

Workshop RESEARCHING SUSTAINABILITY

Call for Papers

Date: November 6th and 7th, 2025

Convenor: EU*Asia Institute at ESSCA School of Management

Venue: ESSCA School of Management, Aix-en-Provence (19 Avenue Marcel Pagnol) and online

AIMS AND RATIONALE

Sustainable Development and sustainability have become key concepts even controversial “buzz words” in political life, at least since the publication of the Brundtland Report in 1987. Since then, research has expanded extensively on sustainability-related issues across all (social sciences) disciplines. In this workshop we seek to reflect on research done over past decades: What have we learned about sustainability, what have been key methodological and conceptual challenges to understanding sustainable development? Arguably, our way of researching sustainability has changed over time. Thus, we also seek to take a fresh look at the current state of sustainability research, focusing on (new) concepts, research methods and designs. Especially the availability of more and greater data sets as well as AI have a potential impact on sustainability research. How do new tools and methods help understanding the drivers and barriers of sustainable development in Europe and beyond? What are (new) challenges, topics and questions we should consider as researchers of sustainability?

We invite papers reflecting on these issues, including best practices across all (social science) disciplines. We are open to all methodological approaches and research designs (i.e., qualitative and quantitative). All papers selected for the workshop will be considered for publication in the upcoming Routledge Handbook on Sustainability (or Routledge Studies on the Governance of Sustainability in Europe

<https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Studies-on-the-Governance-of-Sustainability-in-Europe/book-series/GSIE>

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Send an abstract of 150-200 words to eu-asia@essca.fr.

Please make sure that your email contains all the following information:

- Form of address (Ms. / Mr . / non-binary)
- Title (Dr / Prof, if applicable)
- Your first and last name
- Affiliation
- Co-authors (Please include the same information for each co-author: form of address, title if applicable, full name, and affiliation)

DEADLINE FOR PAPER PROPOSALS: Thursday 26 June 2025

You will be notified if your application has been successful at the latest, two weeks after the submission date.

There are no registration fees for this workshop. Venue, lunch and coffee breaks will be covered by ESSCA.

