

# Early career perspectives on Future Earth

## ecology & civilization

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online

From August 7 – 19 we are hosting an online conference to exhibit the perspectives of leading early career researchers on the challenges for science and society to inform and govern the relationship between society and the planet.

### Why

*The future:* This conference will give an overview of the latest and highest-quality early career research insights and perspectives on the future and sustainability of human interaction with the planet. This topic is inherently an intergenerational issue, being shaped by generations of action and in-action. Contributions from leading early-career researchers and practitioners are of crucial importance as they give a sense of the direction science as well as society will move in the coming years.

*Celebrating important milestones:* The online conference serves as input, cross-talk and celebration to several important milestones in sustainability science the week after the online conference:

- (1) The first conference of the international science program, Future Earth will take place as the 7th International Conference on Sustainability Science.
- (2) The 50th anniversary of the International Association for Ecology one of the early platforms for international ecological and environmental science
- (3) The conferences on social-ecological Resilience are celebrating their near 10-year anniversary.

*The cloud:* The online is a step towards implementing online communication tools for the international community of sustainability researchers to share ideas while minimizing their environmental footprint. We hope you will be part of exhibiting the diversity and excellence of early career research taking place around the world.

### Format

*Sponsored sessions:* The core of the program will consist of sessions hosted by international science projects and early career networks. These sessions will consist of 3-5 talks of 15-20 min length. These talks will be selected by the individual groups to exhibit the highest-quality research and most thoughtful early career perspectives on a topic relevant to the overall theme of the conference.

*The event is organized in collaboration between*

Future Earth

The International Association for Ecology (INTECOL)

The International Network of Next-Generation Ecologists (INNGE);

The Early Career Researchers Network of Networks (ECR NoN)