



Pathways Newsletter

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Dear Pathways community,

This month's newsletter features a new publication by the Pathways Initiative and an important announcement that the deadline for submissions has been extended for our *Rencontres des Sciences de la durabilité*. Find out more information below!

Not to forget our next Pathways Forum, taking place on June 17th, which will be the second instalment of our Decolonizing Sustainability Science series. Find out more below about how you can register. If you missed part 1, check it out [here](#).

As the summer approaches, we hope that the latest news and opportunities featured in this newsletter will continue to be useful for you in exploring new, sustainable and just futures.

Happy reading!

Stephanie
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

Pathways News



Participants from the *2023 Pathways Autumn School* have drafted a letter calling on scientific institutions to take a stand against research funding from the fossil fuel industries.

To learn more about the petition, click [here](#).

Leveraging capacity for transformative sustainability science: a theory of change from the Future Earth Pathways Initiative

Part of: [Charting the Course for the Next Decade of Sustainability Research and Innovation](#)

What would a theory of change for leveraging the transformative capacity of sustainability science look like?

This is the question that the Pathways Initiative and our Steering Group have asked in a last publication for Global Sustainability, "Leveraging capacity for transformative sustainability science: a theory of change from the Future Earth Pathways Initiative".

This paper is open access and to read it click [here](#).



Appel à sessions – 'Savoir habiter la Terre et ses limites'

La date limite pour notre appel à sessions a été repoussée jusqu'au **12 juin** !

Les Rencontres encouragent une diversité d'experts à soumettre des propositions : chercheurs et chercheuses, associations ou collectifs, artistes, étudiant.e.s, professionnel.le.s des secteurs publics et privés, etc. Cliquez [ici](#) pour plus d'informations.



Food for Thought

An open space for boundary-pushing critical reflections, opinions, and perspectives from the scientific community on doing sustainability science

Short essay: Resetting Our Developmentalist Imaginary: Re-Connecting Global North and South

"...The various socio-environmental emergency states we are confronting are enough reasons to set off all alarms. Our economy organized around limitless exponential growth, absurdly coupled with local and global growing inequalities, can't constitute a model to be emulated."

[Read more here.](#)

Events

PATHWAYS FORUM #14
When Western meets Indigenous in Sustainability Science, from theory to practice - Part 2

Monday 17 June
16:00-18:00 CET |
online

in collaboration with:

Teriitutea Quesnot
Université de Bretagne Occidentale

Nkwí Flores
Kinray Hub

Claudia C. Baron-Aguilar
University of South Florida

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OCEAN KNOWLEDGE ACTION NETWORK
Taipei

Pathways Forum #14 - When Western meets Indigenous in Sustainability Science, from theory to practice - Part 2

It was not necessary to attend Part 1 of this webinar series to be able to participate and listen to Part 2.

In **Part 2**, our focus shifts to a reflection on the stories and challenges confronted by three Indigenous researchers when working within Western institutions.

Through this interactive discussion, we hope to gain and share deeper understandings towards concrete actions that can create more equal and reciprocal academic environments. This topic raises questions about the role and positionality of *both* Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers in the decolonization process, particularly within Western academic institutions.

These webinars are organized in collaboration with the Ocean KAN and the Future Earth Taipei Hub.

Speakers:

[Nkwí Flores](#) - Kinray Hub & K'allam'p

[Teriitutea Quesnot](#) - Université de Bretagne Occidentale

[Claudia C. Baron-Aguilar](#) - University of South Florida

Discussion facilitator:

Linwood Pendleton - Executive Director of the Ocean Knowledge Action Network

Happening: Monday 17 June, 16:00pm - 18:00pm CET | online

[Register now](#)

urban theory
workshop

Urban Theory Workshop - Launching event and symposium

If you are a young researcher whose engagement, research and creative productions explore the broad and multifaceted realities of the urban and political ecology, Urban Theory invites you to join this workshop.

