

Early Career Researchers' event – IST 2023

August 29

Morning program | 8.30 - 15.00

Utrecht Science Park

You can reach Utrecht Science Park most easily by tram (stop: 'Padualaan') or bus (stop: 'Botanische Tuinen'). You can generally use a debit card to 'check in' and 'check out' to go from A to B by train, tram, or bus.

Afternoon program | 17.00 - 21.00

Ping Pong Club

You can reach Ping Pong Club most easily by Bus 3 from Central Station to Zuilen (stop: 'Viaduct') or by foot (17 min. from Central Station). You can also use Google Maps or [9292.nl/en](https://www.9292.nl/en) for your optimal route.

Time	Program	Location
8.30 – 9.00	Registration & coffee	Koningsbergergebouw Ground floor
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome by the head of the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development	Koningsbergergebouw Room: Pangea
9.30 – 10.15	Plenary session with panel: The role of positionality	Utrecht Science Park See e-mail attachment for group and room allocation
10.15 – 10.30	Find your subgroup	
10.30 – 11.15	Breakout groups: Positionality in action	
11.15 – 11.30	Break	
11.30 – 12.30	Group reflections and core questions for positionality for ECRs	See e-mail attachment for group and room allocation
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch	Educatorium Restaurant
14.00 – 15.00	NEST Townhall: The role of ECRs in STR	Koningsbergergebouw Room: Pangea
15.00 – 17.00	Free time	
17.00 – 21.00	Dinner and networking	Ping Pong Club

Program

8.30 – 9.00: Registration: You can collect your name badge (includes registration for the main IST conference), meet fellow ECRs, and head to lecture room Pangea.

9.00 – 9.30: Welcome and introduction: You will be welcomed in lecture hall Pangea by Ellen Moors, head of the Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development. We will explain the rest of the program for the day.

9.30 – 10.15: Plenary session with panel: The role of positionality: In an interactive plenary session, we discuss the role of positionality in research on sustainability transitions. Input from the audience will be reflexively discussed by a panel of senior transition scholars: Julia Wittmayer, Katharina Schiller, Mapula Tshangela, and Flor Avelino.

10.15 – 10.30: Find your subgroup: After the plenary session, the group is divided into 20 subgroups that each discuss their positionality in their research. Please find your subgroup in Pangea. In which group you are allocated is shown in the attachment of the e-mail. Each subgroup also has a guide that will show you where your group meets up.

10.30 – 11.15: Breakout groups: Positionality in action & the role of ECRs in STR: In breakout groups, you will have personal reflections and discussions to delve into the complexities of positionality in research. You can do this part outdoors (if the Dutch weather allows) or in the allocated rooms.

11.15 – 11.30: Break

11.30 – 12.30: Group reflections and recap: During the third session, we will shortly discuss in subgroups the reflections and findings, together with a senior transition scholar.

12.30 – 14.00: Lunch: Afterwards, lunch and drinks will be served in the Educatorium Restaurant, which is right next to the Ruppert Building. Lunches will be 50% vegetarian and 50% vegan. Feel free to move outside if the weather is nice!

14.00 – 15.00: NEST Townhall: During the Townhall session, we will reflect on key activities in the NEST community and discuss ways to enhance our network, specifically focusing on how to better support ECRs.

15.00 – 17.00: Break, free time: During this time, you can explore the campus a bit more, visit the city centre, or go back to your accommodation.

17.00 – 21.00: Dinner and networking: Please note that this activity required payment during your registration for the conference. From 17.00 onwards, there will be dinner and drinks served at the Ping Pong Club (50% vegetarian and 50% vegan). There is also the chance to play some ping pong, of course!