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The world is facing unprecedented systemic challenges of both ecological and economic nature that are straining not only our resources but also the intellectual frameworks and finance/economics theories on which we have relied for generations. This seminar provides a platform for careful, curated conversations aimed at breaking through the disconnects between short-term market pressures and long-term social and environmental sustainability, working toward new understandings of the systems of interdependence, correlation, and causality that link and drive the global economy.

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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 2 — *Advances in Impact Investing: Triggering Systems Change*
Fran Seegull, United States Impact Investing Alliance
Sean Gilbert, Global Impact Investing Network

October 7 — *How to Catalyze More Private Capital Through Blended Financing Structures to Finance Innovative Solutions*
Abhisheik Dhawan, United Nations Capital Development Fund
Nnamdi Igbokwe, Columbia University

November 4 — *The Future of Multicapitalism and Integrated Reporting*
George Dallas, European Corporate Governance Institute
Jonathan Labrey, International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation
Leigh Roberts, Integrated Reporting Institute (South Africa)

December 2 — *Taking Externalities into Account: Assumptions, Limitations, Pathways, and Integrating Opportunities*
Jeremy Nicholls, Social Value International
James ("Jim") Hawley, Externality Investment Research Network

February 4 — *The Impact of AI+ On Fiduciary Duty, System-Level Investing, and Measurement & Disclosure*
Robert K. Massie, Columbia University
Tom Hedrick, Dillon Joyce Ltd.

March 4 — *AI, Impact, and Trust: Redefining Measurement and Verification in Sustainable Finance*
Mikael Homanen, The Upright Project
Daniel Lobo, The Upright Project
Sarah Gelfand, BlueMark

April 1 — *How Can Reporting Frameworks Best Support the Low-Carbon Transition?*
Richard Tarboton, World Resources Institute
Toby Heaps, Corporate Knights

May 6 — *Buried Treasure: How Experts Uncover Financial Value and Hidden Risks in Sustainability Data*
Michiel van der Lof, Ernst & Young (Netherlands)
Jeremy Stuber, Corporate Reporting Users' Forum (United Kingdom)
Renati Suzuki, KPMG in Brazil (Brazil)

June 3 — *When Visibility Changes Responsibility: Governance, Duty, and the Future of Sustainable Finance*
Cynthia Williams, Indiana University
Catherine Howarth, ShareAction (United Kingdom)
Paul Rissman, Rights CoLab

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