[Register here.](#)

Happening: 7 June 2024 at Polytechnic University of Turin, Italy and online



Making and Doing Transformations - Conference by European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)

This conference aims to contribute to transformative change through involvements in addressing complex societal challenges and by studying and designing science-society interfaces. [Register here.](#)

Happening: 16-19 July 2024 at the Athena Institute at VU Amsterdam

Spotlight



Podcast Spotlight: Postgrowth City

What does a city based on degrowth principles look like? In this episode, Postgrowth City continues their conversation about degrowth with Federico Savini (University of Amsterdam). They discuss the new approaches, policies, and institutions needed for radically reimagining how we use space in the city in a just and democratic manner.

Listen to the podcast [here.](#)

Opportunities



Research Director: The Transformations Community

This role is ideal for a collaborative action-researcher with knowledge of the transformations field. Research from the Transformations Community is grounded in transdisciplinary principles of knowledge co-production and community co-design, engaging the community in impactful research projects.

[Learn more here.](#)

Applications reviewed as they are received



Possible Futures Course: Intro to Decolonial Sustainability

This course rather seeks to create space to consider some unknown unknowns within Sustainability, Inc. - corporate sustainability, associated areas of academia, environmental activism - through understanding more clearly our long pasts and complex, confused contexts.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 3 June 2024



IKEM Academy 2024: Reframe the future: Innovation and new narratives to boost climate action

The annual IKEM Academy is an interdisciplinary, international and innovative programme organised in close collaboration with the University of Greifswald. It is taking place July 2-5, 2024, Berlin, Germany.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 11 June 2024



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Postdoc position: Open-science tools for monitoring ecosystem extents, Leipzig University, Germany

The successful candidate will conduct research to contribute key components to an envisioned cloud-based toolbox that enables countries to do ecosystem-extent mapping and monitoring, by developing new methodological protocols and data resources while leveraging pre-existing data and tools.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 13 June 2024

Call for papers: Envisioning Actionable Transformation for Climate Resilience and Societal Change through Transdisciplinary Dialogues conference

OST Action CA21166 Social Sciences and Humanities for Transformation and Climate Resilience invites scholars, academics, researchers, artists, practitioners, individuals from business or industrial zones, to submit papers for this conference.

They encourage exploring different mediums such as visual media, live performances, literary work, or digital platforms that could stimulate thoughtful introspection and joint efforts to mitigate the effects of climate shifts.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 25 June 2024



Postdoc position: Environmental Research Institute, School of Biological, Earth & Environmental Sciences, University College Cork, Ireland

The successful candidate will explore the ecologic and climatic signatures of a major mass extinction event. Data collection will be conducted both in the field and in the lab. The Postdoctoral Researcher would join the Mass Extinction Group which explores the complex interrelationships between climate stressors and continental ecosystems.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 30 June 2024



Call for papers: Educating for Societal Transitions

Contributions are welcome that engage with practices and theories that address the challenges of navigating complexity and change in these uncertain times. This call emphasises that universities cannot work in isolation but must engage collaboratively with other sectors of society. Importantly, it underscores a broader commitment to societal futures that goes beyond economic concerns, challenging the notion that the purpose of university education is to meet industry needs.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 30 June 2024



Call for papers: Co-Creating Transdisciplinary Research and Learning for Transformative Socio-Environmental Change

The goal of this collection is to explore how inter- and transdisciplinary learning and research help approach the complexities of today. When, how, with whom, and even why we should integrate knowledge to address environmental challenges are not always clear. What are the challenges or possibilities with inter- and transdisciplinary processes for improving biodiversity, environmental justice, and achieving Sustainable Development Goals?

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 30 June 2024

degrowth
JOURNAL

Call for papers: Degrowth Journal

The special issue on Anarchy and Degrowth will be published in the open-access *Degrowth* journal. By drawing on anarchist traditions, this special issue aims to stretch degrowth into new territories to move beyond/against-borders, state repression and policing to enhance degrowth as a counterforce to statism and capitalism.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 15 September 2024

Publications

Methodology for a time of eco-social planetary crisis: Action research helping transformations happen (2024, Action Research). [Read here.](#)

What does the agri-food systems transformation agenda mean for agricultural research organisations? Exploring organisational prototypes for uncertain futures (Global Food Security, 2024) [Read here.](#)

The complex relationships between economic inequality and biodiversity: A scoping review (2024, The Anthropocene Review) [Read here.](#)

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