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An update from the STRN Working Group on Advancing Policy Impact

Decisionmakers are increasingly seized by rapidly shifting geopolitical conflicts, even as underlying sustainability challenges intensify. This tension risks pushing long-term sustainability objectives and the system changes that are already underway to the margins of policy attention, quite ironically, at the moment when transition insights are most needed. It is in this context that the STRN is taking steps to strengthen the policy impact of transitions research.

Over the past year, the STRN Working Group (WG) on Advancing Policy Impact has begun its work. We began by consulting the community in Lisbon at IST 2025 on potential priorities for the WG. At base, this dialogue helped confirm the necessity of a more intentional STRN effort on policy engagement and impact. More specifically, it helped identify three core activities that now form the basis for our work: (1) taking stock, (2) convening, and (3) strategic interventions.

With respect to stock taking, it is essential that we get a sharper picture of the content, practices, and contexts of science-policy engagements in our field. To do so, the WG has launched a field-level [survey of the network's science-policy engagement practices and policy impact](#), which we invite all members of the network to complete (it should take less than 15 minutes). The survey will be complemented with a policy impact analysis and qualitative enquiry amongst leading policy-engaged colleagues. Together, these will give us a strong understanding of both the breadth and depth of our network's science-policy work and where further efforts can add value.

Regarding our convening work, we are excited to continue the conversation through a special session at IST 2026 in Zurich. Building on the plenary session and dialogue session focused on the science-policy interface held at IST 2025, the upcoming session at IST 2026 will provide a space to exchange on early survey results, lessons from ongoing science-policy engagement, and forward plans. Aligned with the conference theme of "Hope", we envision this session as a critical space for identifying windows of opportunity for policy influence across scales and domains; surfacing and debating science-policy questions; and reflecting on the formats and practices that actually move transition ideas and approaches into policy processes.

Looking ahead and recognizing the abovementioned tension between deepening sustainability crises and shifting policy attention, these activities will help identify windows of opportunity for STRN members to strategically intervene in policy processes. This may be by taking part in and voicing positions through international fora organized by framework-setting organizations such as the IPCC, OECD, EEA, or IEA, by developing network-wide policy briefs in strategic areas, or by facilitating lesson-sharing so that individual scholars can strengthen their ability to shape policy processes in their own contexts. Ultimately, the ambition is to ensure that transitions insights are not treated as peripheral to policymaking, but as a central guide for governing system change toward desirable futures.

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Call to host IST2028

The International Sustainability Transitions conference (IST) is the yearly scientific gathering of the global community of researchers, policymakers, and practitioners working on socio-technical transitions for sustainability. IST is organized under the auspices of the [Sustainability Transitions Research Network \(STRN\)](#). Each year, a different institute, chosen by the STRN Steering Group, organizes IST. STRN strives for a broad and balanced geographic representation in the choice of IST hosts. Institutes that host IST are expected to be actively engaged and deeply embedded in sustainability transitions research and the community.

We are now accepting proposals to host IST in 2028!

The following criteria are used by STRN to choose IST hosts:

- **Embeddedness** in transitions research: The host institute's links to transition research and the STRN community
- **Feasibility**: Resources of the host institute (personnel, space, infrastructure, etc.)
- **Diversity**: We seek variety and diversity amongst hosts
- **Content**: main theme of the conference and practitioner engagement?

Key considerations:

- **Length**: three full conference days, pre-conference ECR welcome day, and post-IST activities (organized by STRN)
- **Capacity**: about 500 participants
- **Mode of delivery**: in-person (some hybrid functionality possible)
- **Format**: the conference should offer a mix of traditional conference talks, keynotes, plenaries, workshops, and dialogue sessions, and potentially other activities
- **Funding**: the conference is expected to be revenue neutral

- **Timing**: the conference is traditionally hosted in late June/early July or late August/early September. The exact timing should be discussed with the STRN Steering Group
- **Group Organization & support**: The host is responsible for organizing the conference. The STRN Secretariat, Steering Group, and Board provide advice, guidance, and input

Key dates:

- **Deadline to submit application**: Friday, July 3rd, 2026
- **Notification**: We aim to make our selection in late September / early October 2026

Click [here](#) for the full call text and instructions

To submit your proposal or for any questions, please email: info@transitionsnetwork.org



Geography of Sustainability Transitions (GeoST) TG

Webinar Series IV

The 'global' dimension of sustainability transitions. This STRN GeoST thematic group webinar series aims to foster interaction between scholars working on Global Production Networks (GPNs) and Global Value Chains (GVCs) and those engaged in the (geography of) sustainability transitions research.

The webinar series covers the following topics: a) a general introduction and panel discussion on potential trading zones, b) a session on actors, value chains, and governance, c) a session on developmental outcomes and just transitions, and d) a session on geopolitical turbulences and transitions.

