

Call for contributions

7th International Research Workshop on Archetype Analysis in Sustainability Research

June 16-18, 2024

University of the District of Columbia, Washington DC, USA and in hybrid mode

Objectives

The workshop will provide a highly interactive platform for dialogue and offer opportunities to strengthen the network of researchers investigating archetypes of sustainability with a special focus on urban and peri-urban communities. The workshop will provide the opportunity to:

1. Present and discuss cutting-edge research which uses archetype analysis and its empirical, theoretical and methodological aspects;
2. Provide feedback on research in progress and work on joint papers, research proposals and special archetype related topics in small groups;
3. Pitch new research ideas and spark interest in collaborative follow-up activities.

Contributions

We invite the following contributions:

1. Full papers: share original research or methodological developments as part of a panel with 2-3 other presenters, and receive feedback workshop participants.
2. Pitches: Short presentations summarizing new ideas for publications, research projects, reports on current projects and research grant applications for future projects.
3. Topical discussions: facilitate and/or participate in small discussion groups focused on a particular topic, with the goal of starting or continuing collaborative research.

This year, we have a special focus on Archetypes of (peri-)urban systems. For this, we particularly invite contributions related to urban, peri-urban and rural-urban topics that emphasize the social aspects of sustainability including social welfare, justice, the commons, populism, social cohesion, and resource-use conflicts around land and water use, climate change, and ecosystems incl. cultural ecosystems. Moreover, contributions of archetype research to policy development and implementation incl. policy measures, regional and local development strategies, urban development, sustainable land use, food security, and climate resilience are of particular interest. We also invite contributions related to methodologies and topics from previous archetype workshops, including dynamic archetype analysis, transferability and scaling of solutions, the science-policy-society interface, transdisciplinary research, and scenario archetypes.

The workshop will also include plenaries, social events, and room to exchange ideas and for collaboration, and paper feedback sessions. First time workshop participants will receive an introductory session and orientation material to familiarize themselves with the archetype network.

Deadlines

1 March 2024: Submissions of abstracts on <https://forms.office.com/e/3vAaDDCmVH>

5 April 2024: Feedback on accepted papers and sessions

10 May 2024: Registration (Link will be provided soon)

Submissions

Please submit your proposal(s) for full paper presentations, pitches or special topic sessions by preparing an abstract of no more than 300 words. Those wishing to present a full paper will also need to submit a summary statement of their methodology and preliminary research results relevant for the archetype network. Selections will be made through a peer-review process conducted by the scientific program committee. Authors whose abstracts are accepted are obliged to present their research but are not expected to submit a full-length paper.

Participants

The workshop will bring together 30-40 researchers from different fields of sustainability research including but not limited to land-use science, institutional analysis, scenario analysis, justice studies, and climate change. Previous participants have also published on topics like land use, water use, biodiversity scenarios, climate change adaptation, local environmental policies (see, e.g. [Ecology & Society Special Issue](#) and [Environmental Research Letters Focus Issue](#)). It is open to all researchers with experience and/or interest in the archetype approach.

Costs of the workshop: Participation in the workshop is free of charge. However, selected participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodations. The archetype network is trying to raise funds to subsidize travel and accommodation expenses for PhD students and participants from outside the US and Europe.

Scientific Program Committee

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