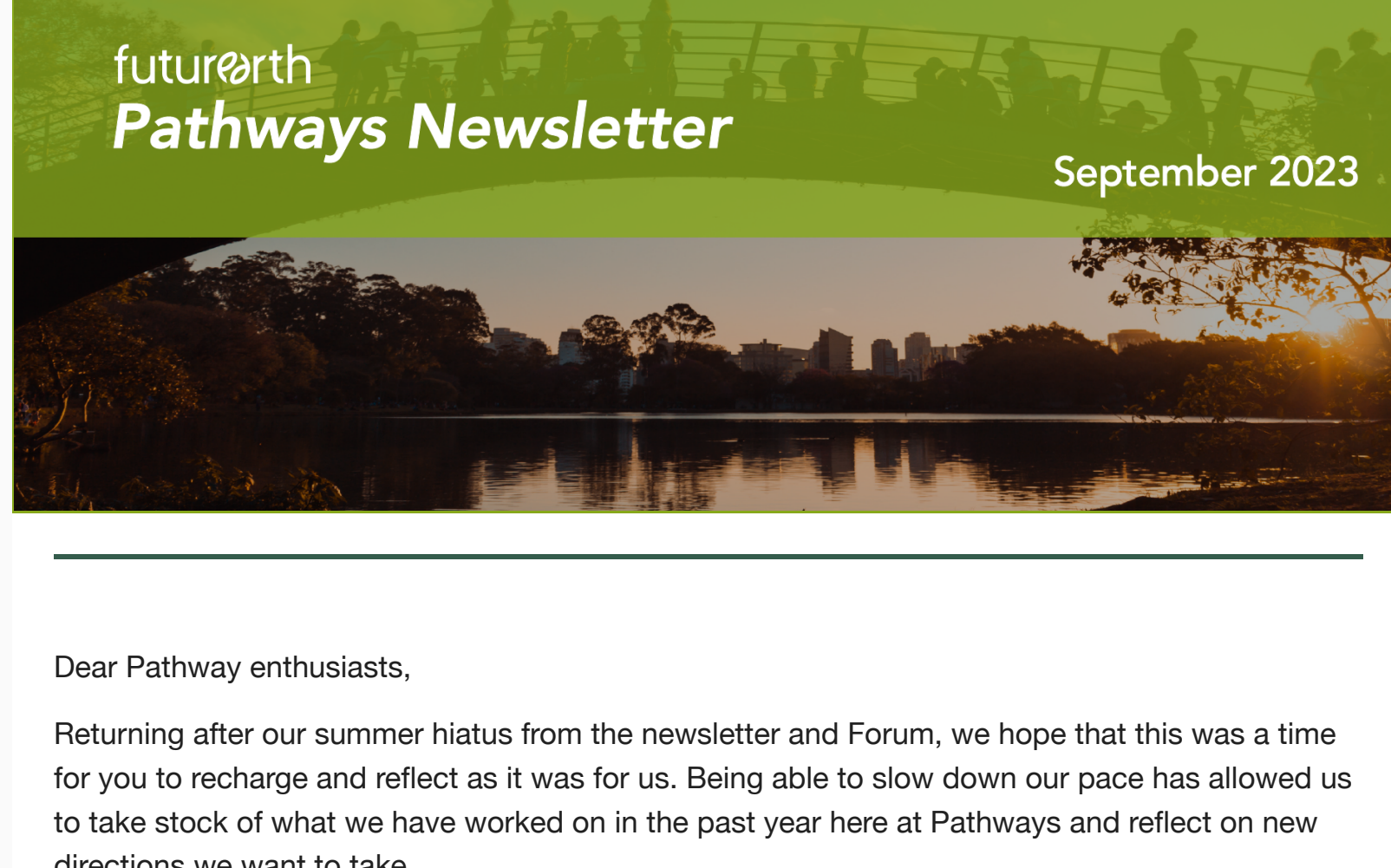


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Dear Pathway enthusiasts,

Returning after our summer hiatus from the newsletter and Forum, we hope that this was a time for you to recharge and reflect as it was for us. Being able to slow down our pace has allowed us to take stock of what we have worked on in the past year here at Pathways and reflect on new directions we want to take.

Taking this into consideration, as you may have noticed, we made the choice of leaving Twitter upon questioning its value in maintaining a sense of community here at Pathways. Open-access knowledge is important to us and you will now be able to find our new accounts on LinkedIn and Mastodon, where we post regularly.

