

# Pathways Newsletter

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Dear Pathway enthusiasts,

Entering this new year, we are excited to share with you more **content, resources and opportunities** for those working within and across transformative sustainability research.

The 2024 agenda for our Forum will kick off on **Friday 15 March** with a discussion on the concepts of **social metabolism**. Find out more below and register [here!](#)

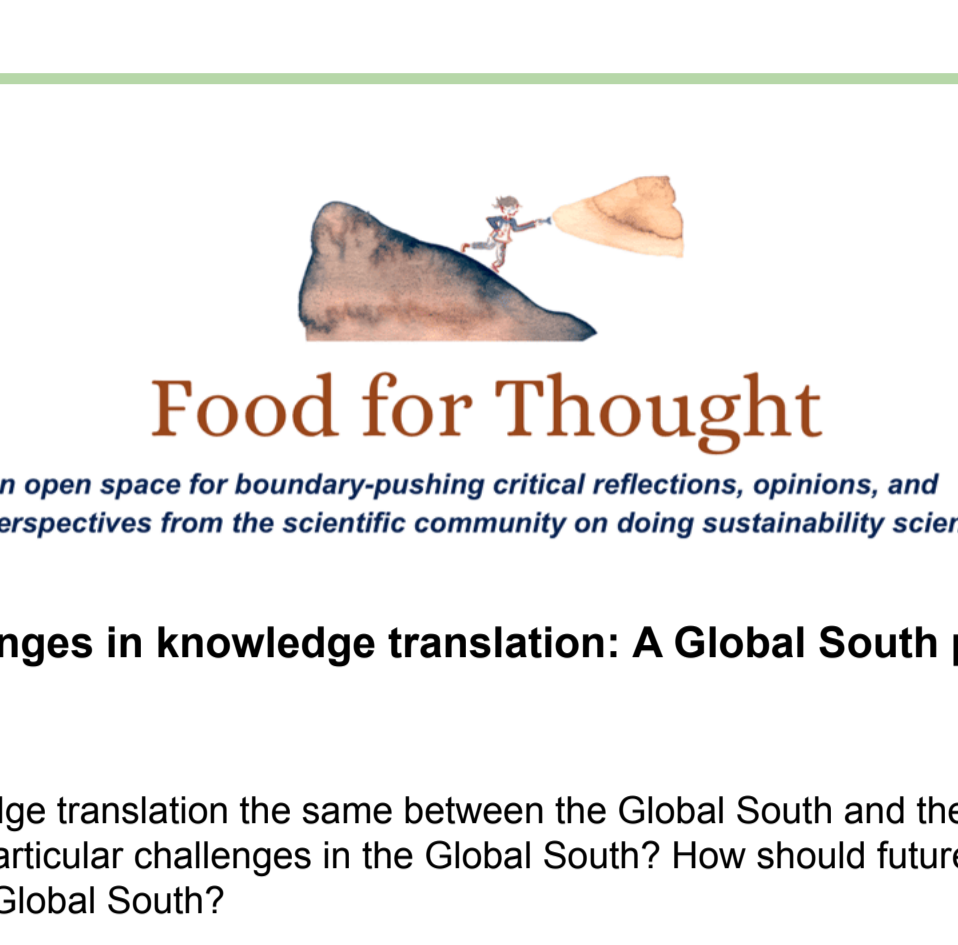
Incase you missed it, our most recent webinar brought together speakers with valuable insights into the role of courts and climate litigation in advancing transformations for better futures. You can find the recording on our Youtube channel [here](#).

Finally, you may begin to notice some **new visuals and artwork** featured across our newsletters and our social media. These illustrations have been created by the very talented artist **Suus Agnes**. We are looking forward to sharing with you more on how the initiative will incorporate art and collaborate with artists across our future work.

Happy reading!

Stephanie  
& the Pathways Initiative Steering Group

## Annual Report 2023



The *French Hub of Future Earth* is happy to share our annual report for the year 2023 which features and highlights the work of the Pathways Initiative. Over this past year, we have been strengthening our key activities, such as the Pathways Forums, the Pathways Autumn School and the Post-doc and Communications Grants. To read our annual report in full, click [here](#).