More information:

<https://www.transitionsnetwork.org/thematic-groups/geography-of-sustainability-transitions-geost/geost-we>

Registration:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6UJj6wwDPT%20>

Education and Learning in Sustainability Transitions TG

Lunchtime Session at IST2026 Zurich: 3rd September, 9:00-12:00, Room TBD

Join us for an informal networking session designed to bring together new and existing members of the STRN community interested in education and learning within sustainability transitions. This event is an opportunity to connect, exchange ideas, and collectively explore what you hope to gain from this emerging thematic group. Whether you're looking to collaborate, share experiences, or help shape the group's future direction, we look forward to hearing your perspectives and building a vibrant, inclusive network together.

Thematic Group Leadership Team:

Professor Annette Bos (Monash University), Dr Filia Garivaldis (Monash University), Professor Katrien Van Poeck (Ghent University), Dr Christopher Luederitz (McGill University), Dr Ying-Syuan (Elaine) Huang (McGill University), Johan Holmen (University West), Juhi Chatterjee (Tata Institute of Social Sciences), and Martin Egan (University of Technology Sydney)

Read more about our mission on the [STRN website](#), and join our network in driving transformative change in sustainability transitions education and practice (edulearn.strn@gmail.com).

Justice in Transitions (Ju-ST) TG

Global workshop series – call to convene a workshop

The TG on Justice in Transitions (Ju-ST) is convening a global workshop series to better understand diverse conceptualizations of justice and just transitions that exist around the world. For more information and to apply as a workshop convenor, please visit our homepage: <https://www.transitionsnetwork.org/thematic-groups/justice-in-sustainability-transitions-ju-st/>

Digitalization and Sustainability Transitions TG

Upcoming activities

During the spring, we will continue monthly activities, a mix of webinars and reading group sessions. All are welcome! Join our Google Group to get up-to-date information and meeting links: <https://groups.google.com/g/strn-digitalization>.

We are also hosting a track at IST 2026.

On February 27, we hosted a webinar on the topic of "What can other fields of research tell us about digitalization and sustainability transitions?" with five speakers representing four fields:

- Katherine Harrison, Linköping University: 'Sustainable for whom and at what cost? Imploding the promise of AI as solution to complex societal transformation' (feminist science and technology studies)
- Aman Luthra, George Washington University: 'Uberization of recycling in urban India' (human geography)
- Christina Öberg, Linnæus University: 'Digital disruption in the sharing economy' (business studies)
- Fernando van der Vlist: (University of Amsterdam) & Anne Helmond (Utrecht University): 'AI power: Platforms, interdependency, energy' (platform studies)

Transitions in the Global South TG

The thematic group on Transitions in the Global South (TGS) received STRN funding in 2025 to conduct a stock-take of the past decade of research on transitions taking place in Global South areas. The research is led by two researchers at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia, Dr. Masiel Pereira and Andrés Ramirez, and coordinated by Dr. Bipashyee Ghosh, Dr. Katharina Schiller, and Prof. Mónica Ramos Mejía.

First insights from the stock-take were presented at IST 2025 in Lisbon. A paper for EIST is currently being finalized.

The results of the stock-take will be presented in a webinar organized by TGS on April 24, 2026 (an invitation will be sent via the STRN and TGS mailing lists).

Please email transitions.globalsouth@gmail.com to join our mailing list and receive updates from the community.

Multi-System Dynamics (MSD) TG

4th MSD Workshop | 21–22 April 2026 | University of Tartu, Estonia

The fourth workshop of the Thematic Group on Multi-System Dynamics (MSD) in Sustainability Transitions will take place on 21–22 April 2026 at the University of Tartu, Estonia, organized by Laur Kanger, Phil Johnstone, and Sophie-Marie Ertelt. The workshop continues a series of meetings dedicated to advancing conceptual, empirical, and methodological work on multi-system dynamics, following earlier events in Oslo (2023), Gothenburg (2024), and Winterthur (2025).

Following a competitive call for abstracts, 15 participants have been selected from a strong pool of applications. Through funding provided by the Sustainability Transitions Research Network, the organisers will also be able to offer travel support for 2–3 early-career researchers (ECRs) to participate in the workshop.

The full programme and further details will be published shortly on the [MSD Thematic Group webpage](#)

Interested in STRN Thematic Group Activities

Not yet part of one or more of our thematic groups (TGs)?

Explore the different TGs on our website [here](#) and sign up for their mailing lists to receive updates, calls for collaboration, and invitations to upcoming events.



