

Workshop for Early Career Researchers

Description and Workshop Objectives:

This year's conference of the Earth System Governance (ESG) Project takes place in Norwich, UK and will be jointly hosted by the University of East Anglia and the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research on behalf of the Earth System Governance Project. The Earth System Governance Project was launched in 2009 to address problems of environmental governance, focussing on five analytical themes, namely architecture, agency adaptiveness, accountability, and access and allocation. More information on the Earth System Governance Project can be found at www.earthsystemgovernance.org

As part of the ESG conference, we would like to invite all Early Career Researchers (ECRs) for a one-day workshop prior to the conference aimed at building individual and collaborative capacity among ECRs to engage with the challenges of ESG research.

The specific objectives of the workshop are to:

- Provide an opportunity for ECRs to meet, interact and network prior to the beginning of the conference;
- Discuss and critically reflect on conceptual, methodological and capacity aspects of doing ESG research (e.g. challenges, opportunities, and strategies for ECRs);
- Identify common research interests and future collaboration possibilities (e.g. writing an opinion piece or working paper following the workshop); and
- Provide an opportunity for ECRs to network with senior ESG researchers at an evening networking event.

Eligibility

For the purposes of this workshop, 'early career researchers' are considered to be either current postgraduate researchers (e.g. PhD students) or those who have been awarded their PhD within the last 5 years. However, if you are not far outside this range and would still like to participate, please contact the organisers to discuss available options..

Workshop Format:

The workshop will foster critical discussion among participants on important research-related topics, including: 1) innovative and constructive reflection on the conference themes (i.e. Access and Allocation, Transformative Pathways); 2) the ESG research framework (e.g. Agency, Architecture, Adaptiveness and Accountability etc.), 3) and what options and pathways ECRs have to influence/ facilitate change towards sustainable pathways. The workshop also encourages participants to reflect on their own experiences of engaging with cross-cutting research that goes beyond traditional concepts and methodologies, and our role as ECRs in progressing a transdisciplinary ESG research agenda.

The workshop will involve a World Café activity, and participants will also be given the opportunity to take their interests further, identifying possibilities for research collaboration or synthesizing the outcomes of the workshop in an opinion piece or working paper. The workshop will be facilitated by senior ESG faculty and the ECR organizing committee.

Workshop Schedule (preliminary):

Sunday 29 June	6pm onwards	Networking event with senior ESG researchers in an informal setting (a traditional English pub)
Monday 30 June	8.30-9.00 am	Workshop registration
	9.00-9.30am	Introduction and workshop outline

	9.30-11.00 am	World Café
	11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	11.30-12.00	Presentation of World Café insights
	12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
	13.00-14.30	Discussion of possible areas of future research collaboration and documenting/drafting of results
	14.30	End of the workshop, and transfer to the main conference venue

How to Register:

Please send a brief personal statement (max. 300 words) to NC14@earthsystemgovernance.org, containing the following information:

- Name
- Current position and institutional affiliation
- Are you presenting at the conference (talk or poster?)
- Research interest and field
- What is your personal interest in the workshop? (e.g. your motivations for participating, and how you hope to benefit)
- Are there any particular questions or issues that you would like to discuss during the workshop?

Registrations are due: **16 May 2014**

The workshop is free of charge and will include refreshments. Lunch is not included, but can be purchased on campus. Numbers of the workshop are limited, so please register as soon as possible!