

# Ruptures, Transformations, Continuities. Rethinking Infrastructures and Ecology



**Online Conference of the DFG Centre for Advanced Studies “Futures of Sustainability”  
University of Hamburg**

**November 25 + 26 2021**

Organizations, institutions as well as everyday life are permeated and characterized by a variety of interests and objectives regarding sustainability. They all relate to sustainability as a strong normative point of reference. However, this complexity of interests and goals associated with the concept of sustainability inevitably gives rise to conflicts, incompatibilities as well as contradictory and paradoxical effects. Looking at ruptures, transformations and continuities, the conference aims to explore the meaning of infrastructures in the context of the ecological crisis and its implications for the multiple futures of sustainability.

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Registered participants will receive the Zoom access details shortly before the Conference. Until then, we kindly ask for your patience.

Please note: all times CET (Central European Time)

**Wednesday, Nov 24**

**14:00-16:00 KollegLecture**  
**Sheila Jasanoff (Harvard University, USA):**  
**Spaceship or Stewardship: Imaginaries of Sustainability in the Information Age**

**Thursday, Nov 25**

**9:30-10:00 Welcome**

**10:00-11:20 Keynote Lara Monticelli (Copenhagen Business School, Denmark):**  
**"Sustainability" of What? Capitalism and the Viability of Transformative Infra-**  
**structures**

**11:20-11:50 Coffee break**

**11:50-13:10 Diverse Forms of Organizing**

**Joschka Moldenhauer, Simon Micken & Philipp Thimm** (University of Cologne, Germany): On the role of cooperatives as actors in regional development with regard to the creation and design of stable and sustainable infrastructures  
*Commentary: Vincent Gengnagel OR Katharina Zimmermann*

**Simone Schiller-Merkens** (University Witten-Herdecke, Germany): Organizing toward an Alternative Economy: Challenges and Opportunities of Scaling Up Prefigurative Organizing  
*Commentary: Gregor Kungl*

**13:10-14:10 Break**

**14:10-15:30 Politics and Welfare**

**Francesco Laruffa** (University of Geneva, Switzerland): Rethinking Welfare Infrastructures for the Social-Ecological Transformation: From Employment to the Capability to Take Care of the World?  
*Commentary: Silja Klepp*

**Vincent Gengnagel** (Europe University of Flensburg, Germany) & **Katharina Zimmermann** (Hamburg University, Germany): The European Green Deal – An inclusive moonshot for a climate-neutral yet prospering continent?  
*Commentary: Mathilda Rosengren*

**15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00-18:00 Practices of Care & More-than-Human Entanglements**

**Réka Gál** (University of Toronto, Canada): Space Trouble: Insights for Sustainable Environmental Practices on Earth  
*Commentary: Simone Schiller-Merkens*

**Mathilda Rosengren** (Malmö University, Sweden): When infrastructures and ecological actors meet – disruptions and connectivities of Malmö’ urban willow tree

*Commentary: Francesco Laruffa*

**Salina Suri** (Harvard University, USA): Stranger Tides: Investigating the Restoration of Good Relations with Transcontinentally-Entangled Ecologies

*Commentary: Simone Schleper*

## Friday, Nov 26

**10:00 Welcome to day 2**

**10:10-12:10 Finance and Energy**

**Muhammad Amir Ingratubun** (IPB University, Bogor, Indonesia): Ethical Development Funding? Dutch Curse on Indonesia: The Case of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan Projects.

*Commentary: Lisa Suckert OR Timur Ergen*

**Gregor Kungl** (University of Stuttgart, Germany): Transferability of Infrastructural Path Dependence – A Comparison of Electricity and Mobility Systems

*Commentary: Muhammad Amir Ingratubun*

**Simone Schleper** (Maastricht University, Netherlands): Caribou Crossings: The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, ecological indicators, and wildlife as stakeholders in the Anthropocene

*Commentary: Joschka Moldenhauer, Simon Micken OR Philipp Thimm*

**12:10-13:10 Break**

**13:10-14:30 Crisis**

**Lisa Suckert & Timur Ergen** (MPIfG, Cologne, Germany): Can “crises” promote transitions toward sustainable infrastructures? The case of the first oil crisis and the role of multilayered interpretative struggles

*Commentary: Salina Suri*

**Silja Klepp** (Kiel University, Germany): A permanent crisis: Coastal protection in Sicily

*Commentary: Réka Gál*

**14:30-15:00 Coffee Break**

**15:00-16:00 Wrap up & Discussion**

**16:00-17:20 Keynote Dominic Boyer (Rice University, USA):  
Infrastructural Futures in the Ecological Emergency**

**17:30 Closing**

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