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Motivation Letter [PDF]

Molly Scott Cato: Motivation Letter

I'm excited about the idea of working with friends and colleagues from across Europe to support the Green Parties, increase protections for our climate and our natural world, and defend and revitalise our democracies.

Curriculum Vitae [PDF]

I have been a member of the Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW) for more than 35 years, serving at all levels inside and outside the party. I have been spokesperson for the GPEW on Economy and Finance for more than a decade and the External Communications Coordinator for EWGP since 2020. I will soon be stepping back from these roles.

I had the honour to serve in the European Parliament between 2014 and 2020, representing South West England and Gibraltar. During this time I was on the Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and was the Parliament's rapporteur on sustainable finance. I am a Professor of Economics and happy to lend that knowledge and experience to the committee. I also served on the Parliament's Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

I campaigned vigorously for the UK to remain a member of the EU and am currently Vice Chair of the European Movement UK. My purpose there is to end the silence around the question of our membership of the EU. The European Movement has EU membership as its objective and I'm proud to work with them to keep that issue alive. I have participated in a number of events for the Green European Foundation and written articles for their journal, including this futuristic one that probably says more about my personal dreams than anything else!

Since the end of my time as an MEP, I have focused on my national party, taking a role on the national executive as External Communications Coordinator. I was instrumental in our communications that led to our historic election result in the general election in July 2014. I would be offering myself to the committee with the particular function of communications.

I believe that green parties across Europe have a historic role of being outside the establishment politics that citizens are turning against, while standing firmly behind democracy and citizen engagement. This deliberate attack on democracy is something I came to understand during the campaign against Brexit, and I want to work with other green parties across our continent to be part of the vital work of defending democracy against autocracy, disinformation and fascism.

I studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University and took a PhD in Economics from the University of Wales. I have written and published on resilient local economies, cooperatives and social enterprise, sustainable finance, monetary policy and tax policy. I live in Stroud, a small, but vibrant town in rural Gloucestershire am on the core group of my local community farm.

Molly Scott Cato

Curriculum Vitae

Date of birth	21 May 1963
Nationality	British
Education	PhD in Economics, 1996-2000 Department of Economics, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
	MSc in Advanced Social Research Methods 1988-91 Open University (part-time)
	BA (Hons), class II (upper) in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, 1982-1985 St. Hugh's College, University of Oxford
Experience	
2020-2024	External Communications Coordinator, England and Wales Green Party
2014-2020	Member of the European Parliament for South West England
	Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, responsible for the regulation of financial services, taxation and competition policies, and oversight of the European Central Bank
	Member of four tax inquiry committees and Green rapporteur on two tax inquiry reports
	European Parliament Rapporteur on sustainable finance
2001-2024	Economics Speaker, England and Wales Green Party
2012-present	Professor of Green Economics, Roehampton University Business School (now emerita)
2008-2012	Reader in Green Economics and Director of Cardiff Institute for Co-operative Studies, Cardiff School of Management
2002-2008	Lecturer, then Senior Lecturer in Social Economy, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff
1990-2002	Freelance copy-editor for Oxford University Press of academic journals *European Sociological Review* and *European Journal of Social Work*

Political history in GPEW

1988	Joined UK Green Party
1990	Member and later co-chair of GP Regional Council
1992-2007	Active member of Wales Green Party; stood for election as MP and MEP
2001-present	Spokesperson on Finance and Economy
2011	Elected as councillor in Stroud
2012	Led Green Group on Stroud District Council in to governing coalition with
2014	Elected as MEP
2019	Re-elected as MEP
2020-present	External Communications Coordinator on GPEW Executive

Achievements as MEP

Parliamentary Rapporteur on Sustainable Finance

- Legislation on low-carbon benchmarks
- Legislation on disclosures relating to sustainable investments

Green Rapporteur on tax committees

- Contribution to debates on financial crime, tax evasion and tax avoidance
- Risks of money laundering and the EU banking sector
- Harmonising and simplifying EU VAT rules
- Automatic exchange of tax information
- Debate on the Paradise Papers

Oversight of EU banking system

- Questioning of Bank Governors Mario Draghi and Christine Lagarde
- Proposal of Green QE
- Contribution to greening of the ECB

Member of the Agriculture Committee

- Contributions on the sustainable use of pesticides
- Transparency and sustainability in the food chain
- Possibility of the restriction or prohibition of GMOs

Defence of democracy

Contribution to the debate on Cambridge Analytica
Contribution to a series of debates about Brexit

Member of the Latin America delegation including negotiating resolutions on human rights in Guatemala, Venezuela, El Salvador, Nicaragua

Other public service

2022-present Vice Chair of the European Movement UK
Leading a programme of visits to European capitals to assess the conditions and timeframe for the UK to rejoin the EU.

