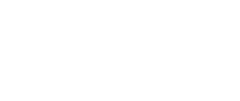


Pathways Newsletter

December 2023



Dear Pathway enthusiasts,

The team at Pathways have been kept busy since our last update with our [2nd annual Autumn School](#) and you can find more about what took place below.

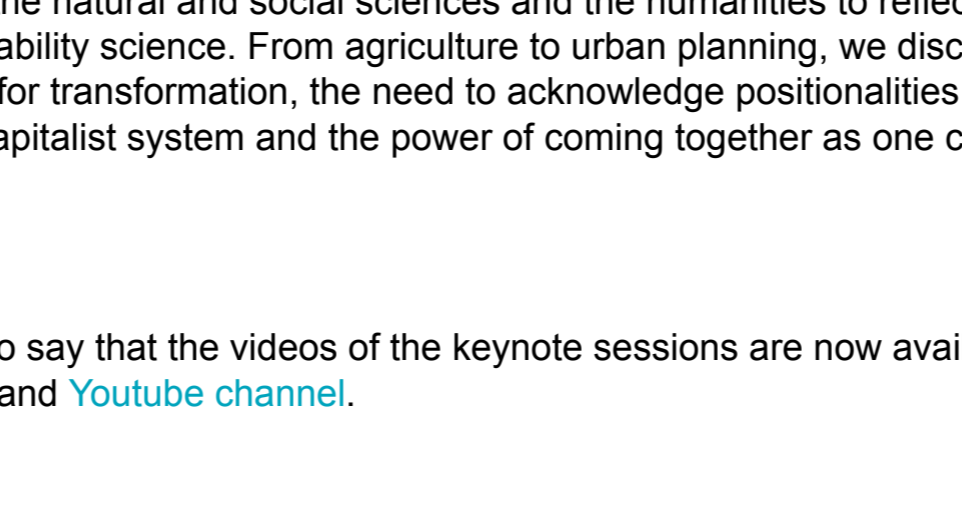
We would like to thank everyone who attended our recent Pathways Forum on [Decolonizing Sustainability Science](#). In case you missed it, you can watch and share it on our [website](#) and [Youtube channel](#).

Our next Forum, happening **Friday 15 December, 11am - 1pm CET**, will explore the role litigation can play as a way for citizen groups and communities to challenge structures of power. Given that judicial actions are increasingly recognized as an important tool of mobilization and resistance, this webinar will provide an opportunity to explore in more detail how and to what extent litigation is supporting governance and societal transformations for better futures. [Click here to register](#).

Happy reading!

Stephanie and Viola
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

Autumn School 2023



At our 2nd annual [Autumn School](#) in October, we spent five days in the mountains of Aussois, France, bringing together 30 early career researchers working in 13 European countries from the natural and social sciences and the humanities to reflect on the current state of sustainability science. From agriculture to urban planning, we discussed fresh and inclusive ideas for transformation, the need to acknowledge positionalities and privileges in the current capitalist system and the power of coming together as one collective community.

We are happy to say that the videos of the keynote sessions are now available to watch on our [website](#) and [Youtube channel](#).



Food for Thought

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

Article: Christopher Ketcham questions IPCC integrated assessment models and highlights the alarming gap between climate scientists and climate economists

"The integrated assessment models used at the IPCC are based on Nordhausian visions of adaptation to warming that only marginally reduce global gross domestic product. If future GDP is barely affected by rising temperatures, there's less incentive for world governments to act now to reduce emissions." [Read more here](#)

Events



Pathways Forum #11 - From grassroots to courtrooms: litigation as a vector for transformations

How are litigation actions contributing to change even when they are not successful? Do the actions resulting from climate litigation necessarily pursue justice and good outcomes for the climate system?

The next [Pathways Forum](#) will provide an opportunity to explore these questions in more detail and to reflect on how and to what extent litigation is supporting governance and societal transformations for better futures.

Speakers:

[Joana Setzer](#), Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science

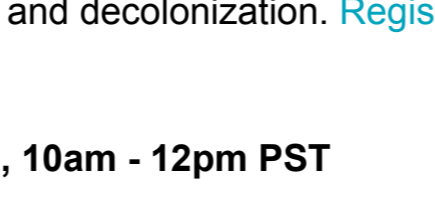
[Melanie Murcott](#), University of Cape Town

[Christi Cooper](#), Cinematographer and director of the 'YOUTH v GOV' documentary

"A streaming link for the film 'YOUTH v GOV' will be provided during the webinar"

Happening: Friday 15 December 11am - 1pm CET | Online

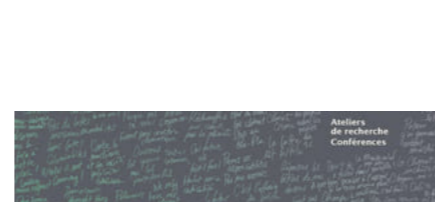
[Register now](#)



Indigenous Climate Action: Decolonizing Solutions

A keynote and storytelling circle webinar exploring the intersections of Indigenous rights and knowledge, climate justice, and decolonization. [Register here](#).

Happening: 4 December 2023, 10am - 12pm PST



MRD Talk #06 | How can knowledge support restoration and conservation of mountain ecosystems for the benefit of people and nature?

