



Pathways Newsletter

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Dear Pathways community,

We hope this academic year has been going well for you, whether you're starting fresh or wrapping up important projects. In our November Newsletter, you will find calls for proposals such as for the 'Navigating Sustainability Transformations Towards Justice and Equity' conference and opportunities for PhD and postdoc research on Indigenous Environmental Knowledge systems. You can find all the details below.

We are also happy to announce our next [Pathways Forum](#) will take place on **December 4 from 15:00 - 17:00 CET**. In this webinar, three researchers from the Pathways community will delve into how they use socio-ecological transition studies to guide and co-create meaningful transformations for better futures.

You can register and learn more about our speakers below. And if you missed our last Forum on the practical applications of social metabolism, 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



We are excited to open the next round of proposals for the Pathways Communication Grants! We wish to continue supporting researchers who want to disseminate **the outcomes of place-based pathways research to non-academic audiences** in new and innovative formats and practices.

Eligible proposals must focus on completed research projects that explore transformative pathways for sustainability in practice. We are seeking **ideas that go beyond just sharing and disseminating knowledge** — we want to see creative approaches that actively engage and inspire non-academic audiences.

Researchers from **all levels**, including PhD students, affiliated with universities or research institutions are welcome to apply. Grants range from €5,000 to €12,000 per project.

Learn more about the grants and how to apply [here](#) and check out the [exciting projects we have funded in the past!](#)



At the end of September in Lille, France, our annual three day Rencontres, the French sustainability science conference, brought together academics, researchers, and professionals from a variety of disciplines united around the question of "how can we satisfy basic needs while learning to live within Earth's limits?"

Our keynote sessions (en français) are now available as a playlist on our Youtube channel:

[Watch here](#)

If you would like to learn more about the conference this year which features insights from some of the participants, you can read [our blog post here](#) (in English).



Food for Thought

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

Blog: Tea time: Slowing down academia

"In the field of social-ecological research, our "team" is not just the colleagues we work with at our institutions. It includes the people and the natural environments we engage and build relationships with. Successful research teams are inclusive, interdisciplinary, and rooted in reciprocity. ..."

[Read more here.](#)

Events

PATHWAYS FORUM #16 **Wednesday 4th December**

Radical Transformations: What are they and how to achieve them? Lessons from Socio-ecological Transitions research **15:00-17:00 CET |**

 **online**





Katharina Biely
VITO Nexus



Paul Cukierman
Université Paris Cité



Silja Zimmerman
Utrecht University


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Katharina Biely will provide us with a theoretical framework explaining how socio-ecological systems studies can be useful to analyze and understand real-world transformations. Then, Silja Zimmerman and Paul Cukierman will show how they use this framework to guide and facilitate radical and meaningful transformations in different contexts, including local Indigenous food systems and daily practices in Global North metropolitan areas.

Speakers:

[Katharina Biely](#) - VITO Nexus
[Paul Cukierman](#) - Université Paris Cité
[Silja Zimmerman](#) - Utrecht University

Happening: Wednesday 4 December, 15:00 - 17:00 CET | online

[Register now](#)



Transformations Catalyst Dialogue: "The role of arts-based methods for transformative ocean governance"

This webinar offers an opportunity to engage with leading experts in the field of arts-based participatory research and transformative ocean governance. This session invites artists, researchers, policymakers and activists to think differently about the role of art in fostering social and ecological justice. [Register here.](#)

Happening: 5 November 2024



Atelier international (bilingue français et anglais): « Modéliser pour changer, un défi entre science et politiques publiques - Quels designs, usages et impacts de la modélisation pour favoriser les transitions dans les socio-hydrosystèmes ? »

Organisé par l'UNESCO ICIREWARD, Future Earth France, l'INRAE (DAPP) et l'Inria, en partenariat avec le E.U. Science Hub (JRC), vous pouvez participer de plusieurs façons. [Cliquez ici pour plus d'informations.](#)

Du 13 au 15 novembre 2024 à Montpellier (Hydropolis Lavalette), France.



