

Dear Pathways community,

Spring is in full force and so is some news from us here at Pathways!
We are excited to announce that our 2026 Autumn School is now open for applications - particularly relevant for those of you based in Europe. And if you are interested in joining us in Lausanne this June where we will explore the role of technology in building a just and habitable world, early bird registration for our conference is now open. Read on for more details below.
Finally, if you missed our latest Deep Dive webinar on reimagining our research practices and pedagogies, the recording is now available on our YouTube channel.

Happy reading!

Stephanie
& the Pathways Initiative



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

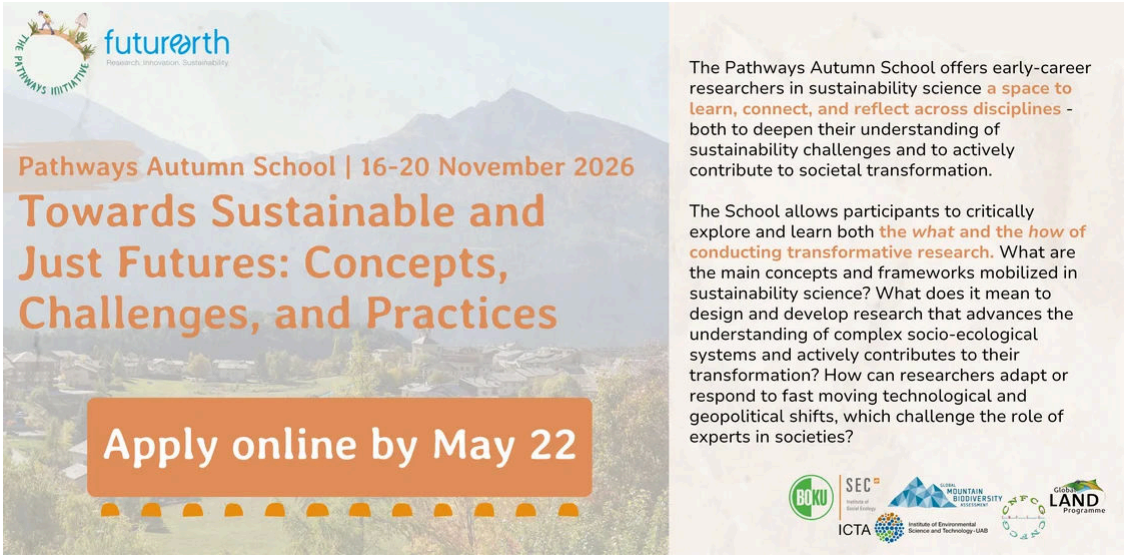
Food for Thought

The Dictionary of Radical Alternatives - a project of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives

Beyond ecological and economic breakdown, this is also a crisis of meaning and imagination: the persistent claim that there is “no alternative.” The Dictionary of Radical Alternatives is a living, collaborative platform created to expand the vocabularies we use to name, defend, and practice other ways of being in the midst of a civilizational crisis.The Dictionary responds by gathering concepts rooted in struggles, territories, and everyday practices of care, autonomy, and re-existence—across languages, geographies, and worldviews—so that alternatives can be shared, compared, and put into dialogue.



Pathways News and Events



Apply now to the 2026 Pathways Autumn School "Towards Sustainable and Just Futures: Concepts, Challenges, and Practices"

The Pathways Autumn School creates an interdisciplinary learning space for early-career researchers from the natural, social, and humanities disciplines in sustainability science. Taking place in Aussois, in the French Alps, the Autumn School will focus on the concepts, practices and challenges of a more transformative agenda within sustainability research practices and pedagogies.

Doctoral researchers and researchers who finished their PhD within the last 10 years (excluding periods of parental leave) who are living and working in Europe are invited to apply. **The call for applications is open until 22 May at midnight CEST.**

Apply now!



