

Pathways Newsletter

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Dear Pathways community,

We hope that the year has started off well for you!

If you are curious about what we got up to in 2024, our **annual report** is now published! Read the report full [here](#). In this newsletter, you will also find the call for sessions for our annual **French Sustainability Science** conference and a save the date for the **2nd International Congress of Ecological Humanities**. You can find all the details below.

We are also happy to share with you that our next [Pathways Forum](#) will take place on **Thursday February 13th from 15:00 - 17:00 CET**. In this webinar, we will interrogate the legitimacy and viability of behavioral solutions for climate change mitigation and transitions to sustainable ways of life in various regions in the Global North and South.

You can register and learn more about our speakers below. If you missed our last Forum on socio-ecological transitions research, you can [watch it on our Youtube here](#).

Happy reading!

*Stephanie
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group*



Contributions
from the community!

We always welcome relevant contributions to share (events, opportunities and publications) for our next Pathways newsletter and Pathways [social media](#). Please send content for consideration to stephanie.otoole@futureearth.org

Pathways News

Pathways 2024 Annual Report

In the past year, we sought to deepen our connections with the sustainability science community and broaden the reach of our activities, while fostering bottom-up contributions and reaching out to new early career researcher communities. Read the report full [here](#).



Keynote videos from our Pathways 2024 Autumn School

are now available to watch. Click below to discover many topics such as social tipping dynamics, biodiversity trends and the role of law in the quest for transformation.

Watch here



If you would like to learn more about our Autumn School which features quotes from some of the 2024 cohort, you can read our blog post on our website [here](#).

Appel à sessions ouvert pour les Rencontres 2025

"Les savoirs dans la tourmente : sciences de la durabilité et tensions socio- et géopolitiques"

Rejoignez-nous du **10 au 12 juin à Nantes** et proposez une session pour contribuer aux échanges sur les relations entre enjeux écologiques et tensions socio- et géopolitiques. Un soutien financier peut être apporté aux étudiant.e.s, doctorant.e.s et post-doctorant.e.s ou acteurs et actrices non-académiques.

Plus d'infos

10 - 12 juin 2025 | Nantes

Rencontres 2025

Les savoirs dans la tourmente: sciences de la durabilité et tensions socio- et géopolitiques

Appel à sessions

Date limite: 14 mars 2025



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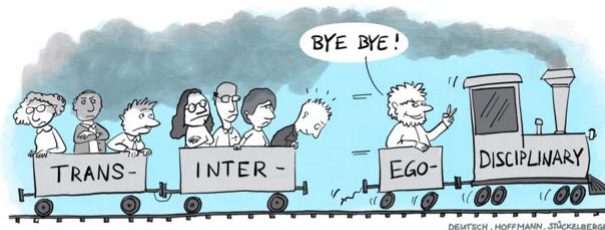


Food for Thought

Cartoons: How inter- and transdisciplinary integration will fail for sure by Lisa Deutsch and Sabine Hoffmann

"Collaborating successfully in inter- and transdisciplinary (ITD) research projects is a challenge. A series of cartoons humorously illustrates how collaboration will fail for sure. The scenes depicted are intended to provide food for thought across disciplines. They invite everyone to rethink their own behaviour and how ITD research can succeed".


[Read more here.](#)




UNCOUPLE YOUR OWN RESEARCH AND MAKE A QUICK GETAWAY

Events

PATHWAYS FORUM #17 Thursday 13th February


Sustainable Choices Through a Behavioral Insights Lens: Challenges, Ethics, and Opportunities 15:00-17:00 CET |  online



Mariam Chammat
French Behavioral Insights Unit

Britt Titus
Airbel Impact Lab

Kristian S. Nielsen
Copenhagen Business School

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Pathways Forum #17 - Sustainable Choices Through a Behavioral Insights Lens: Challenges, Ethics, and Opportunities

While behavioral insights are now an essential part of the policy maker's toolkit and can be an efficient tool for social change, they also come with challenges. In this Pathways Forum webinar, we will interrogate the legitimacy and viability of behavioral solutions for climate change mitigation and transitions to sustainable ways of life in various regions.

Speakers:

[Kristian S. Nielsen](#), Assistant Professor, Copenhagen Business School
[Britt Titus](#), Director, International Rescue Committee's Airbel Impact Lab
[Mariam Chammat](#), Executive advisor at the French Behavioral insights unit within the Interministerial Directorate for public transformation (DITP)

Discussion facilitator:

[Guillaume Dezecache](#), Researcher, social and behavioral sciences, Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) & UMI SOURCE (UVSQ, IRD, Université Paris Saclay)

Happening: Thursday 13th February, 15:00 - 17:00 CET | online

[Register now](#)



2nd conference of the SNLS: Law and/in the Anthropocene

The conference will take place at the University of Bern and will provide an opportunity to explore the trajectories of legal developments and responses vis-a-vis the challenges posed by the era that is referred to as the Anthropocene.