If you have ever come across the word decolonization and the increasingly popular calls to 'decolonize research', you probably have wondered what this means in practice - given the multiplicity of meanings this word can take. In the realm of knowledge production, what is necessary to dismantle and deconstruct the prevailing narratives and power relations that are ingrained within research? Our next Earthways Forum, happening Wednesday 27 September, is formed around the concept of decolonization, unpacking what it means to decolonize research and what are its implications, particularly for researchers within sustainability science.

Happy reading!

Stephanie and Viola & the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

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

Four approaches to shifting mindsets for decolonising knowledge

"What does it require to deconstruct the dominant narratives and personal privileges embodied in our race, class, gender, etc.?... How do we go about shifting the mindsets that shape the ways in which we understand the world and our subsequent values, behaviours, and attitudes?" Read more here.



Events

Pathways Forum WHOSE SUSTAINABILITY? - UNPACKING DECOLONIZATION IN SUSTAINABILITY SCIENCE

Speakers: Dr. Bagele Chilisa, Professor at the University of Botswana; Dr. Lyla Mehta, Professorial Fellow at IDS and a Visiting Professor at Nouragic.

Wednesday 27 September 2023 3pm-5pm CEST | online

Pathways Forum. Whose sustainability? - Unpacking decolonization in sustainability science. Researchers, policymakers, and Indigenous and local communities alike are recognizing the significance of incorporating diverse and sometimes conflicting knowledge and value systems to effectively address sustainability challenges.

Register now!

AFSA - Decolonizing African Food Systems Through Agroecology

AFSA warmly invites you to join a series of six webinars exploring the many ways Agroecology can provide sustainable African solutions to the multiple crises we face.

Happening: 31 August - 26 October 2023, online

Utrecht University. 3rd Utrecht Degrowth Symposium: Sowing sustainability in food and agriculture.

The 3rd Utrecht Degrowth Symposium will take place on 29th September 2023, bringing together policymakers and civil servants, researchers, students, farmers, social movements, and other interested people to explore what a degrowth perspective can bring to the debate on agri-food system sustainability.

Happening: 29 September 2023, Utrecht

Integrated History and Future of People on Earth (IHOPe) International Research Network

The Art and Environment: Materiality seminar series explores the intersection between art and environmental research. Each seminar features two practitioners from different disciplines who come together to discuss their work and methods in relation to specific environmental actors.

Happening: beginning Autumn 2023, online

University of Helsinki - Exalt Dialogues

EXALT Dialogues is a quadrennial online event series that fosters critical thinking and discussion on extractivisms and transformative alternatives and which also aim to deconstruct and disrupt thinking that perpetuates dominant power structures, colonialities and growthism.

Happening: 8 September 2023, online

eurac - Lecture Series on Social-Ecological Transformation

This lecture series aims at exploring and reflecting on theoretical and methodological approaches to the profound societal transformation needed for addressing the multiple crises of our society, environment, and economy.

