



JPI CLIMATE Future Research Leaders Forum

Call for Contributions

Sustainable Transformations of Society
in the Face of Climate Change:

Promising Research Directions

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Pre-Conference Event to the Oslo Transformation Conference 2013

Shaping the European Research Agenda

Given the multiple interrelations between societal responses to climate change, other global change processes as well as additional societal and environmental mega-trends, research on sustainable transformations of society is an inherently interdisciplinary endeavour. Given the normative underpinnings of the formulated need for sustainable transformations, transdisciplinary research and action is needed to understand, develop and implement social and economic responses to climate change. Setting a European Research Agenda for better understanding societal transformations under a changing climate calls for the active participation of decision-makers and knowledge-users in society, international research leaders and in particular the *research leaders of tomorrow* in order to contribute their insights, visions and promising ideas.

This **Open Space workshop** aims to contribute to the priority setting in the strategic research agenda of JPI CLIMATE as a basis for future pan-European research programmes in the field of climate change research.

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Aims and scope of the workshop

The workshop brings together selected junior researchers that are active on the interface of social sciences and humanities (SSH) and climate change research and who – as Future Research Leaders – are considered to shape SSH transformation research. The workshop aims to achieve the following objectives:

- to **define research priorities** at the interface of SSH and climate change research, including views of researchers working on the interface of natural sciences and SSH;
- to **identify innovative and promising research directions**, including ideas and approaches, and
- to **facilitate networking and community building** among the research leaders of tomorrow.

Invited contributions

Short position papers on innovations in SSH climate research

- structured along overall 2-4 propositions (position statements = one sentence) on innovations in social science climate research in terms of important research principles and research themes/questions with
- an introduction section containing a brief critical reflection on existing knowledge gaps in research and
- a concluding section, where promising ideas for innovative research policies and suitable funding activities might be proposed,
- accompanied by a list of max. 15 literature references (e.g. links to currently important research streams in social sciences/humanities, literature references to emerging research fields – if existing); and
- with a maximum length of 8,000 characters (without references).

Successful applicants will be informed about further details of their requested workshop inputs.

General eligibility and selection of candidates

Eligible candidates will be junior researchers with minimum 3 years but no more than 10 years of research experience (PhD students, Post Docs or individuals with equivalent qualifications) with interest in the research field of 'Societal Transformations in the Face of Climate Change' and with particular research focus on

- the interface SSH and Climate Change Research and/or
- the interface of Natural Sciences and SSH in the field of Climate Change Research.

Candidates will be selected based on the excellence of their research profile, position papers and innovativeness of developed ideas and arguments as well as balance and diversity of the group of Future Research Leaders.

Institutional background

The event is part of a series of agenda-setting workshops organized by the European Joint Programming Initiative 'Connecting Climate Knowledge for Europe' (JPI CLIMATE), which represents a network of European research funders that currently comprises 15 member and observer countries, several observer institutions and the European Commission. Joint programming is one core initiative, introduced by the European Commission and aimed at implementing the European Research Area (ERA).

By connecting science and decision making processes, JPI CLIMATE helps to meet the challenge of making European development both climate-friendly and climate-proof. JPI CLIMATE is based upon a Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) consisting of four inter-connected thematic modules (and associated working groups):

1. Moving towards decadal climate predictions (WG1)
2. Research for climate service development (WG2)
- 3. Understanding sustainable transformations of societies under climate change (WG3)**
4. Improving models and scenario-based tools for decision-making under climate change (WG4)

The Future Research Leaders Forum, organized by JPI CLIMATE WG3, is expected to provide important contributions to the identification of research priorities and pathways for implementing the SRA of JPI CLIMATE and therefore for transformation research in Europe and beyond.

Costs and financial support

- All meals during the workshop and one night in a hotel will be provided by the organisers.
- Travel costs: Some grants will be available for applicants based in non-OECD countries. *Please indicate if your attendance is conditional on such a grant.*

Important dates and required information

Please submit your position papers, as specified above, with a CV (max 2 pages, including education, current position, relevant research experience, current research topic(s), list of relevant publications) by March 1st 2013 to transformation-forum@cca.ac.at.

Applicants will be informed of the results of the selection process by April 15th.

Further information

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