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*John is the author of Fragile Resistance: Social Transformation in Iran from 1500 to the Revolution (1993) and Taking Power: On the Origins of Revolutions in the Third World (2005). His research and activism are now centered within the global climate justice movement, and much of it can be found at found at the International Institute of Climate Action and Theory [<https://www.iicat.org/john-forans-iicat-research-portal>] and at Resilience.org [<http://www.resilience.org/?type=Filter+by&s=Foran>].*

*John is a scholar-activist in the global climate justice movement, the center of the struggle for achieving social justice and radical social change in the 21st century.*

*He is one of the founders of the UCSB Environmental and Climate Justice Hub of the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, and an active member of Transition US, the Central Coast Climate Justice Network, the Global Tapestry of Alternatives, System Change Not Climate Change, the Green Party of California, and Symbiosis Revolution.*

*What follows are pieces and other creative works for which there are links.*

**Websites where you can find some of John Foran's work:**

[www.iicat.org/john-forans-iicat-research-portal/](http://www.iicat.org/john-forans-iicat-research-portal/)

<http://www.resilience.org/?type=Filter+by&s=Foran>

<http://www.soc.ucsb.edu/faculty/john-foran>

## NXTerra

This is a wonderful resource for educational resources about the climate crisis, climate justice, and critical sustainabilities:

<https://www.nxterra.orfaleacenter.ucsb.edu/>

This is a video introduction to NXTerra by me: “We’re in a Climate Crisis – This is what educators need to do...”

<https://vimeo.com/376712374>

These are links to the “Topics” I have done for NXTerra:

Climate Justice Movements: <https://www.nxterra.orfaleacenter.ucsb.edu/topic-climate-justice-movements/>

Systemic Alternatives: <https://www.nxterra.orfaleacenter.ucsb.edu/topic-systemic-alternatives/>

## Books by John Foran

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*The First Draft of History: Thirty-Four of the Best Pieces on the Paris Agreement at COP 21.* Compiled by John Foran. 2016. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/Thirty-three-of-the-Best-Pieces-on-the-Paris-Agreement-at-COP-21.-John-Foran-January-4-2015.pdf>

*At the COP: Global Climate Justice Youth Speak Out.* Volume co-edited with Corrie Ellis and Summer Gray. 2014. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/At-the-COP-Global-Climate-Justice-Youth-Speak-Out-Foran-Ellis-Gray-2014.pdf>

*What Now for Climate Justice: Social Movement Strategies for the Struggle over the Next Universal Climate Treaty.* Volume co-edited with Richard Widick.

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*Taking Power: On the Origins of Third World Revolutions.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2005. <http://www.iicat.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Taking-Power-by-John-Foran-2005-Cambridge-University-Press.pdf>

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“Transforming the University to Confront the Climate Crisis”

*Part One: A Network Strategy of Providing Transformative Resources to Teacher-Activists of the Climate Crisis.* July 23, 2020. [https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-07-23/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-1/?mc\\_cid=b494548c08&mc\\_eid=6d8c24e1b3](https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-07-23/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-1/?mc_cid=b494548c08&mc_eid=6d8c24e1b3)

*Part Two: Eco Vista and the World in 2025: Taking the Classroom into the Community.* July 31, 2020. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-07-31/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-2/>

*Part Three: Toward a Pluriverse of Climate Justice Universities.* August 6, 2020. [https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-08-06/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-3/?mc\\_cid=412a202106&mc\\_eid=6d8c24e1b3](https://www.resilience.org/stories/2020-08-06/transforming-the-university-to-confront-the-climate-crisis-part-3/?mc_cid=412a202106&mc_eid=6d8c24e1b3)

“Eco Vista in the Quintuple Crisis.” Pp. 284-291 in *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements*. Volume 12. Issue 1 (July 2020). <https://www.interfacejournal.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Foran.pdf>

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- “One, Two, ... Many Green New Deals: An Ecosocialist Roundtable.” With Carol Dansereau, Ted Franklin, Brad Hornick, Sandra Lindberg, and Jennifer Scarlott. February 26, 2019. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2019-02-26/one-two-many-green-new-deals-an-ecosocialist-roundtable/>
- “The Varieties of Hope.” *Resilience*. July 2, 2018. <https://www.resilience.org/stories/2018-07-02/the-varieties-of-hope/> Also published as “Cracks in the Concrete: Toward Radical Hope.” <http://www.climatejusticeproject.org/2018/07/05/cracks-in-the-concrete-toward-radical-hope/>
- “Not Yet the End of the World: Political Cultures of Opposition and Creation in the Global Youth Climate Justice Movement.” With Corrie Ellis and Summer Gray. Pp. 353-379 in *Interface: A Journal for and about Social Movements*. Volume 9. Issue 2. November/December 2017. <http://www.interfacejournal.net/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Interface-9-2-Foran-Gray-Grosse.pdf>
- “Sleepwalking is a Death Sentence for Humanity: Manifesto for a Sociology of the Climate Crisis and of Climate Justice.” October 2017. <http://www.resilience.org/stories/2017-10-02/sleepwalking-is-a-death-sentence-for-humanity/>