Mountain Research and Development (MRD) brings together in this webinar researchers and practitioners to discuss how different types of knowledge can support evidence-informed restoration of mountain landscapes for resilient mountain communities. [Register here](#).

Happening: 6 December 2023, 5pm - 6:30pm CET



Reclaiming the Climate Workshop

This workshop aims to reclaim the central role of social mobilisations, everyday environmentalism, and urban politics in our common understanding of climate justice as a theoretical framework and as a policy ambition. [Register here](#).

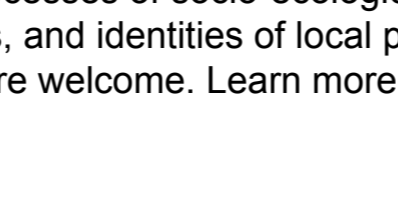
Happening: 28-29 February 2024

Spotlight



Indigenous Climate Action Webinar Series: *The Colonial Urge to Commodify the Climate Crisis - Unpacking False Solutions*

The aim of this webinar series by [Indigenous Climate Action](#) is to facilitate open and informative discussions that shed light on various false solutions that are often presented as viable approaches to combat the climate crisis and counteract them with real, Indigenous-led solutions. What are false solutions? How can false solutions impact Indigenous communities? How can we resist? How are false solutions being presented at the UNFCCC COP? How might this impact communities? [Watch the recordings here](#).



Postdoc and PhD positions at the University of Bonn

The research group explores processes of socio-ecological change and how they shape the lives, livelihoods, landscapes, and identities of local people, primarily in the Global South. International applicants are welcome. Learn more [here](#) for the postdoc position and [here](#) for the PhD position.

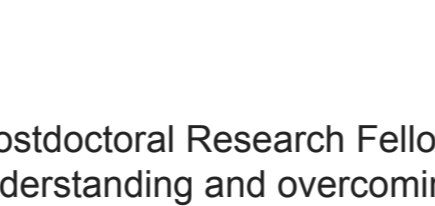
Deadline to apply: 1 December 2023



The 2024 Community Economies Institute Summer/Winter School, Researching Postcapitalist Possibilities

The Summer/Winter School is for PhD students, early career researchers and others interested in community and diverse economies research and practice. [Learn more here](#).

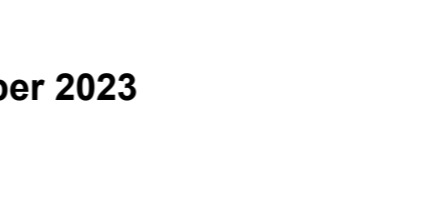
Deadline to apply: 8 December 2023



Global Land Programme (GLP)'s 5th Open Science Meeting: Pathways to Sustainable and Just Land Systems

Scientists and practitioners from across the world, and from diverse disciplines and experiences are invited submit sessions to this gathering in Oaxaca, Mexico where GLP will seek to generate and reinvigorate conversations towards the strength of collective and diverse knowledge towards just and sustainable transformations. [Learn more here](#).

Deadline to apply: 10 December 2023



Postdoc positions: Social science approaches to rapid decarbonisation at the University of Queensland

This is an opportunity for two Postdoctoral Research Fellows to join a multi-disciplinary team of scholars focused on understanding and overcoming community roadblocks to achieving net-zero. [Learn more here](#).

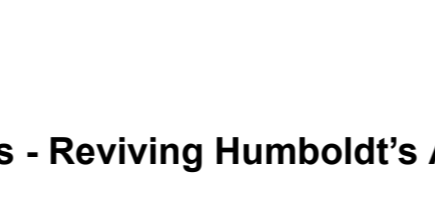
Deadline to apply: 20 December 2023



Call for papers: European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE)-Degrowth Conference 2024 and Special Issue

By drawing on anarchist traditions, this panel (and eventual 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: 26 December 2023



Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Beyond Buzzwords - Educational Pathways for Sustainable Research Collaborations

This is a call for contributions from all fields, ranging from local interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary projects to projects spanning the Global North and the Global South. This conference addresses both the theory and practice of inter- and transdisciplinary research collaboration and the educational pathways to making such collaborations sustainable and available for all. [Learn more here](#).

Deadline to apply: 29 February 2024

News & Updates from Belmont Forum Pathways CRA

This section is dedicated to informing you about the 13 research networks that have been funded under the [Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action \(CRA\)](#) on Pathways for Sustainability.



[Check out the latest video](#) from the [Fish2Sustainability](#) project which shows the work done to raise awareness of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and the role of small-scale fisheries sector in Kenya!

Publications

Climate Change on Mountains - Reviving Humboldt's Approach to Science by *Olivier Dangles* (2023). [Read here](#).

Fostering transdisciplinary research for equitable and sustainable development pathways across Africa: what changes are needed? (2023, *Ecosystems and People*). [Read here](#).

"No research on a dead planet!": preserving the socio-ecological conditions for academia (2023, *Frontiers in Education*). [Read here](#).

Caring agriculture(s) for degrowth: Against capitalist dichotomies and logic of appropriation (2023, *degrowth*). [Read here](#).

Slow justice and other unexpected consequences of litigation in environmental conflicts (2023, *Global Environmental Change*). [Read here](#).