NEST Webinar: Dr Giuseppe Feola on Postgrowth food systems

Dr Giuseppe Feola, from Utrecht University, will deliver a talk under the title “Postgrowth food systems: the promise and perils of sustainability transitions research.” The session will take place on 21 April, 15:30–16:45 CET and will explore how post-growth perspectives intersect with sustainability transitions research in the context of food systems, highlighting both analytical opportunities and potential pitfalls for the field.

Participants interested in attending are invited to register in advance using the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdK6yZbaFHE_1GJg5p-7SsnGeroViP1RoutN3kZiDmR_ow3wg/viewform?usp=header

Call for Volunteers: Join the NEST Webinar team

The NEST webinar team is looking for 1-2 engaged new members to coordinate future webinars! Become part of a small and horizontally organized group of international ECRs, responsible for the [NEST webinar series on YouTube](#). We meet online once every 1-2 months to plan and carry out webinars for the NEST community.

Are you interested in contributing to an international team (ECRs from Switzerland, Austria, Japan, and Sweden)?

Contact: nadine.bruehwiler@unibas.ch, msatoru99@gmail.com, and/or max.halbwachs@hh.se



Call for papers Special Issue on “From within: Unpacking internal complexities, trade-offs, and tensions of firms in sustainability transitions.”

This special issue explores how the internal complexities of business organizations shape their engagement with sustainability transitions. Bridging organization theory and sustainability transitions research, it emphasizes an inside-the-firm perspective to examine how internal complexities, trade-offs, and tensions shape firms' perceptions, responses, and enactments of sustainability transitions, thereby enabling or constraining their capacity for transformative change. By conceptualizing firms as key sites where transition processes are negotiated and enacted, the special issue aims to generate fresh insights into the organizational dynamics that underpin and shape sustainability transitions.

Guest editors: Birthe Soppe, Taran M. Thune, and Christina Bidmon

Envisioned submission process and deadlines

- **Submission of abstracts via email** to the special issue editors (150 words): April 1st, 2026
- **Feedback to authors on abstracts** about fit to the special issue: May 1st 2026
- **Submission open date for full paper:** July 1st, 2026
- **Final submission deadline:** 15th of September 2026
- **Expected publication:** 2027

The full call for papers can be found [here](#).



Bridging Policy and Practice: Co-Developing a Decolonial Circular Economy Learning Module for Schools in Indonesia

Led by Bipashyee Ghosh, this project aims to develop a handbook and training programme centred around everyday circular practices in schools in Indonesia, showcasing efforts and strengthening the capacities of school principals for transformative actions. Working closely with school principals, teachers, and the Indonesia Green Principal Awards (IGPA) network, the team will co-design practical tools that help students and educators integrate circular thinking into daily school routines. This project contributes to a wider research agenda of decolonising transitions to sustainable and circular futures in Global South contexts.

Read more about the project here: <https://decolab.com/decolonial-dialogue/bridging-policy-and-practice-co-developing-a-decolonial-circular-economy-learningmodule-for-schools-in-indonesia/>

Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship with Peter Newell at the School of Global Studies, University of Sussex

The MSCA-PF project, led by Dwarkeshwar Dutt and Peter Newell, started on 1 February 2026. Over the next two years, the project will explore energy transitions in the electric vehicle sector through the lenses of policy studies, transition studies, and political economy. Dwarkeshwar Dutt looks forward to interacting with the Sustainability Transitions Research Network community.

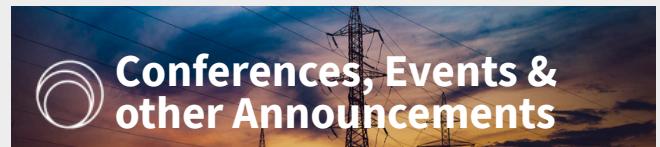
TECTOCC - Transformation Ecosystems, Theories of Change, and Climate Action

Energy transition, circular economy, post-growth – regions often struggle to translate abstract transformation objectives into concrete strategies for change. Yet, place-based transformation strategies are key for enabling tailored, accepted pathways. Otherwise, they risk being met with resistance.

TECTOCC studies how routinized governance arrangements and deeply entrenched imaginaries influence this operationalization. It conceptualizes the two in the notions of Transformation Ecosystems (TECs) and Regional Theories of Change (TOCs) and studies the influence of TECs and TOCs on transformative vs. reformist strategies and accepted vs. rejected projects in the rural mountain regions Osttirol and Ötischerland in Austria. That way, we aim to unveil how context-specific sociocultural and sociomaterial factors shape the quest for regional transformative change. TECTOCC (2025-2028) is implemented by SRF - Research Unit Urban & Regional Research at TU Wien and ZSI - Center for Social Innovation. The project is funded by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund in the Austrian Climate Research Programme (ACRP, 17th Call).