[Learn more here.](#)

Happening: 10 to 12 February 2025



ATTER Open Conference 2025 (French and English)

Vous êtes invité·e à la 2e Open Conference du projet ATTER. Cette rencontre sera un temps fort de ce réseau de recherche-action sur la transition agroécologique des systèmes alimentaires territoriaux en France, Italie, Royaume-Uni, Brésil, États-Unis

[Learn more here.](#)

Happening: 8 avril 2025, Université Libre de Bruxelles



The 18th Conference of the International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE) and The 11th International Degrowth Conference

Jointly organized, we strive to create an event with far-reaching impacts beyond academia. The conference, and the "Beyond the Conference" initiatives, will be organized in collaboration with policymakers, activists, NGOs, and others. The main theme is: *"Building socially just postgrowth futures - linking theory and action"*. [Learn more here.](#)

Happening: 24 to 27 June 2025



2nd International Congress of Ecological Humanities

Hosted by Pompeu Fabra University, this bilingual event (English/Spanish) will explore connections between Ecological Humanities and Planetary Well-being, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration to address eco-social crises from the perspectives of philosophy, ethics, aesthetics, art, and audiovisual communication. [Learn more here.](#)

Happening: 30 June and 1 July 2025



Spotlight



Little Elle in Slumberland is the third in a series of [comics from Future Natures](#) – an epic journey into the strange world of capitalist ‘value production’, and the many other values that persist and resist in spite of it.

Read the full comic [here.](#)



Publications

Tackling Inter- and Transdisciplinary Challenges: A New Research Approach for the Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research

(2024, Mountain Research and Development) [Read here.](#)

A just world on a safe planet: a *Lancet Planetary Health*–Earth Commission report on Earth-system boundaries, translations, and transformations

(2024, The Lancet Planetary Health) [Read here.](#)

Exploring the personal sphere of transformative change in researchers and stakeholders working on nature

(2025, Ecosystems and People) [Read here.](#)

Intertwined people–nature relations are central to nature-based adaptation to climate change

(2025, Philosophical Transactions B) [Read here.](#)

Opportunities

Call for expertise: Resilience Must-Knows Survey

The Stockholm Resilience Center, the Global Resilience Partnership, and Future Earth invite you to participate in our survey as part of the Resilience Science Must-Knows Relevant to Decision-Makers research initiative. Your expertise will help identify ‘must-knows’ from science that can guide decision-makers in addressing sustainable development challenges. Your input will contribute to a report for COP30 in Brazil and inform a series of science-policy dialogues in 2025.

[Begin the survey here.](#)

Deadline to participate: 7 February 2025

PhD: Phase-Out in Science as a Lever for Sustainability Transformations

In this project, you will investigate how science, often perceived as a neutral force, is being challenged to address environmental concerns, technological risks, and societal inequalities.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 7 February 2025

Call for abstracts: 16th International Sustainability Transitions (IST) Conference

The STRN conference will focus on exploring tensions and trade-offs in structural changes for sustainability transitions. We welcome contributions that engage with the conference theme and with other relevant topics of interest for sustainability transitions.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 10 February 2025

Call for abstracts: Alternet Conference 2025 "Achieving Transformative Change for Biodiversity"

The conference is structured around the cutting-edge issues facing biodiversity, ecosystem services and the science-policy interface. The preferred/relevant session for your abstract submission is on the conference website.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 15 February 2025

Call for abstracts: Universities for Sustainability – Contributions of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts

This initiative aims to explore the unique and transformative contributions of SSH&A to help universities and other higher education institutions (HEI) meet the challenges of sustainable development, focusing on climate change, biodiversity loss and societal transformation.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 15 February 2025

td-net Online Learning Group 2025

Join our open online course on transdisciplinary research and learn how to tackle complex societal challenges in an interactive peer learning environment. Join now for a six-week learning journey from 25 February to 11 April.

[Learn more here.](#)

Starting: 25 February 2025

Call for contributions: IALE 2025 European Landscape Ecology Congress

The IALE Congress would like to encourage a wide range of interdisciplinary presentations. The four Congress themes are available on the website.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 28 February 2025

Call for papers: Climate Change, Extreme Climate Events, Loss, and Damage in Africa

This book seeks to provide empirical insights and practical solutions on how extreme climate events are shaping the African landscape and communities. It discusses the economic and non-economic losses and damages from extreme climate events.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 31 March 2025

Call for papers: Tour de Coasts

For this Special Collection, Anthropocene Coasts, supported by [Future Earth Coasts](#), invites manuscripts of all aspects of coastal sustainability challenges and opportunities globally.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 21 July 2025

Future Earth France Hub, 4 Place Jussieu, Paris, France

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