Early-bird registrations are now open for the conference: *Towards a just and habitable world: exploring the role of technology*

From the 2nd to the 5th of June 2026 we will gather at the University of Lausanne to bring forward critical conversations on how we might transform technological systems towards sufficiency, equity and resilience. We invite researchers from across the natural and social sciences, engineering, and the humanities, as well as scholars and practitioners engaged in inter- and transdisciplinary research, to critically examine the role of technology in shaping sustainability and participate in our conference. Early bird deadline is 30 April 2026.

Organisers
University of Lausanne, Centre des Politiques de la Terre (Université Paris-Cité), Future Earth's The Pathways Initiative
Co-organisers
CNRS, German Committee Future Earth, INRAE, IRD, SCNAT - Swiss Academy of Sciences

Register now at the early-bird rate!

Events

Digital course: Scaling Transformative Change
Building on both research and practice, each two-hour session led by Karen O'Brien will focus on a theme and activity related to scaling transformative change.
This cChange course aims to be a fun and engaging way to develop collective agency and community. Bringing together decades of research and reflections on scaling each session will include a lecture, an activity, group discussions and optional readings to support learning. **Happening: April 22nd, online.** Register here.

Conference: Diverse Origins, Multiple Futures: The Stories of Political Ecology
POLLEN 2026 will delve deep into histories, to learn from different traditions and schools of thought, to identify and reflect on the stories, imaginaries, and discourses developing. We want to combine them into new assemblages or forge new ways of seeing and doing political ecology that can better tackle the injustices erupting around us and strive for peaceful alternatives to them. **Happening: June 29th - July 3rd, Barcelona**. Register here.

Workshop series: El Cambalache Collectively Situated Knowledge
A decolonial research method for constructing collective auto-narratives and positionalities, the programme welcomes researchers, artists, activists, and educators

interested in transforming research into a collective, reciprocal practice. **Happening: April 13th, online.** Register here.

🔶 **Can you have your cake and eat it too? Managing societal and scientific impacts in transdisciplinary research** (2026, GAIA). Read here.

On tap, not on top: An urgent call for academia to support Indigenous science and equitable conservation (2026, Earth Stewardship). Read here.

Countering Colonialingualism in Language Education: Research Practices and Pedagogies from the Global South (2026, Routledge). Read here.

🔶 **Melodies of the forest: Nature as an improvisational space for shared creative embodiment** (2026, People and Nature). Read here.

Opportunities

Winter School: "Patchwork Ethnography"

How do researchers' personal lives shape knowledge production? How can we account for such circumstances when conducting fieldwork? The five-day Patchwork Ethnography Winter School will take place at Rice University Rice Global Paris Center.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 13 April 2026

PhD position: "Research Toward Transformative Approaches in International Development"

In a world shaped by geopolitical instability, climate emergency, rising inequalities, and intersecting global crises, this position at the University of Amsterdam offers the opportunity to rethink and transform how we study and practice international development towards more just futures.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 15 April 2026

Call for Contributions: Special Issue Die Erde "Plural Waters: Engaging Multiple Knowledges, Methods and Practices"

This special issue aims to learn with and from diverse practices of plural water research and governance. Its goal is to first foster dialogue between different approaches that seek to expand the possibilities for reimagining and expanding plural water.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 17 April 2026

Utrecht University 2026 Fellowship Programme: "Making Visible the Invisible"

Are you interested in exploring more sustainable and just futures, as well as bringing to light the promising alternatives that too often go unnoticed? This fellowship is open to all backgrounds—artists, activists, researchers, practitioners, and more.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 27 April 2026

Call for Contributions: "Exploring Transformative Pathways Toward Sustainable Futures"

All interested researchers, students, artists and practitioners are invited to share their ideas for short
stories on: integration of marginalized people, community building and collective action, social justice in ecological transition and
systematic regional approaches.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 30 April 2026

Call for Papers: "Methodologies in Perspective and in Question: Approaches, queries and contradictions of doing research in Eastern Europe and Eurasia"

The initiative aims to create a dedicated space for early career researchers (PhD and MA) working on Eastern European contexts to meet, exchange experiences and discuss their ongoing research in an open and supportive setting.
Learn more here.

Deadline to apply: 15 May 2026

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