

Programme

Regional Studies Association: Research Seminar Series

Leadership & Sustainability in Europe: Where Now, What Next

Date: 12-13 October 2023 (Thursday-Friday)

Conveners: ESSCA EU*Asia Institute Ignazio Cabras and Thomas Hoerber, John Gibney (University of Birmingham), Joyce Liddle and John Shutt (Northumbria University), Martin Pelucha (Prague University of Economics and Business), and Markku Sotarauta (Tampere University).

Venue: ESSCA School of Management (1 rue Lakanal, Angers, France) & Online

Workshop Day 1: Thursday 12 October 2023

Meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting via Teams](#)

Room: C224

10:00-10:30 CET

Welcome & introduction to the workshop

Prof Ignazio Cabras, Northumbria University, EU*Asia Institute
Prof Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute

10:30 – 12:00 CET

Session – Leadership and Innovation

*Chair: Dr Sonia Chikh M'hamed, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute*

- **Dr Oto Potluka**, Center for Philanthropy Studies, University of Basel, **Prof Frank Othengrafen**, TU Dortmund, *The New European Bauhaus: An opportunity for place-based leadership or business as usual?*
- **Ms Martina Kubíková**, Prague University of Economics and Business, *The Nexus of Leadership in Digital Transformation: Enabling Just Transition through the Interplay of Green and Digital Transformation - Czech Case Study*
- **Questions and Answers**

12:00-13:30 CET

Lunch Break



13:30-15:00 CET

Session – International Sustainability Policy

*Chair: Dr Marjorie Tendero, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute*

- **Dr Sonia Chikh M'hamed**, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute, *The Geopolitical Dimensions of the Green Transition in Asia - and what it means for Europe's Global Role*
- **Mr Ira Feldman**, University of Waterloo, *Aligning National-level Sustainability Policy with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)*
- **Questions and Answers**

15:00-15:30 CET

Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 CET

Session - Environmental Governance and Justice

*Chair: Dr Camila Villard Duran, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute*

- **Dr Helen Kopnina**, Northumbria University, *Transnational leadership and environmental governance: The role of business leaders in addressing biodiversity loss in Europe*
- **Mr Jesús Robles, Dr Zamira Xhaferri**, University of Amsterdam, *Access to Justice in Environmental Matters*
- **Prof Ignazio Cabras**, Northumbria University, EU*Asia Institute, **Prof Gabriel Weber**, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute, *The role and impact of local leadership on environmental conflicts across the European Union: the cases of France and Germany.*
- **Questions and Answers**

20:00 CET

Conference dinner



Workshop Day 2: Friday 13 October 2023

Meeting link: [Click here to join the meeting via Teams](#)

Room: C224

9:00-10:00 CET

Dr Corinne Bouchoux

Municipal councillor in charge of Ecological transition and mobility, City of Angers and Vice President "Ecological Transition and Mobility", Angers Loire Métropole – Communauté urbaine, Angers

Leadership for Sustainability: Advancing Ecological Transition and Mobility in Angers and Angers Loire Métropole within the European Framework

10:00-10:30 CET

Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 CET

Session – Sustainability in Supply Chains

*Chair: Dr Katia Picaud-Bello ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute*

- **Mr Zacharey Norman**, ESSCA, University of North Carolina - Wilmington, *Roadmaps for Resilience: A Cross-Nation Analysis of Recovery & Resilience Plans*
- **Mr Leonardo Talero-Sarmiento**, Universidad Autonoma de Bucaramanga, **Prof Gabriel Weber**, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute, **Henry Lamos-Diaz**, Universidad Industrial de Santander. Universidad Autonoma de Bucaramanga, *Regional Impacts of a Sustainable Cocoa Supply Chain: From the production in Santander, Colombiatio storage, processing, and consumption in the EU*
- **Questions and Answers**

12:00-13:30 CET

Lunch Break

13:30 – 15:00 CET

Session - Regional climate governance

*Chair: Gabriel Weber, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute*

- **Dr Dongna Zhang**, Northumbria University, *Fostering Sustainability: Local Government Networks in European Urban Climate Governance*



- **Dr John Gibney**, University of Birmingham, **Prof Joyce Liddle & Prof John Shutt**, Northumbria University, *Leadership and change in transborder regional development across the North Sea: A relational perspective*
- **Questions and Answers**

15:00-15:15

Closing words by the organisers

Prof Ignazio Cabras, Northumbria University, EU*Asia Institute
Prof Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA, EU*Asia Institute