Further information:

<https://projekte.ffg.at/projekt/5136165> &
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Call for Abstracts: Conference "Exploring Local Social Cohesion in Green and Just Transitions" (Leibniz University Hannover, 7-8 October 2026)

The conference, hosted by the Hannover Section of the Research Institute Social Cohesion (RISC), aims to advance interdisciplinary discussion on the links between social cohesion, understood as trust, participation, equality, and solidarity, and green and just transitions. While green transitions across multiple fields such as infrastructures of greening, energy, economy, housing, and mobility can boost local cohesion, studies show that green transitions may also be unjust by marginalizing groups or eroding solidarity, thus threatening both social fabric and sustainability goals themselves.

To explore the dynamics between green transitions and social cohesion, the conference seeks to bring together researchers from various disciplines including geography, political science, sociology, spatial planning, landscape ecology, and others.

Deadline for abstract submission is 31 March 2026. You can find information on topics of interest, keynote speakers, a special issue, financial support opportunities, and more on our website: <https://fgz-risc.de/news/call-for-abstracts-exploring-local-social-cohesion-in-green-and-just-transitions>

New Handbook: Introduction to Sustainability Transitions Research (Cambridge University Press, 2026)

Wouldn't it be valuable to have a comprehensive introduction to sustainability transitions research that helps new PhD students, newcomers, and practitioners navigate the transitions field? That was the starting point for Abe Hendriks and Julius Wesche when they were finishing their PhDs. Five years later, the result is here.

Introduction to Sustainability Transitions Research is an edited volume bringing together 68 contributing authors from across the transitions community. While the book focuses on the foundations of the field, it spans more than 530 pages – reflecting both the depth and maturity of sustainability transitions research.

The volume introduces core frameworks such as the Multi-Level Perspective and Technological Innovation Systems, and addresses key themes including power, actors, geographies, and justice. It is written to be accessible without oversimplifying complex debates, serving as a structured entry point for the next generation of transitions scholars. The book is fully open access and can be found [here](#).



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PhD Theses

Tshangela, Mapula (2025). *Sustainability transitions and punctuated socio-political regime shifts: Explaining green economy policies in South Africa, 2002-2022*. Stellenbosch University, South Africa. Under the supervision of Prof Mark Swilling.

The thesis investigated government-led policy shifts and the micro-dynamics. The multi-level perspective was fused with the policy regime framework. Three key conditions underlie shifts in South Africa. First, the global economic crisis triggered the need for a green recovery. Second, the persistent regime problem in addressing the Eskom crisis: the electricity supply. Third, commitments to and participation in the United Nations events. The three conditions occurred alongside political interests related to state capture, which, in some instances, have contradicted or delayed the transition. Long-term political and bureaucratic support from powerful departments was crucial. The ability to exercise their core mandates was important, while they explored and supported sustainability-oriented policies as a co-benefit. Politicians and senior bureaucrats utilised mechanisms such as policy learning, layering, conversion, and coalitions. They absorbed landscape pressures, destabilised the policy regime, and developed policy niches, informing responses.

de Bruin, A. (2025). *Perceptions of justice in food system transitions*. PhD thesis. Wageningen University.

Abstract: This thesis aimed to understand how justice is perceived in ongoing food system transitions and more specifically within the North of the Netherlands.

We developed a conceptual framework that structures conversations about, and analysis of, perceptions of justice in food system transitions. Through workshops and interviews with actors from across the food system we found plural perceptions of justice related to e.g. production practices, food aid, and supply chain power dynamics. We also found that systemic (income) inequalities currently undermine a just (Dutch) food system transition. We argue that justice has to become part of the political and societal debates.

For more information:

<https://doi.org/10.18174/681261>. If you are interested in a pdf of the thesis please email annemarieke.debruin@wur.nl.

van Dijk, J.G.W. (2026). *The emergence and development of governance capacities for transformative change: Insights from energy regions in the Netherlands*. PhD thesis. Eindhoven University of Technology.

This dissertation examines how governance capacities for transformative change emerge and develop at the regional scale, focusing on regional energy transitions in the Netherlands. Taking the energy system as a key domain where transformative change is both necessary and ongoing, the research analyses how actors engaged in regional governance collaboratively navigate transformation processes. Drawing on qualitative case studies using interviews, participant observation, and document analysis, the individual chapters employ different analytical lenses to explore how structural conditions and collective agency interact to shape governance capacities. The findings highlight social learning as a central mechanism through which actors reframe problems, develop shared intentions, and reshape governance arrangements over time. By offering a process-oriented perspective, the dissertation advances theoretical debates on transformative governance and offers practical insights for policymakers and practitioners seeking to strengthen regional governance capacities for transformative change.

Publications

We are happy to introduce the most recent issue of EIST! The full list of papers is featured below.

Teis Hanson, Editor-in-Chief

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