



# Press Release

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## IOER Annual Conference 2021 “Space & Transformation” – Submission of contributions until 15 March

**Under the heading “Space & Transformation”, the IOER Annual Conference from 23 to 24 September 2021 will focus on societal change. For the first time, interested participants have the opportunity to submit their own contributions. An autumn school on 22 September will also offer early-stage researchers space to discuss their work. The submission of contributions to the IOER Annual Conference is possible until 15 March.**

With the global ecological crisis a transformation has become urgently necessary, because the exceeding of planetary boundaries endangers human existence and social justice permanently. For this reason, the IOER Annual Conference is dedicated to questions of societal change under the heading “Space & Transformation”.

How do transformations and *space* influence each other? What can *spatial* approaches contribute to a better understanding of transformations and to making them more sustainable? How does this change *spatial* science?

The team of the IOER would like to discuss these questions together with guests on 23 and 24 September at IOER’s Annual Conference at the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden. Interested experts from science and practice are invited to submit their contributions until 15 March.

The contributions in the formats of article, speed talk or dialogue should focus on the following aspects of space and transformation:

- Human-nature-connection in urban and suburban areas
- Transformative capacity, transition governance and spatial planning
- Metabolisms and circularity in cities and regions
- Spatial visualization and modeling of transformations

In addition, contributions that fit the conference theme but cannot be assigned to any of the four specific tracks can be submitted in an open track.

### Autumn School for early-stage researchers on 22 September

On the preceding day of the conference there is the possibility to participate in our Autumn School of the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS) likewise on the topic “Space & Transformation”. Various formats are planned for this, including with Julia Leventon (CzechGlobe), James Evans (Manchester University) and Marc Wolfram (IÖR), among others. Submissions of contributions are also welcome here for the four thematic strands and the open track of the main conference. Interested persons can submit their contributions via the conference website and indicate in the registration form that the submission is for the Autumn School.

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## Background

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

**Further information:** <http://jahrestagung.ioer.info/>

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## Note

We are currently planning the conference as a face-to-face event at Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden and are preparing for all eventualities in the context of the pandemic with very spacious rooms and a comprehensive hygiene concept. Of course, we are closely monitoring the development and will inform you in case of a change of the format.

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**The Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER)** is a non-university research center in the field of spatial sciences, and a member of the Leibniz Association. Its subject is the sustainable development and transformation of cities and regions in the context of the global human-ecological crisis. [[www.ioer.de/1/](http://www.ioer.de/1/)]



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## IOER Annual Conference 2021 “Space & Transformation”

**Join us for a discussion – Submission of contributions by  
15.03.2021**

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Under the heading “Space and Transformation”, the IOER Annual Conference 2021 will focus on societal change. With the global ecological crisis, such a transformation has become urgently necessary, because the exceeding of planetary boundaries endangers human existence and social justice permanently.

How do transformations and *space* influence each other? What can *spatial* approaches contribute to a better understanding of transformations and to making them more sustainable? How does this change *spatial* science?

We would like to discuss these questions with you on **September 23 and 24** at our symposium at **Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden**.

**Submission of your contribution until 15.03.2021**

We welcome contributions to the following thematic strands:

- Human-nature-connection in urban and suburban areas
- Transformative capacity, transition governance and spatial planning
- Metabolisms and circularity in cities and regions
- Spatial visualization and modeling of transformations
- Open track (for contributions that fit the conference theme but cannot be assigned to one of the four specific tracks).

Three **formats** are available for your contributions, each of which allows you to set your own focus:

- Article
- Speed Talk
- Dialogue

**For detailed information on the thematic tracks, formats and submission rules see:**  
<http://jahrestagung.ioer.info/en/submission-of-contributions/> (Submission until **15.03.2021**)

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### **Save the date! – Pre-event of the IOER Annual Conference scheduled for September 22, 2021**

On the evening before the conference, we will dedicate ourselves to the topic of “Space & Transformation” in a public event as part of the series “[Back or Future](#)”. You will receive more detailed information in the coming weeks.

**Time:** September 22, 2021, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Location:** Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden, Lingnerplatz 1, 01069 Dresden, Germany.

### **Attention PhDs – Autumn School of DLGS on September 22, 2021**

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For your submissions you can use our conference website. Make sure (you will be asked at the end) to indicate that your submission is for the Autumn School.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and to discussing them with you at the IOER Annual Conference 2021!

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Yours sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Marc Wolfram

Director

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All events at a glance

**IOER Annual Conference 2021 – Symposium “Space & Transformation”**

Date: 23/24 September 2021

Venue: Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden, Lingnerplatz 1, 01069 Dresden

Submission deadline: 15 March 2021

**Pre-event – „City of the Future“ discussion series “Back or Future”**

Date: 22 September 2021, 7 to 9 p.m.

Venue: Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden, Lingnerplatz 1, 01069 Dresden

**Autumn School of the Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS)**

Date: 22 September 2021, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Deutsches Hygiene-Museum Dresden, Lingnerplatz 1, 01069 Dresden

Submission deadline: 15 March 2021

**Further information:** <http://jahrestagung.ioer.info/en/>

**Overview of important dates:** <http://jahrestagung.ioer.info/en/dates/>

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