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Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Global breakthrough to tackle shipping emissions. The agreement covers the vast majority of the world's commercial shipping and means that starting in 2028, ship owners will have to use increasingly cleaner fuels or face fines. [Read more ...](#)

'Yoda' for scientists: the outsider ecologist whose ideas from the 80s just might fix our future. John Todd's eco-machine stunned experts by using natural organisms to remove toxic waste from a Cape Cod lagoon. Forty years on, he wants to build a fleet of them to clean up the oceans. [Read more ...](#)

'Won't let it happen': Indian fishers fight \$1.8bn offshore minerals hunt. The Indian government is investing heavily in the search for critical minerals, including off its coasts. But it faces strong opposition from fisherfolk and their allies. [Read more ...](#)

Clean energy's share of world's electricity reaches 40%, report says ... But carbon dioxide emissions, which warm the planet, have risen to an all time high ... with hot weather pushing up the overall demand for power. [Read more ...](#)

Other News

Children of war: six orphans' 1,000-mile journey across Sudan in search of safety. After dysentery killed their mother and the civil war came to their home in Omdurman, Haroun and his young siblings were forced to set off on an epic quest to reach El Geneina. [Read more ...](#)

Myanmar's military drafts thousands in first year of conscription drive. Forced conscription has failed to change the course of Myanmar's grinding civil war, and many are refusing to serve. [Read more ...](#)

Israel shuts down UNRWA-affiliated schools in occupied East Jerusalem. Critics say hundreds of children are likely to be moved to schools teaching Israeli curriculum, which could 'erase' Palestinian identity. [Read more ...](#)

We Were There by Lanre Bakare review – the forgotten voices of black Britain. The author's sharply intelligent history of how black British identity was forged beyond London in the cauldron of the Thatcherite 1970s and 80s is a necessary corrective. [Read more ...](#)

We Were There: How Black culture, resistance and community shaped modern Britain by Lanre Bakare. [Details ...](#)

Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

'Only job I know': tiny Lesotho's garment workers reel from Trump's 50% tariffs. Impoverished African country is hit with highest tariff rate, overturning decades of global trade policy. [Read more ...](#)

Changing the Eurocentric narrative about the history of science – why multiculturalism matters. [Read more ...](#)

Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands: the Experiences of a Jamaican Nurse in South America and During the Crimean by Mary Seacole. [Details ...](#)

U.S. maternal mortality rate increased 27% over five years, NIH study finds. Amid government cuts, findings show the need to 'increase investment,' author says. [Read more ...](#)

'Barcelona or death': mothers watch and wait as Senegal's men risk all to reach Europe. For many the perilous journey to Spain seems the only future. Can the country's new government create enough jobs and prospects to make them stay? [Read more ...](#)

Local News ...

TEDx talk "From Cairo to Cornwall: why school food holds the key to a fairer world". [Read more ...](#)

International project launched to recover the hidden history of once-banned LGBTQ+ novel *The Well of Loneliness*. [Read more ...](#)

New exhibition at Exeter's Custom House showcases the beauty of ships. The exhibition is showing from Saturday 12th April to Sunday 11th May, entry is free. The Custom House is open every day from 10am-5pm. [Read more ...](#)

Battery recycling company gears up for expansion. The UK's first electric vehicle (EV) battery recycling plant has secured millions of dollars of investment to help scale up its Plymouth-based business. [Read more ...](#)

Campaigns:

Rainforest Rescue: Indonesia: Stop the destruction of Papua's Marind forest! Indonesia's government is implementing a state-run sugar and ethanol program in southern Papua under military protection. Two million hectares of rainforest and Indigenous land are at risk – a significant threat to biodiversity and local communities. [Petition ...](#)

Campaign Updates:

Practical Action: SUNNY project brightens communities' lives in East Africa ... green energy future for people who are struggling to adapt to climate change in Uganda and Rwanda. [Read more ...](#)

Debt Justice: Trump's tariffs and the debt crisis. [Read more ...](#)