El congreso: "Sentido comunal. Comunalismos y decrecimientos"

Desde Research & Degrowth y Fundació Emprius –con la colaboración de Ecologistes en Acció, THECO y Rebelión Científica, será un espacio de encuentro, intercambio y reflexión entre personas de diferentes territorios del Estado español que defendemos el comunalismo y el decrecimiento como vías de transformación social deseables y necesarias. [Obtenga más información aquí.](#)

Tendrá lugar el sábado 25 de enero de 2025 en Vic (Cataluña), en La Reciclària.

Spotlight



PECS webinar: Place-based knowledge transfer in a local-to-global and knowledge-to-action context: key steps and facilitative factors

This new [PECS](#) collaborative working group webinar highlights a study on how place-based research can enhance effectiveness of global sustainability policies and actions by providing contextualized knowledge underpinning bottom-up solutions. However, the use and transfer of place-based knowledge remains a major challenge.

In this study, the authors aim to provide insights on when, how, and why place-based research can inform decision making at the global scale and lead to action toward more sustainable and just futures. [Watch the recording here.](#)

Publications

The meaning of the Anthropocene: why it matters even without a formal geological definition

(2024, Nature) [Read here.](#)

Cultivating *trans*-disciplinarity: transcending and transgressing research methods

(2024, Global Social Challenges). [Read here.](#)

Ecological empathy: relational theory and practice

(2024, Ecosystems and People) [Read here.](#)

Fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in interdisciplinary marine science

(2024, npj Ocean Sustainability) [Read here.](#)

Opportunities



Call for papers: Urban Ecologies and Internationalism

The call by Berliner Gazette is aimed at researchers, activists and cultural workers, who, in theory or practice, are engaged in emancipatory struggles, and seeks to forge links between them by interweaving urban and ecological issues within an expanded internationalist framework, taking into account class, decolonial and migration issues.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 15 November 2024



Call for proposals: Navigating Sustainability Transformations Towards Justice and Equity Conference

Organised by Transformations Community and Earth System Governance, the conference invites researchers and reflective practitioners to submit proposals for presentations, workshops, dialogue sessions, transformative practices, and creative or well-being activities.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 30 November 2024 (early submission)

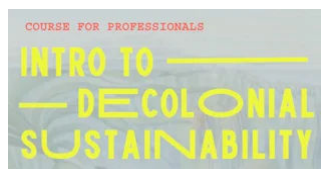


Call for papers: Understanding Academic Freedom – Cross-Disciplinary and Cross-Regional Perspectives

This special issue seeks to foster a comparative and comprehensive understanding of academic freedom, with contributions from multiple disciplines and regions. Scholars are invited to submit abstracts that address these concerns through diverse disciplinary lenses or offer cross-country or regional analyses.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 30 November 2024



Possible Futures Course: Intro to Decolonial Sustainability

This course 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: 1 December 2024



Call for applications: PhD program in Environmental Studies at NYU

Students in this new PhD program will experience an integrative and transdisciplinary approach to environmental scholarship. At the core of the program are three research themes: Food and Land Use Systems, Ecological Systems, and Governance Systems [Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 15 December 2024



Call for papers: Reimagining Climate (Im)mobilities in the Panicocene

Climate change and global mobility are two of the most defining – and borderless – challenges of our time. This conference offers a space to consider how visual aesthetics and narrative have been used to frame these challenges together and with what consequences. Contributions from across the interpretive social sciences and humanities, as well as from journalists, practitioners and artists.

[Learn more here.](#) or contact elena.giacomelli4@unibo.it

Deadline to apply: 1 January 2025



Call for 2 PhD and 2 postdoctoral researchers on Indigenous Knowledge Systems

ICTA-UAB welcomes applications that will work on the ERC Starting Grant “Assessing long-term changes in Indigenous Environmental Knowledge systems”. The project aims to rigorously assess the processes through which Indigenous environmental knowledge systems change over time, and the ecological impacts associated with such changes using systematic ethnobotanical field based data collection in the Bolivian Amazon.

[Learn more here.](#)

Applications period: 31 May 2024 - 17 January 2025



Call for applications and scholarships - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree

Economic POLicies for the Global bifurcation (EPOG-JM) is an Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degree in economics, supported by the European Union. It offers an integrated Master's programme on the (digital, socioeconomic, ecological) transition processes with a pluralist approach and interdisciplinary perspectives.

[Learn more here.](#)

Deadline to apply: 29 January 2025