Happening: 5 and 16 October 2023, in person, Bolzano, Italy

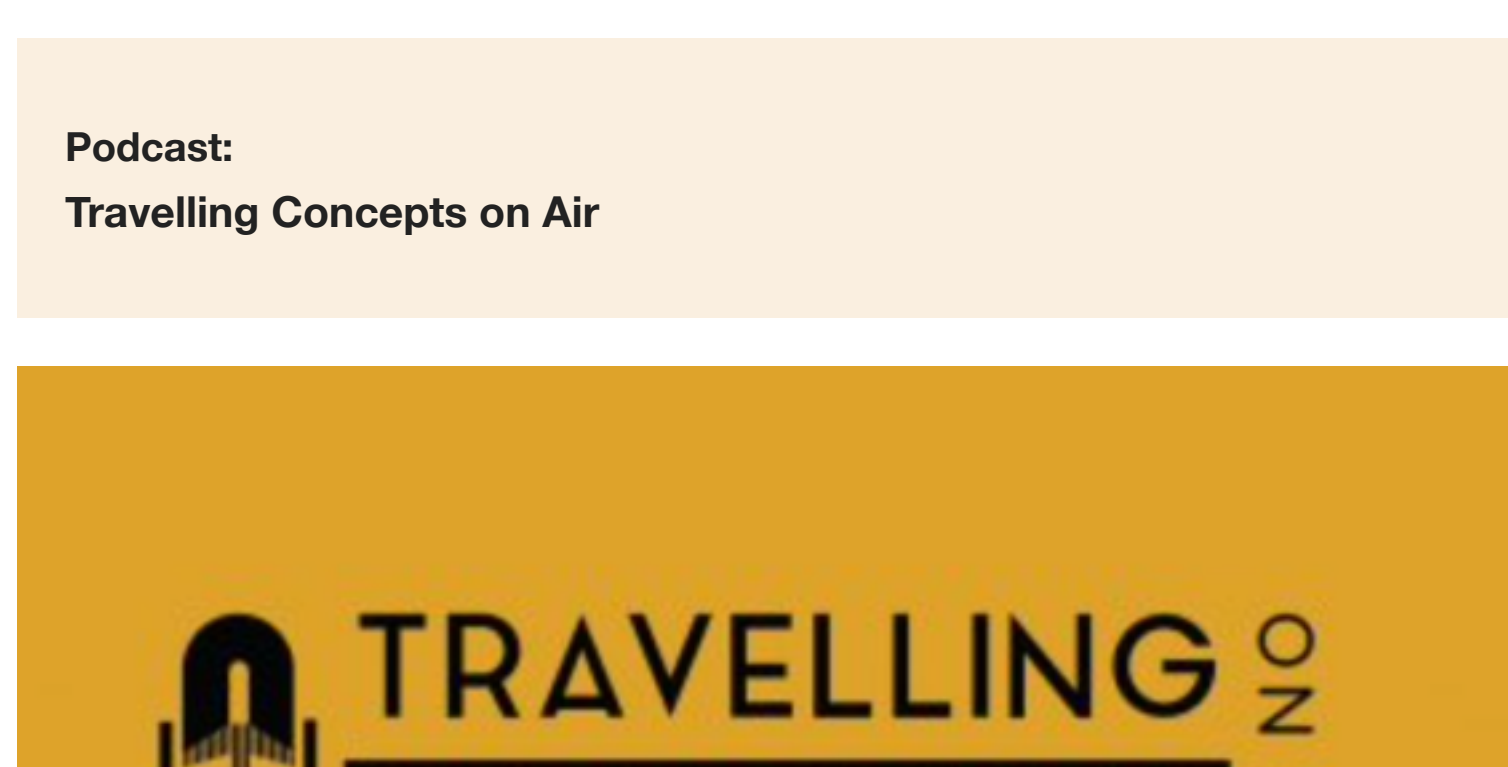
Humusha - Art-Science Speed Dating Seminar

Humusha is an art-science platform designed for scientists to encourage active collaboration with creatives in the communicative aspects of research.

Happening: 20 September 2023, online

Spotlight

Podcast: Travelling Concepts on Air



This podcast series questions the promise and ideal of interdisciplinarity by looking at travelling concepts - concepts that travel within and across academic disciplines.

Opportunities

PHD course: Transformative Research for Sustainability Challenges at the University of Twente

"Transformative Research for Sustainability Challenges" provides PhD candidates with exciting concepts and methods to enhance the potential of their research to beneficially contribute to society and the environment.

Applications will open at the end of the summer

Seed funding: open call by the University of Utrecht

Through the Pathways to Sustainability seed funding scheme, the University of Utrecht aims to stimulate interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary interactions and create impact guided by the 'rigor meets relevance' principle.

Deadline: 23 September 2023

Call for papers: Social Ecology and Sustainability

Special issues within Sustainability are currently open for submissions. This includes Ecology and Sustainability; The Path to a Sustainable Future, Peripheries, Social Vulnerabilities, Communities; Interdisciplinary Approaches, Methods and Practices for a Sustainable Future

Submission status: various corresponding deadlines

Call for papers: GAIA - Special Issue 2024 on sustainable development and ethics of science

The GAIA special issue encourages interdisciplinary contributions addressing ethical challenges and multiple views of transforming science. The journal asks for papers explicitly connecting SD research and ethics: Which parts of the scientific ethos and the more general ethics in science are - or should be - affected? And vice versa: What kind of ethical perspectives did sustainability research not consider enough so far? Learn more here.

Submission status: 15 September 2023

Call for paper abstracts: POLLEN - The Pluriverse of transitions: towards anti-colonial and insurrectional energy transformation

With its cross-continental format, POLLEN seeks to facilitate inclusive and participatory exchange on the role of political ecology in nurturing plural and just socio-ecological futures.

Submission status: 20 November 2023

Possible Futures: Course for professionals - Intro to Decolonial Sustainability

This course begins by acknowledging that the dominant "sustainability" and "regeneration" discourses and methodologies we have today arise from a modern colonial narrative. It seeks to create space to consider some unknown unknowns within Sustainability, Inc.

Deadline to apply: 1 December 2023

Call for projects: FRB - Living 'well' in 2050 in your territory: What socio-ecosystems and what role for biodiversity?

