focusing on Personal experiences, Important topics, or Professional projects)	
Kathleen Hibbert (USA)	Post-doctoral researcher at United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Logan Strenchock (Hungary)	Environmental and Sustainability Officer, Central European University, and Organic Garden Team Member, Zsamboki Biokert
Belgin Gumru (Turkey)	Translator/editor, PhD Student at Istanbul Technical University
Chelsea Biklen (USA)	Environmental Programs Assistant at City of Cupertino
Ranulfo Paiva Sobrinho (Brazil)	Writer, Co-founder at Sustainability.School, and Post-doctoral Researcher at UNICAMP
<b>3:30 pm Coffee Break</b>	
<b>3:45 pm P.I.P Talks by Empowering Sustainability Fellows</b> (presentations focusing on Personal experiences, Important topics, or Professional projects)	
Sofia Gomez Vallarta (Mexico)	Graduate Student at Universidad del Medio Ambiente
Ligia Coelho Martins (Brazil)	Blogger, Photographer, Art Curator, and Corporate Sustainability Consultant
Shannon Koplitz (USA)	Physical Scientist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Connor Harron (USA)	PhD. Student and Center for Unconventional Security Affairs Research Associate, School of Social Ecology UC, Irvine

## TUESDAY, JULY 18th

<b>9:00 am Degrowth in practice</b>	
Logan Strenchock (Hungary)	Environmental and Sustainability Officer, Central European University, and Organic Garden Team Member, Zsamboki Biokert
<b>9:45 am Jordan and the humanitarian crisis in Syria</b>	
Zein Nsheiwat (Jordan)	Resident Director of the Amman CIEE Study Center