

Transition Impossible?

Ambiguous Transformations and the Resilience of Unsustainability



19 – 21 September 2018

Institute for Social Change and Sustainability (IGN), Vienna University for Economics and Business

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Programme

Wednesday, September 19th 2018	
10:00 – 10:30	Registration (AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6)
10:30 – 11:00	Welcome and Introduction (AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6)
10:30 – 12:30	Plenary I (AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6) Where Next for the Environmental State? , <i>James Meadowcroft</i> , Carleton University, Ottawa The Environmental State and the Glass-Ceiling of Transformation , <i>Daniel Hausknost</i> , IGN, WU Vienna Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break (see programme booklet for restaurants on Campus and nearby)

14:00 – 15:30	<p>Conceptualising Transformation I AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Margaret Haderer</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>New Departures – Or a Spanner in the Works? A Look at Narratives of Transformative Research, <i>Manuel Rivera, Konrad Gürtler, Oscar Schmidt</i>, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Potsdam</p> <p>Challenging Change: Understanding the Role of Strategic Selectivities in Transformational Dynamics, <i>Mathias Krams</i>, University of Vienna, <i>Dorothea Schoppek</i>, TU Darmstadt</p> <p>Discussant: Melanie Pichler</p>	<p>Democracy and the Dialectic of Emancipation I AD, Ground Floor, 0.122 Sitzungssaal 2 Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>Prefigurative Politics and Party Politics Drifting Apart: New Notions of Subjectivity and the Performance of Social Transformation, <i>Michael Deflorian, Felix Butzlaff</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>A "Different" Revolution? Conceptualizing Inoperative Praxis and Passive Politics, <i>Luigi Pellizzoni</i>, University of Pisa</p> <p>Discussant: Andrea Felicetti</p>	
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break		
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Conceptualising Transformation II AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Felix Butzlaff</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>Urban Experiments in Socio-Ecological Transformation: Solutions to the Socio-Ecological Crisis or Symptoms of Constrained Political Agency?, <i>Margaret Haderer</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>Legitimacy, Justice and the Resilience of the Socio-Economic Unsustainability, <i>Andrea Felicetti</i>, KU Leuven</p> <p>Discussant: Beate Littig</p>		<p>The State as Actor and Structural Constraint I AD, Ground Floor, 0.122 Sitzungssaal 2 Chair: <i>Daniel Hausknost</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p> <p>The Role of Political Action in Sustaining Unsustainability, <i>Robert Brulle</i>, Drexel University, Philadelphia, <i>Timmons Roberts</i>, Brown University, Providence* *SKYPE Presentation</p> <p>The Australian State versus Low-Carbon Transitions: An Historical and Theoretical Overview of Enacted Inertia, <i>Marc Hudson</i>, Manchester University</p> <p>Discussant: Ulrich Brand</p>

17:30 – 19:00	Light Refreshments (AD, Ground Floor, Sitzungssaal 6)
19:00 – 21:00	<p>Ambiguous Transformations: Governance, Democracy and Sweden's Transition towards the First Fossil-Free Welfare State in the World</p> <p><i>Karin Bäckstrand</i>, Stockholm University</p> <p>Public Lecture and Discussion, Sigmund Freud University, 1st Floor, Festsaal</p> <p>On the Panel: <i>James Meadowcroft</i>, Carleton University, Ottawa <i>Sigrid Stagl</i>, Institute for Ecological Economics, WU Vienna <i>Michael Deflorian</i>, Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna</p> <p>Chair: <i>Fred Luks</i>, Competence Centre for Sustainability, WU Vienna</p> <p>Followed by Dinner Buffet and Wine</p>