2023-present Member of the core group of Stroud Community Agriculture

2018-2022 Member of the Council of the European Movement UK

2013-2015 Member of the Welsh Government's Cooperative Commission

2013-2014 Chair of Audit and Standards Committee, Stroud District Council

2010-2013 Board Member of Meadow Prospect, the regeneration arm of Rhondda Cynon Taff communities homes

2009-2012 Director of Transition Stroud

2008-2010 Member of the Advisory Group of the Equality Trust

2007-2014 Director of Stroud Common Wealth

2005-2010 Member of the Exec Committee of Cooperatives and Mutuals Wales

Public engagement (recent selection)

Media activity

I have appeared on flagship broadcast programmes including Today, pm, Newsnight, Channel 4 News and Any Questions. I have published op eds on platforms such as Guardian Opinion, Indy Voices, and the Ecologist. I have also published blogs on platforms such as UK in a Changing Europe and LSE Europe.

Invited Keynotes and Panels

2024 The Journey Home, presentation to the Italian Democratic Party, London, January

LSE lecture: The European Union and Climate Change: a rendezvous with destiny or with reality? February

The Journey Home: How Can We Return to the Heart of Europe? Presentation to Cornwall for Europe, March

2023 Who Owns the Future, SECA Annual Sustainability Lecture, Queens University Belfast

What is the role of an economist in a climate and ecological emergency? Presentation to the 9th annual Degrowth Conference, Zagreb, August.

EU Research Centre Sustainable Finance Summer School, Ispra, July.

The Economics of Human Flourishing conference, Leuven, June.

Panel on Net Zero at Greenfields Speakers' Forum, Glastonbury Festival, with Lord Deben and Professor Kevin Anderson, June.

What Comes after the SDGs?, Leeds University Horizon Institute, June.

Tomorrow's World, Exeter University, June.

'How can we save our climate? Understanding the challenges of climate change adaptation and exploring business and management responses', British Academy of Management online, May.

'Is there an alternative to growth, growth, growth?', with Caroline Lucas, Paul Ekins, and Tim Jackson, LSE, March.

2022 Confronting Climate Crisis: Where is the New Normal, Greenhouse thinktank panel event, House of Lords, December.

'Can we solve the climate crisis by working together?', Royal Economics Society, Warwick University, April.

Energy, Security and Climate: Rethinking the UK's Place within Europe, Annual Julian Priestley Memorial Lecture, Somerville College, Oxford, May.

Women, Solidarity and Ecology, Laudato Si' Conference, Oxford, July.

Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation, Ukraine War and Energy Security, July.

2021 Panel at the PSA21 Annual Conference on Resilience, Expertise, Hope, Queen's University Belfast, online, March.

The Bioregional Economy, Mundekulla, Sweden, August.

Land, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, Biodistretto Tuscany, October.

Making the Polluters Pay and Sharing the Proceeds Fairly, GPEW event at COP26, November.

5 Years after Paris: Walking the Talk, GEF event at COP26, December.

2020 Chichester Friends Annual Peace Lecture, November.

Women, Solidarity, and Ecology Conference, Campion Hall, Oxford, June.

