

Call for papers IRSPM SIG Design-led approaches to Just Transitions

Our SIG interrogates current and emergent design-led approaches in public management and governance. It also promotes research that looks at where, when, and how design works in the public sector. With the purpose to build our platform and foster a creative academic dialogue we invite papers and proposals in accordance with the below theme.

POLICY
SUSTAINABILITY JUST TRANSITION
DESIGN

This meeting's theme is based on topical research streams across disciplines. Our aim is to deepen the discussion and connection between these streams, foster a cross-disciplinary discourse and explore how design can contribute to drive a more sustainable future:

Justice can be approached from multiple angles: equality from birth, equal opportunities, uniform conditions, or identical outcomes. These perspectives represent the diverse ways in which society can strive to achieve fairness and eliminate disparities, highlighting the multifaceted nature of the quest for justice.

Policy encompasses three dimensions: the institutional aspect, emphasizing regulatory structures; the deliberationist facet, highlighting public discourse; and the enactment dimension, focusing on practical implementation. Effective policies require attention to all three facets to align with societal values and achieve meaningful impact.

Transitions in systems can be seen from three systemic viewpoints: transitions as inherent to systems, transitions facilitated by human intervention, and transitions driven by the dynamic nature of systems. These perspectives provide a multifaceted understanding of systemic change, not necessarily conflicting but rather enriching the discourse.

Sustainability spans three vital domains: social, focusing on people and relationships; economic, examining the limits of private economy and growth; and ecological, prioritizing biodiversity and natural resource preservation. These interconnected dimensions are integral to a balanced, sustainable future, uniting societal well-being, economic responsibility, and environmental conservation.

Design is a multifaceted concept that can be approached from various angles. On one hand, it can be viewed as a universal process, transcending boundaries and applicable to numerous domains. Furthermore, design can be seen as the practical manifestation of artistic expertise, where creativity and aesthetics are harnessed to bring forth innovative solutions. Additionally, it is an intellectually rigorous endeavor, demanding a wealth of knowledge and skill in fields ranging from engineering to psychology. Finally, design is the embodiment of a profound capacity for critical thinking, involving

the ability to challenge conventional norms and engage in introspective analysis. In essence, design encompasses a broad spectrum of interpretations, making it a dynamic and essential facet of human endeavor.

We invite the community to make submissions that align to one or several of the above streams and participate in supporting development of the work to be presented by an open peer to peer process. After submittance and registration of participation each presenter will be asked to comment on two fellow authors' work.

Warm welcome to a wintery Linköping!

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October 20th Deadline abstracts/proposals for participation min 250, not exceeding 1000 words

Nov 17th Deadline response abstracts to presenting authors

December 7-8th SIG Symposium Linköping, Campus Valla

The comments will be forwarded to the presenter before the symposium in Linköping making it possible for the authors to further develop their thoughts before presenting.

Note that there is no conference fee, but costs for travel, accommodation and food and beverages are for your own expenses.

Submit your abstract to: william.voorberg@naturalis.nl

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Preliminary program

7th December

- 12.30 – 12.45 Welcome
- 12.45 – 13.45 Introductory Keynote(s)
- 14.00 – 15.00 Parallell sessions
- 15.00 – 15.30 Break
- 15.30 – 16.30 Parallell sessions
- 16.30 – 17.30 Summary

8th December

- 8.30 – 8.45 Introduction to the day
- 8.45 – 9.30 Exploratory keynote
- 9.30 – 10.00 Break
- 10.00 – 11.30 Paper sessions/workshops (depending on submissions)
- 11.45 – 12.15 Closing reflections and discussing the way forward
- 12.30 Lunch to go