Thursday, September 20th 2018	
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Plenary II (AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6)</p> <p>Consumption Critiques and the Low-Carbon Imaginary, <i>Steven Vanderheiden</i>, University of Colorado at Boulder</p> <p>Looking Backwards, Going Forwards: Ecological Transformation in the Anthropocene, <i>Andrew Dobson</i></p> <p>Chair: <i>Daniel Hausknost</i>, IGN, WU Vienna</p>
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11:00 – 12:30		Democracy and Dialectic of Emancipation AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	The State as Actor and Structural Constraint II AD, Ground Floor, 0.122 Sitzungssaal 2 Chair: <i>Daniel Hausknost</i> , IGN, WU Vienna
		Resisting Transition: An Empirical Investigation into the Social Forces of Business as Usual , <i>Dennis Eversberg</i> , University of Jena The Double Materiality of Democracy: Capitalist and Ecological Challenges for Socioecological Transformations , <i>Melanie Pichler</i> , Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna, <i>Ulrich Brand</i> , University of Vienna, <i>Christoph Görg</i> , Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna Discussant: Luigi Pellizzoni	Socio-Ecological Transformation and the State: A New Orthodoxy and Critical Alternatives , <i>Ulrich Brand</i> , University of Vienna Building the Ecological State Through Movement Parties: The Case of Barcelona en Comú , <i>Viviana Asara</i> , WU Vienna Discussant: Bernice Maxton-Lee
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14:00 – 15:30	Conceptualising Transformation III AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Margaret Haderer</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	Democracy and the Dialectic of Emancipation III AD, Ground Floor, 0.122 Sitzungssaal 2 Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	
	Surpassing the Boundaries: Where Will the Deep Treadmill Lead Us? <i>Georg Kobiela</i> , Wuppertal Institute, <i>Eric Pineault</i> , Université du Québec à Montréal, <i>Holger Berg</i> , <i>Katharina Bohnenberger</i> Wuppertal Institute Analyzing Great Acceleration(s): Analytical Challenges for Socio-Ecological Transformations , <i>Christoph Görg</i> , <i>Andreas Mayer</i> , <i>Melanie Pichler</i> , <i>Christina Plank</i> , <i>Anke Schaffartzik</i> , <i>Fridolin Krausmann</i> , Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna Discussant: James Meadowcroft	Earthly Creatures or Citizens of Nowhere? Sustainability and the Making of Planetary Subjectivities in the Anthropocene , <i>Manuel Arias-Maldonado</i> , University of Málaga How Transformative is the Sharing Economy? The Lenses of Practice Theories and Theories of Late Modern Societies , <i>Mirijam Mock</i> , IGN, WU Vienna Discussant: Andrew Dobson	
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17:30 – 19:00	Light Refreshments (AD, Ground Floor, Sitzungssaal 6)		
19:00 – 21:00	<p>The Resilience of Unsustainability: Cultural Backlash, Authoritarian Reflex and the Great Regression <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i>, Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna</p> <p>Public Lecture and Discussion, Sigmund Freud University, 1st Floor, Festsaal</p> <p>In Cooperation with the Competence Centre for Sustainability of WU Vienna</p> <p>On the Panel: <i>Karin Bäckstrand</i>, Stockholm University <i>Christoph Görg</i>, Institute for Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna <i>Manuel Arias-Maldonado</i>, University of Málaga</p> <p>Chair: <i>Margaret Haderer</i>, Institute for Social Change and Sustainability, WU Vienna</p> <p>Followed by Dinner Buffet and Wine</p>		

Friday, September 21st 2018

09:30 – 11:00	Conceptualising Transformation V AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Margaret Haderer</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	Democracy and the Dialectic of Emancipation IV AD, Ground Floor, 0.122 Sitzungssaal 2 Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna	
	Transformation of What? The Socio-Ecological Transformation of the Working Society, <i>Thomas Barth</i> , LMU Munich, <i>Georg Jochum</i> , TU Munich, <i>Beate Littig</i> , IHS Vienna The Role of Work in Conceptualizations of Socio-Ecological Transitions, <i>Christoph Streissler</i> , <i>Florian Wukovitsch</i> , Austrian Chamber of Labour Discussant: Christoph Görg	Historical Bloc, Common Sense and the Illusion of Consensual Transformation, <i>Bernice Maxton-Lee</i> , Hongkong University How to Think about Change? The Role of Dialectical Logic and Progressive Economics in a Theory of Social-Ecological Transformation, <i>Elke Pirgmaier</i> , University of Leeds Discussant: Manuel Arias-Maldonado	
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break		
11:30 – 13:00	Transition Impossible? Ambiguous Transformations and the Resilience of Unsustainability: Towards a First Synthesis of Research Results AD, Ground Floor, 0.090 Sitzungssaal 6 Chair: <i>Ingolfur Blühdorn</i> , IGN, WU Vienna		