## Food for Thought

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

**Blog: Challenges in knowledge translation: A Global South perspective**

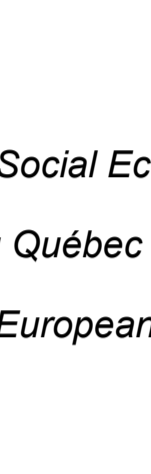


How is knowledge translation the same between the Global South and the Global North? What are the particular challenges in the Global South? How should future support be focused in the Global South?


[Read more here.](#)

## Events

**PATHWAYS FORUM #12** futurearth

Resource-hungry societies and a future in flux: Insights from social metabolism **Friday 15 March**  
2-4pm CET | Online

 Helmut Haber, Institute of Social Ecology, Vienna  Eric Pineault, Université du Québec  Anke Schaffartzik, Central European University

In collaboration with: 

**Pathways Forum #12 - Resource-hungry societies and a future in flux: Insights from social metabolism**

At a time where socio-environmental sustainability is paramount, is a decrease in resource use and their associated emissions compatible with sustained economic growth? How to identify and address the material structures and social processes that entrench unsustainable socio-economic systems? What transformations are needed in order to start envisioning alternative societies for a sustainable and just future?

This webinar explores how the social metabolic analysis framework provides powerful insights into the interrelations between society, environment, and economy. The session will cover the key concepts of social metabolism, and how it can be applied to sustainability issues.

### Speakers:

[Helmut Haber](#), *Institute of Social Ecology Vienna*

[Eric Pineault](#), *Université du Québec*

[Anke Schaffartzik](#), *Central European University*

This Forum will be facilitated by Benjamin Fleischmann, Ph.D student at the Institute of Social Ecology, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.

**Happening: Friday 15 March, 2PM - 4PM CET | Online**

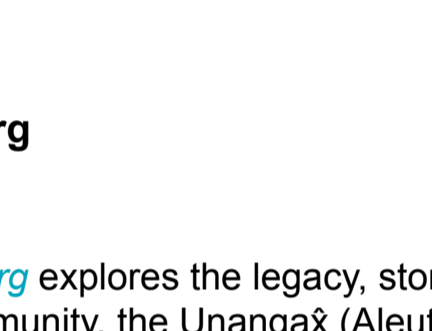
[Register now](#)



**Decolonising Climate Coloniality in an era of Loss and Damage: A Primer for Artists**

This workshop will explore the issue of loss and damage caused by the climate crisis, how we can decolonise climate coloniality, and the role that artists can play in changing the climate story from despair to transformation, solidarity and justice. [Register here.](#)

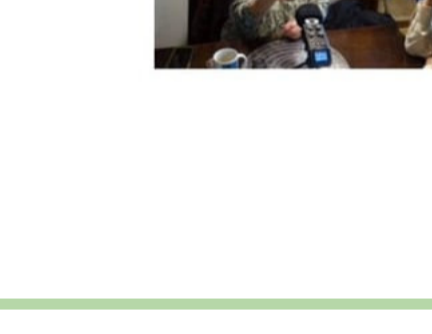
**Happening: 23 February 2024, 1PM - 2:15PM GMT**



**Reclaiming the Climate (in French and English)**

This workshop aims to reclaim the central role of social mobilisations, everyday environmentalism, and urban politics in our common understanding of climate justice as a theoretical framework and as a policy ambition. [Register here.](#)

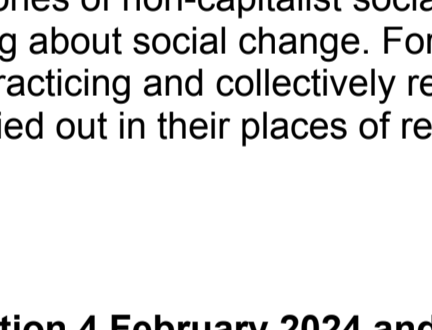
**Happening: 28-29 February 2024, Université Paris Cité**



**Social Climates and Climate Stressors**

Organized by the IRD, this event will feature Friederike Hillemann and Guillaume Dezeache who will speak about Inuit Subsistence and Social Climate under the Stress of Scarcity respectively. [Zoom link here.](#)

**Happening: 27 March 2024, 1PM GMT +1**



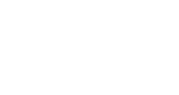
**International symposium: Demands for justice and responses to socio-spatial and environmental injustice in the global South" (in French and English)**

The aim of the symposium is to mobilize field-based research on different situations of socio-spatial and environmental (in)justice in the global South, to forge a better understanding of what justice means for local actors (how they formulate the issues at stake and seek redress), and how states deal with these demands.

