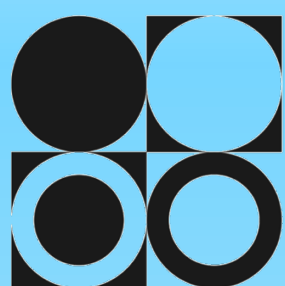


8th Network of Early Career Researchers in Sustainability Transitions Conference 2023



Re-imagining Transitions

Beyond established methods and concepts

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Hybrid event hosted by

Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany.



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Call for Abstract - 8th NEST Conference 2023

Re-imagining transitions: beyond established methods and concepts

The annual NEST Conference presents an opportunity for exchange between early career researchers (ECRs) working on topics related to sustainability transitions. The 8th NEST Conference (2023) hosted by the Leibniz-Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development ([IOER](#)) and the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School ([DLGS](#)) in Dresden, Germany and will take place on the 30th of June and the 1st of July 2023 in a hybrid (online+on-site) format.

The purpose of the conference is to provide a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and research discussion among junior and senior scholars. It aims to promote worldwide scientific collaboration between ECRs. We accept submissions on sustainability transition themes at local and global scales, whether they concentrate on debating theoretical approaches or examining emerging methodologies for sustainability transition research.

The conference structure includes a variety of engaging sessions, inspiring keynotes, and innovative formats to promote discussion on issues pertaining to sustainable transitions. Communication between participants will be interactive. Thanks to the hybrid conference, participants either on-site or online will be able to share their most recent research and concepts. Finally, there will be plenty of fun, time for socializing and networking with your peers from all over the globe!

About the conference theme

It is time for a critical evaluation and way forward - we are the next generation of sustainability transition researchers who can bring in new ideas, methodological approaches and questions. Therefore, the umbrella theme of the next NEST conference is “Re-imagining transitions: beyond established methods and concepts”.

We want to widen our horizons and perspectives by creating a space in which new concepts from different disciplines and schools of thought can play a role, in which established ways of knowing and doing get challenged. As transformations towards higher degrees of sustainability are of utmost importance and there is an urgent need for new concepts and practices to achieve just sustainability transitions, this can contribute to acceleration, diffusion, and the creation of alternatives. As such, the need for a variety of theories and approaches for spatially and temporally explicit change processes has never been greater.

With this in mind, we especially invite researchers and approaches that challenge the boundaries, ontologies and epistemologies of current state of the art through new approaches that can include (but are not limited to): arts and emotions, nexus-approaches involving complexity research, degrowth and transitions, just and inclusive transitions, more-than-human approaches, decolonizing approaches to transitions, new methods, co-design approaches and grassroots voices, etc. However, there will of course also be the option to submit abstracts with a more classical focus that address pressing issues in sustainability transitions. This includes, but is not limited to, understanding transitions; power, agency and politics; governing transitions; civil society, culture, and social movements; businesses and

industries; transitions in practice and everyday life; geography of transitions; ethical aspects; and methodologies.

We want to emphasize that we are open for applications that challenge the prevailing order of scientific knowledge production and distribution on conferences via talks and presentations. Therefore, we intend to have additional sessions that allow for creative and innovative formats such as podcasts, videos, posters, science slams or whatever you can think of. We are also accepting applications for contributions to sessions in general if you would like to offer a workshop, panel discussion, or any other interesting format. If you are interested in such a format, you can submit your ideas via the [abstract submission tool](#).

Abstract submission

We invite all Ph.D. students and ECRs working on sustainability transitions to submit a 400-word abstract (please use our template provided in the submission tool), for a 15-minute presentation followed by a 10-minute discussion. Please include a 100-150 word biography of the presenting author. Please also provide five strong keywords that determine the area of research. You can submit your abstract [here](#).

The deadline for abstract submission is **January 31, 2023**. You will receive our notification of acceptance in March 2023. We look forward to receiving your abstract!

Sustainable travel

A sustainable organization of the conference matters to us! Our goal is to reduce conference-related environmental impacts as much as possible. Therefore, we encourage participants who wish to attend the conference in person to reduce transport-induced impacts on the environment by using sustainable modes of transport to travel to Dresden (e.g., by train), as far as it is within their means.

Important Dates

Abstract submission: November 30, 2022 - January 31, 2023

Notification of acceptance: March 31, 2023

Registration period: April 1 - May 15, 2023

Conference dates: June 30 - July 1, 2023

If you have any questions, please contact us: nestconference2023@gmail.com

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