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- “Teaching Climate Justice Movements and Systemic Alternatives.” Next Earth: Teaching Climate Change Across the Disciplines. Santa Barbara. June 2019. <http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?p=19181>

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“As Scholar-Activists, How Can We Create the New Field of Climate Justice Studies?” For “Artists, Activists, and Academics: Creating Just Climate Futures Together.” A nearly-carbon neutral conference at UC Santa Barbara. July 2017. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HZrNonPBkEE>

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“Averting the Collapse of Humanity: A Novella of How Climate Justice Might Get Us All to 2050 in One Piece (II).” Association of Environmental Studies and Science. Tucson, Arizona. June 2017.

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“What is a Knowledge Action Network?” UC-CSU KAN Conference. May 2017.

<http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?p=16884>

“Averting the Collapse of Humanity: A Tale of How Radical Climate Justice Just Might Get Us All to 2050 in One Piece [a novella almost in progress].”

“The World in 2050: Imagining and Creating Just Climate Futures.” A nearly-carbon neutral conference at UC Santa Barbara. October–November 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0wsW5Bvh-A>

“What Will It Take to Win? A Discussion of Bill McKibben, the Climate Mobilization Victory Plan, and the World War 2 Mobilization Idea.” “The World in 2050: Imagining and Creating Just Climate Futures.” A nearly-carbon neutral conference at UC Santa Barbara. October–November 2016.

<http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?p=15895>

“Introduction to the Conference.” “The World in 2050: Imagining and Creating Just Climate Futures.” A nearly-carbon neutral conference at UC Santa Barbara. October–November 2016. <https://youtu.be/b7FJgRzBEOY>

## **Nearly Carbon Neutral [NCN] Conferences Held at UC Santa Barbara**

### **CLIMATE CHANGE: VIEWS FROM THE HUMANITIES**

*Spring 2016*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=12687](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=12687)

### **THE WORLD IN 2050: IMAGINING AND CREATING JUST CLIMATE FUTURES**

*Fall 2016*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=14895](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=14895)

### **BUILDING A UC/CSU CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE ACTION NETWORK FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION AND ACTION**

*Spring 2017*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=16797](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=16797)

### **ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS, AND ACADEMICS: BUILDING JUST CLIMATE FUTURES TOGETHER**

*Summer 2017*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=17106](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=17106)

### **CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

*Spring 2018*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=17971](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=17971)

## **A CLOCKWORK GREEN: ECOMEDIA IN THE ATHROPOCENE**

*Summer 2018*

[http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page\\_id=17731](http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?page_id=17731)

## **NEXT EARTH: TEACHING CLIMATE CHANGE ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES**

*Summer 2019*

<http://ehc.english.ucsb.edu/?p=19159>

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## **Cosmic Bio of John Foran**

By day I teach sociology at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Most of the time, I live the life of a scholar-activist in the global climate justice movement, at the center of the struggle for achieving social justice and radical social change in the 21st century. One manifestation of this locally is the Eco Vista dreamworld at [www.ecovistacommunity.com](http://www.ecovistacommunity.com)

I believe that just as spirituality remains a wasted gesture unless put into some kind of practice outside of oneself in the world, I also feel that far too much activism falls short of its potential for liberation because groups and individuals fail to acknowledge and work on the inner transition and nurturing of relationships that the best spiritual practices enable in us.



I am an unabashed eclecticist when it comes to both spirituality and activism, and I believe that we are called at this time to be applying our imagination, our deepest being, our most creative and unbounded imagination to the task at hand, which is nothing short of a complete transformation of the way we live.

You can see some of my work along these lines at [www.resilience.org](http://www.resilience.org). I participate as much as I can as an active member both at home and beyond with Transition US, System Change Not Climate Change, 350.org, the Green Party of California, Extinction Rebellion, the Ecovercities Alliance, and the Global Tapestry of Alternatives, among others.

Please contact me at [jforan5@gmail.com](mailto:jforan5@gmail.com) to start the conversation!