



Dear Graciela,

Probably you will not remember me: I had the pleasure to meet you in the early nineties when I was a professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Bielefeld, Germany; later you stayed with us (my wife Elisabeth and myself) in our apartment in Vienna, Austria, together with Geoffrey Heal. In the meantime, I changed my affiliation twice and am now at Klagenfurt University, which is a small university in the south of Austria near the Italian and Slovenian border.

Today I am writing to you to invite you to give a lecture at our university. Under the umbrella of INFER, an independent research network of (mostly young) economists, I am organizing a workshop on "Sustainable Public Finances in a Turbulent Global Economy" at Klagenfurt University in Klagenfurt, Austria, 28 - 30 September this year. The Call for Papers is attached to this message; additional information on INFER is available on the web under <http://www.infer-research.net/index.php?id=6>. Given your seminal work on formalizing and axiomatizing the notion of sustainable development, I would like to invite you to be a keynote speaker at this conference. Although I know that your main interest is not in problems of fiscal policy, I would be very grateful if you could present your approach to sustainability to this more macroeconomic audience. (Last year, a book co-edited by myself on this topic came out from MIT Press: <http://mitpress.mit.edu/catalog/item/default.asp?ttype=2&tid=11513>) Moreover, in our university there are several people working on sustainable environmental policies (although mostly not using mathematical models), and it would certainly be interesting for them to hear about the formal theory of sustainable development from its creator.

We will publish the proceedings of the conference with Edward Elgar (INFER has a series with them). We can offer you an honorarium of EUR 1,000.- in return for a one-hour presentation and a publishable manuscript (which you may send us after the conference). The costs of travel (economy class round trip) and accommodation will, of course, also be covered by the conference organization. Some incentive might be that Klagenfurt is a nice place from a touristic point of view in fall. If you want to stay longer, we will be happy to have you as our guest.

I hope that you can accept our invitation and look forward towards hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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