

Dear Pathways community,

As a new season settles in, October brings with it a host of different events and resources for the sustainability science community.

We are excited to announce that the first webinar in our Pathways Deep Dive series will take place on Friday, November 14th, from 15:00 - 17:00 CET! Far-right movements worldwide are reshaping how ecological issues are framed and contested. This Forum explores the urgent implications of such political dynamics for sustainability research and practice.

You can register and learn more about our speakers below. If you missed our last Forum on the transformative potential of the Rights of Nature movement, you can watch it on our Youtube channel here.

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& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group



We always welcome relevant contributions to share (events, opportunities and publications) for our next Pathways newsletter and Pathways social media.
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Pathways News



Pathways Forum in our Deep Dive series: Far right ecologies: what challenges for sustainability science?

For the sustainability science community, the growing influence of far-right ecologisms raises urgent questions. As climate issues become increasingly politicized within regressive agendas, scientists face mounting pressures: how to effectively communicate research in the face of coordinated disinformation campaigns; how to maintain international collaboration amid ideological hostility; and how to protect the funding and institutional support critical for future research and climate action.

This Forum, inscribed in the wider Pathways Deep Dive series *"Ecological Crises and Political Tensions",* will critically examine the discourses and practices employed by far-right movements to co-opt, distort, or weaponize ecological issues.

We are grateful to be joined by:
Speakers:
Bernhard Forchtner, Associate Professor, University of Leicester
Balša Lubarda, MSCA Postdoctoral Fellow, Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Shehnoor Khurram, PhD candidate, York University, Fulbright Scholar and Visiting Researcher at Georgetown University

Discussion Facilitator:
Noémi Gonda, Researcher and Associate Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Science

Register now to the webinar!

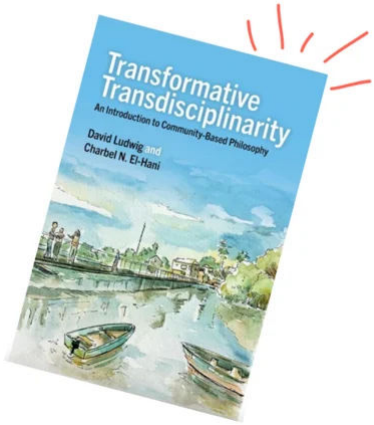
Food for Thought



Open Access Book: Transformative Transdisciplinarity - An Introduction to Community-Based Philosophy (Oxford University Press)

In the face of planetary crises transdisciplinary methods promise effective and just responses through equal collaborations. However, transdisciplinarity also creates complex challenges by bringing together different actors with different frameworks, like scientists, Indigenous and local communities, and policy makers. Successful collaboration among such actors requires navigating different forms of knowledge, worldviews, values, and positions of power.

Learn more here.



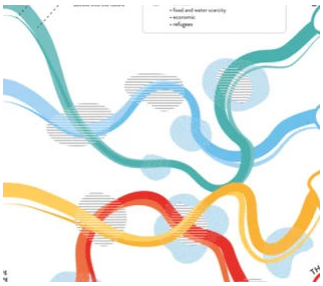
Events



Webinar: Pathways for environment research: academia, activism, policy

Aimed at PhD and ECR researchers who are thinking about their future in environmental research, this roundtable brings together three researchers who have taken different pathways with their PhDs.
Learn more here.

Happening: 17 October 2025, online (live stream)



Webinar: Seeds of Good Anthropocenes project - Food System Transformations in Africa

The Seeds of Good Anthropocene initiative and seeks to identify and analyse local-scale food initiatives and innovations that offer viable alternatives to dominant, unsustainable food system practices across the African continent.
Learn more here.

Happening: 29 October 2025, online (live stream)

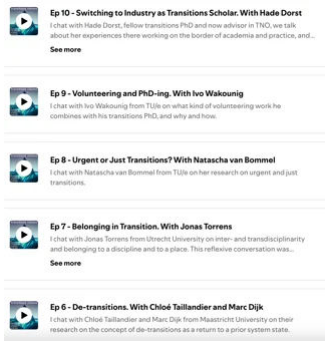
Spotlight



Podcast:

A podcast for the academic field of sustainability transitions and a home for discussion of transitions theory and practice. Hosted by transitions scholar Zahar Koretsky.

Learn more here!



Where's the data? Challenges in characterizing the sustainability of socioecological systems
(2025, Sustainability Nexus Forum). Read here.

Exploring the personal sphere of transformative change in researchers and stakeholders working on nature
(2025, Ecosystems and People). Read here.

Socioecological Transformations: Linking Ontologies with Structures, Personal with Collective Change
(2025, London Routledge). Read here.

We are storytelling apes: Experimenting with new scientific narratives in a time of climate and biodiversity collapse
(2025, People and Nature). Read here.

Opportunities

Open for applications: STRN PhD School 2026 "Connecting People, Places, and Systems in Sustainability Transitions Research"

The STRN PhD School provides early stage (year 1 and 2) PhD researchers the opportunity to engage with core and emerging theories and concepts in sustainability

transitions research, learn from leading scholars in the field, and receive mentorship in applying these frameworks and approaches in your own research.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 14 October 2025

Call for Papers: The Greyzone of the Green Transition – Environmental Inequalities in Eastern Europe

The Greyzone of the Green Transition is a conference dedicated to advancing conversations on environmental justice in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). It brings together senior, doctoral, and postdoctoral researchers, and activists committed to shedding light on the often-overlooked injustices and forms of resistance emerging in the region.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 20 October 2025

Call for Papers: The Politics of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity: Current Challenges and Future Prospects

Submissions are encouraged from researchers, educators, practitioners, and policymakers worldwide who are interested in critically examining the political, institutional, and societal dimensions of inter- and transdisciplinarity (ITD).
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 31 October 2025

PhD Scholarship opportunities: University of Vechta

Up to 4 PhD scholarships will be awarded within the doctoral college "*Justice Dimensions of Sustainability-Oriented Transformation Processes in Rural Areas*"
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 2 November 2025

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