[Learn more here.](#)

**Happening: 25-26 April 2024, Montpellier**

## Spotlight



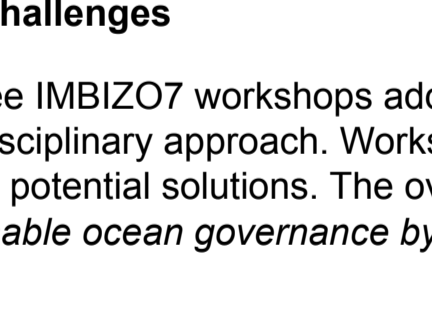
**Podcast: Tipping the Iceberg**

New podcast *Tipping the Iceberg* explores the legacy, stories, and living memories of an isolated Podgen *Arctic community*, the Unangax̂ (Aleut) community, fighting to ensure food security while preserving its unique way of life.

Across four episodes, transdisciplinary PhD researcher (and 'Pathways 2024 Autumn School alumna') **Silja Zimmermann** interviews scientists, community members, tribal representatives, subsistence providers, elders, and local youth. Listen to the podcast [here](#).



## Opportunities

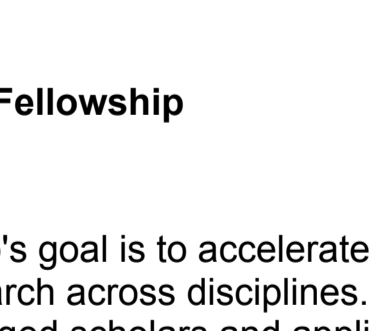


**Online Workshop: Liberatory methods for investigating and generating non-capitalist / anti-colonial social power (in English and Spanish)**

The practice, research and theories of non-capitalist social power included in this course were developed in order to bring about social change. For this reason, it is designed for people interested in creating, practicing and collectively researching noncapitalist and anti-colonial social power to be carried out in their places of residence or research. [Learn more here.](#)

**Deadline to apply: First selection 4 February 2024 and then, until all spaces are filled**

**Workshops: 16 March - 4 May 2024, 10AM - 12AM, Mexico City Time (CDMX)**

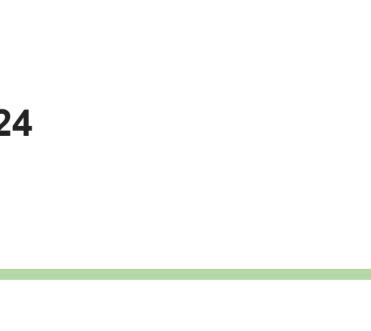


**Call for papers: RGS-IBG Conference -**

**Institutional knowledge practices and expertise: producing, maintaining and circulating epistemic objects**

This session invites panellists whose theoretical and empirical work may include: The roles of different actors in producing and sustaining epistemic objects; Theoretical insights about how futures are imagined, promised and realised; Inequalities and uneven representation in knowledge politics; Power dynamics and justice in the formation of epistemic objects. [Learn more here.](#)

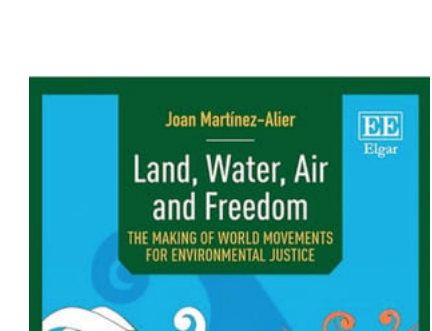
**Deadline to apply: 16 February 2024**



**Call for papers: RGS-IBG Conference - The Trans Oceanic: Critical Ocean Geographies and their allies**

This session seeks to explore points of intersection and divergence between two traditions: the critical ocean geography tradition that has been developed over the past decade by geographers and allies in science and technology studies, international relations, feminist studies, and the (post)humanities, and the Black Studies tradition associated with Caribbean, Black Atlantic, and Black Mediterranean thought. [Learn more here.](#)