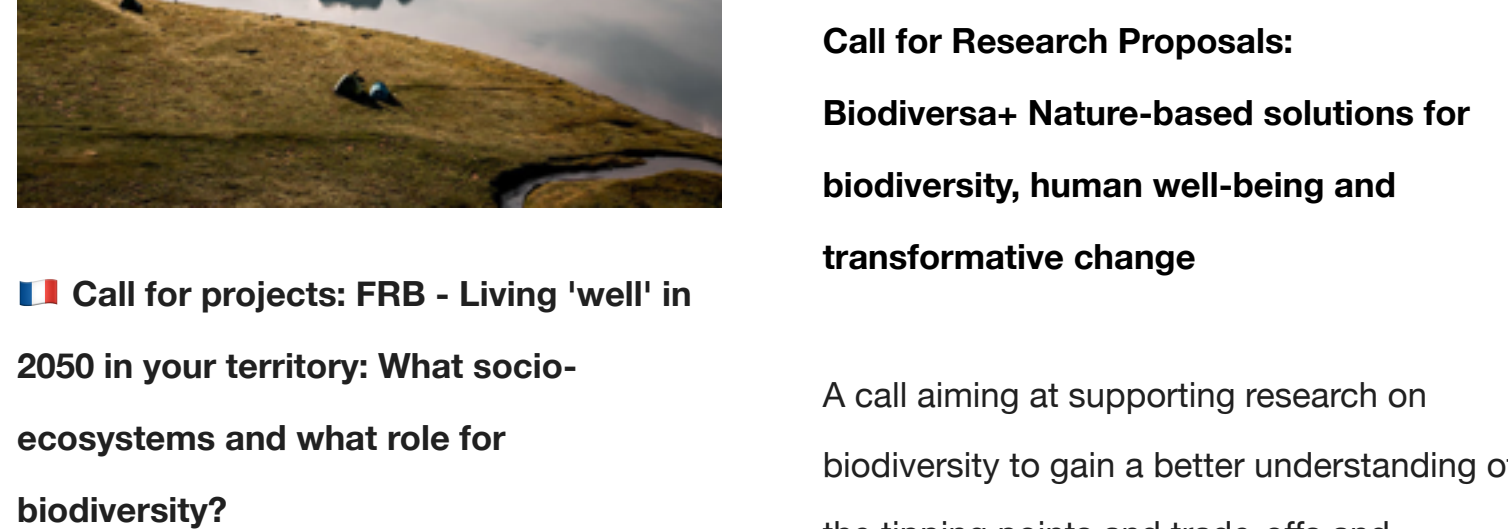
The Fondation pour la recherche sur la biodiversité (FRB) has a call for projects aimed at supporting transdisciplinary (and interdisciplinary) projects, built with and for local stakeholders/local actors, and whose objectives will be to fuel action by defining scenarios of territorial ecological and social transitions.

Submission status: 22 September 2023

Call for Research Proposals: Biodiversa+ Nature-based solutions for biodiversity, human well-being and transformative change

A call aiming at supporting research on biodiversity to gain a better understanding of the tipping points and trade-offs and underlying mechanisms affecting Nature-based Solutions and their successful implementation with respect to the benefits for nature, human well-being and societal transformation.

Calls will open: 11 September 2023 Submission status: early November 2023



Call for Proposals: Pathways Communication Grants. Do you have ideas on how to communicate your research beyond academic audiences in innovative and creative formats? The second round of this year of our Communication Grants is now open!

Deadline: 31 October 2023

Stories



Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer. "Braiding Sweetgrass" serves as a testament to the possibilities of co-creating knowledge by interweaving Indigenous ecological wisdom and Western science.

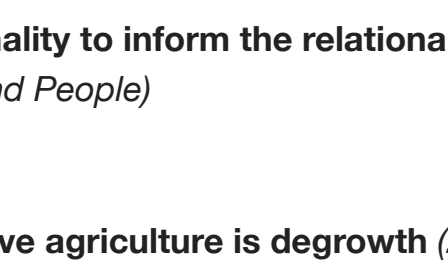
Publications

The integration of art into transdisciplinary research practices. (2023, Biomod) Read the paper here

Exploring Indigenous relationality to inform the relational turn in sustainability science (2023, Ecosystems and People) Read the paper here

Food for thought: Regenerative agriculture is degrowth (2023, degrowth) Read the paper here

The role of transdisciplinarity in building a decolonial bridge between science, policy, and practice (2023, GAIA - Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society) Read the paper here



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