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Dr. Zencey holds a Ph.D. in Political Philosophy and the History of Science. His dissertation, titled “Entropy as Root Metaphor,” looked at how the second law of thermodynamics revolutionized the sciences, including physics and biology and also found applications outside of science in such fields as history, politics, literature and economics. He currently teaches Ecological Economics, a school of economic thought rooted in the perception that economic processes are at the bottom thermodynamic processes. This talk on Ostwald is drawn from Eric’s essay “Energy as Master Resource,” published as a chapter in *The State of the World 2013*. His most recent book is *The Other Road to Serfdom and the Path to Sustainable Democracy*, which critically analyzes traditional economic theory for its thermodynamically illiterate, infinite-planet assumptions. During the Spring term he has a visiting lecture appointment at Washington University in St. Louis.