**Deadline to apply: 18 February 2024**

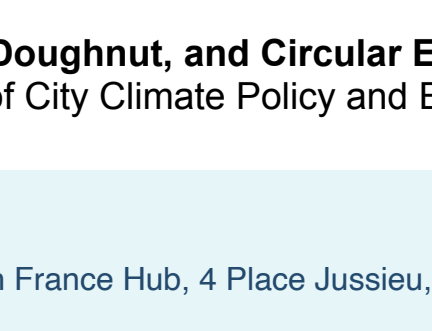


**Call for abstracts: IMBIZO7 - Transitioning towards sustainable ocean governance by 2030: Commitments and challenges**

Led by IMBER, each of the three IMBIZO7 workshops addresses a key area for ocean sustainability through an interdisciplinary approach. Workshops will highlight current and emerging research and explore potential solutions. The overall IMBIZO7 theme is *Transitioning towards sustainable ocean governance by 2030*. [Learn more here.](#)

**Deadline to apply: 19 February 2024**

**Workshops: 23-26 September 2024, Rabat, Morocco**



**Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Beyond Buzzwords - Educational Pathways for Sustainable Research Collaborations**

This is a call for contributions from all fields, ranging from local interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary projects to projects spanning the Global North and the Global South. This conference addresses both the theory and practice of inter- and transdisciplinary research collaboration and the educational pathways to making such collaborations sustainable and available for all. [Learn more here.](#)

**Deadline to apply: 29 February 2024**



**Fellowship: IonE Postdoctoral Fellowship**

The IonE Postdoctoral Fellowship's goal is to accelerate a sustainable and just transition by supporting breakthrough research across disciplines. IonE Postdoctoral Fellows are interdisciplinary, community-engaged scholars and applicants must have either expertise or expressed interest in developing expertise in a particular aspect of sustainability. [Learn more here.](#)

**Deadline to apply: 11 March 2024**



**Fellowship: The Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in Climate Humanities and Social Justice at the Climate Museum**

This is an opportunity to provide critical scholarly vigor and intellectual depth to enrich a climate humanities and justice framework throughout the Museum's work. The Fellow will be encouraged to propose and help implement creative new approaches to engaging the public on issues of climate and social justice. [Learn more here.](#)

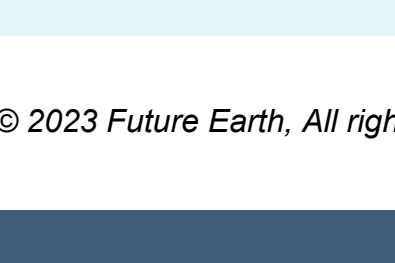
**Deadline to apply: 15 March 2024**

## Our Book of the Month

**Land, Water, Air and Freedom - The Making of World Movements for Environmental Justice (2023) by Joan Martínez-Alier**

One of the pioneers of ecological economics and political ecology, Joan Martínez-Alier, has published a new book *Land, Water, Air and Freedom* that features over 600 pages and 500 in-depth empirical analyses and is **free to read and download here**.

This incredible book and resource makes visible that current and past environmental struggles worldwide should be not situated in abstract, but rather seen as manifestations of a global countermovement for environmental justice and what this means for activists, scholars and people of the world alike.



## Publications

**Futures of the social metabolism: Degrowth, circular economy and the value of waste.** (Futures, 2023) [Read here.](#)

**Existing outside the box: How community-centred philosophies can help shape a degrowth society** (2023, degrowth). [Read here.](#)

**Post-Growth, Degrowth, the Doughnut, and Circular Economy: A Short Guide for Policymakers** (2024, Journal of City Climate Policy and Economy) [Read here.](#)

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