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Call for Abstracts: IOER Conference 2024 „Space & Transformation: Living in Harmony with Nature“

Under the heading “Space & Transformation: Living in Harmony with Nature” the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) invites to its 2024 Conference. The IOER Conference, including an international Summer School of the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS), will take place from 25 to 27 September at the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden. Interested parties can submit contributions on various topics until 2 April; interactive formats are particularly welcome.

The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated in drastic fashion the inextricable link between human well-being and healthy ecosystems. Today, however, ecosystems and biodiversity around the world are facing considerable societal pressures and are moving dangerously close to critical tipping points: ecosystems and their services are being degraded to such an extent that more than one million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction. Significant non-renewable natural resources are being overexploited while cascading environmental risks threaten the livelihoods of large sections of the population. For these reasons, transformative change seems more urgent than ever.

This is particularly true with regard to spatial development, insofar as the relationship between humans and nature is negotiated and shaped directly in landscapes, regions, cities and urban districts. So what needs to be achieved in spatial development within the next 10 to 20 years to ensure that humans can permanently live in harmony with nature? How can novel human-nature partnerships and vibrant human-nature relationships be shaped at different spatial scales?

Submissions on various topics welcome

These questions are at the heart of the IOER Conference 2024. In the run-up to the UN Summit of the Future 2024, we investigate which spatial approaches and methods can help to greatly accelerate the replacement of destructive ways of living and doing business with sustainable ones.

The focus is on different perspectives and approaches that can enable and accelerate transformative change. They are reflected in the different conference tracks, for which interested parties can now submit contributions:

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- Complex spatial analyses, indicators, models and simulations
- Circularity and resilience in building and settlement development
- Regeneration of ecosystems and biodiversity as well as nature-based solutions

Summer School of DLGS for PhD students

At the beginning of the IOER Conference, on 25 September, the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS) jointly run by the IOER and TUD Dresden University of Technology, is organising its international Summer School for PhD students. It also focuses on the overarching topic "Space & Transformation: Living in Harmony with Nature".

Formats and deadline

Interested parties are warmly invited to actively contribute their own work and ideas to the discussions at the IOER conference and the DLGS Summer School. The conference language is English. Individual submissions and sessions in German are possible (no English translation provided). The DLGS Summer School will be held exclusively in English. Contributions are welcome in different formats, e. g. Presentation and short presentation, Poster or interactive Dialogue Session.

Submission deadline: 2 April 2024

Link to the conference website: <https://conference.ioer.info/en/>

Background

The IOER Conference is a place for inter- and transdisciplinary exchange. It addresses its questions to both scientists and practitioners. In addition to IOER staff, important protagonists of national, European, and international transformation and spatial research provide impulses for the IOER Annual Conference.

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The Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) is a non-university research centre and a member of the Leibniz Association. The IOER develops scientific principles, analytical tools and instruments for the sustainable development and transformation of neighbourhoods, cities and regions. To this end, it conducts cross-scale research into the interactions and feedbacks between the natural environment, people and technologies, as well as options for stewardship and planning.

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