The future of Europe: ensuring economic stability and sustainability, European University Institute, Florence, April

The economics of the climate emergency, Warwick University Economics 360 lecture series, March

The future of Britain's relationship with the EU, panel hosted by Warwick Economics Summit, January

Land for the many, panel with George Monbiot, Oxford Real Farming Conference, January

2019 Implementing the EU Action Plan for Sustainable Finance, panel at UN Environment Programme Financial Initiative Conference, Paris, July

Industrial Strategy for zero carbon, automation and equality, panel contribution, Martyrs' Marquee, Tolpuddle, July

What can I do about climate change?, panel chaired by Ritula Shah at Lovelock Centenary Event, The Forum, University of Exeter

Can we trust markets to do the right thing? Mainstreaming Sustainable Finance, 2nd Sustainable Finance Forum, Philharmonie, Luxembourg, June

Afore Consulting. Sustainable Finance Workshop: An EU Taxonomy in Practice , panel with Martin Spolc and Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Brussels, January

2018 Mission Finance: The policy and finance conditions needed to meet climate Ambition, panel at Climate-KIC conference, Dublin, November

Is capitalism unsustainable? Green Growth or degrowth?, panel with with Prof. Kevin Anderson, Prof. Giorgos Kallis and Prof. Robert Pollin, Political Economy Centre, University of Manchester, November

German Sustainable Finance Summit, Frankfurt, September 2018

Laudato Si' Reflection Day, European Social Centre (JESC) Brussels, June

The UN SDGs, impact and so-called 'extra-financial' data ,panel at Responsible Investor Conference, London, June

Panel at Radical Ecological Conversion After Laudato Sí: Discovering the Intrinsic Value of all Creatures, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, March

Europe's new rules for Green Finance, Heinrich Boll Stiftung conference, Frankfurt, January

2017 Central Banking and Green Finance, conference at the Netherlands Central Bank, Amsterdam, November

The Commons! A panel debate to launch Finding Common Ground, Green European Foundation, Brussels, March

Post-crisis Europe and Brexit, Jean Monnet Lecture, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, Bristol University, February

2016 Inequality and Sustainability: Prospects for Progress in Age of Brexit, panel panel with Ed Miliband, Equality Trust annual conference, London, November

Financialisation, Economy, Society and Sustainable Development: Debates from a policy perspective, Concert Noble, Brussels, September

2015 Hopes for COP21 Climate Talks, panel at Plymouth University, November

Publications

Books

Supporters

Miljöpartiet de gröna, Les Écologistes - Europe Ecologie Les Verts, Verdes Equo, Možemo! – politična platforma, Miljöpartiet De Gröna, Eestima Rohelised, Estonia, Irish Green Party / Comhaontas Glas

2021 *Sustainable Finance* (Cham: Springer).

2020 *Environment and Economy*, 2nd edn., in press (London: Routledge).

2018 *Introducing A New Economics: Pluralist, Sustainable, Progressive*, with Reardon, J., and Madi, A. M. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press).

2012 *The Bioregional Economy: Land, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness* (London: Earthscan).

2011 *Environment and Economy* (London: Routledge).

2009 *Green Economics: Theory, Policy and Practice (*London: Earthscan) (foreign language rights sold to publishers in Beijing, Taiwan, Cairo and Athens).

Peer review papers and book chapters (selection)

Forthcoming 'Body and planet: re-embedding and re-embodying the economy', in *Women and Heterodox Economics Handbook* (London: Cheltenham: Edward Elgar).

2024 'Why a Green and Resilient Future Must be a Cooperative Future', in *Routledge Handbook of Cooperative Economics and Management* (London: Routledge).

2020 Green economics in Moosmayer, D., Laasch, O., Brown, K.G, and Parkes, C. (eds.), *The SAGE Handbook of Responsible Management Learning and Education* (in press).

2019 'Introducing sell-by dates for stranded assets: Ensuring an orderly transition to a sustainable economy', *Journal of Sustainable Finance,* Nov, with Cory Fletcher.

2019 Stronger in? the logic of pan-European co-operation in the era of Trump and climate change, in Ward, L. and Brady, J. (eds.), *Greens for a Better Europe: Twenty Years of UK Green Influence in the European Parliament*.

2017 The bioregional economy: celebrating the local in production and consumption, in Spash, C. (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Ecological Economics: Nature and Society* (London: Routledge), pp. 487-96.

2016 Rethinking the factors of production for a world of common ownership and sustainability: Europe and Latin America compared, *Review of Radical Political Economics*, June, with Peter North.

2014 A price for everything?': The 'natural capital controversy, *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment*, 5/2, with Rupert Read.

2012 Green Economics: Putting the planet and politics back into economics, *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, 36(5): 1019-1032.