

Call for contributions
8th International Workshop on Archetype Analysis in Sustainability Research
29 September – 1 October 2025
at Thünen Institute of Biodiversity, Braunschweig, Germany (and hybrid)

Objectives

This workshop provides a vibrant platform for exchanging ideas, fostering synergies, and connecting researchers engaged in archetype analysis in sustainability research. Participants will have a unique opportunity to:

- Share and discuss cutting-edge research, including empirical findings, theoretical advancements, and methodological innovations.
- Collaborate on joint papers, research proposals, and special issues in interactive breakout sessions.
- Present new research ideas to inspire collaboration and shape future projects.

Contributions

We welcome the following types of contributions:

1. **Full Papers:** Share original research or methodological advancements and receive valuable feedback.
2. **Pitches:** Present concise overviews of new research ideas, ongoing projects, or grant proposals.
3. **Themed Breakout Sessions:** Lead discussions on specific topics or initiate collaborative research.

This year, we have a special focus on archetypes of land systems and land use, climate change and climate governance and the application of archetype knowledge in decision making and policy tailoring. We also invite contributions related to methodologies and topics from previous workshops, including conflicts and sustainability, commons and institutions, rural-urban relations, natural resource and infrastructure governance (e.g., water, energy, forestry and biodiversity), transferability and scaling of sustainability solutions, the science–policy–society interface, transdisciplinary research and scenario archetypes. The workshop will provide participants with an introductory session and orientation material to familiarise themselves with the archetype network. Participants will receive an introductory session and orientation materials to familiarise themselves with the archetype network.

Deadlines

- **Abstract Submission:** 28 February 2025 ([Submit here](#))
- **Feedback on Submissions:** 30 April 2025
- **Registration Deadline:** 10 August 2025 (Registration link will be provided soon)

Submission Guidelines

Submit an abstract (300-400 words) for full papers, pitches, or themed breakout sessions. Abstracts will undergo peer review by the Scientific Programme Committee. While full papers are not mandatory, authors of accepted abstracts are encouraged to submit them to enrich discussions.

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, and climate change.

Previous workshop participants have published on topics like land, water and energy use, biodiversity scenarios, climate change adaptation and mitigation, local environmental policies and natural resources governance (see e.g. [Ecology & Society Special Issue](#) and [Environmental Research Letters Focus Issue](#)). The workshop is open to all researchers with experience and/or interest in the archetype approach. We are happy to welcome participants with diverse backgrounds from all continents.

Participation Costs

The workshop is **free of charge**. However, participants who attend in person are responsible for covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Scientific Programme Committee

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