



Welcome to the COPERNICUS Alliance Newsletter

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COPERNICUS Alliance news

Save the date! CA Conference 2017: Hamburg Sustainable Development Summit, 26th-29th September



(photo: UHH)

We are pleased to announce that the CA Conference 2017 will be hosted as part of the Hamburg Sustainable Development Summit 2017, 26th-29th September by CA member, the University of Hamburg. The event will focus on aspects of sustainable development at Higher Education Institutions, and in particular, contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) within education, research, governance, operation and outreach initiatives.

Key topics to be addressed:

- Sustainability at Higher Education Institutions (HEI): How is sustainability integrated into education, research, governance, operation and outreach? What good practice examples and cases can be identified for “whole institution approaches”? How can institutional sustainability strategies be developed and implemented?
- Contribution of Higher Education Institutions to global SDGs: How do the SDGs impact HEI and vice versa?

The Call for Abstracts for the HSDS is open until **17th March**. More information is [available here](#).

IAU/Palgrave-CA 2000 EUR awards for research in HE policy for SD: Call deadline 28th February

The IAU/Palgrave and CA call for papers for a special issue of the Higher Education Policy Journal “Higher Education and Research for Sustainable Development: A New Academic Discipline?” is open until 28th February 2017. **Two Prizes, each worth 2 000 EUR**, will be awarded to recognize outstanding work by two scholars: one from IAU and one from CA Member Institutions or Organisations. Read more [details here](#).

CA Micro Funds deadline 28th February



Activities that contribute to building capacity in higher education for sustainable development can be awarded up to 1000 EUR to CA Institutional Members. These activities might involve (but are not limited to) workshops, conferences, publications, networking (CA capacity building). For more information about eligible costs and conditions please see the [CA website](#).

CA sponsors Big Tent Communique against Islamophobia



The Big Tent Consortium, a global network of universities and their community partners has issued a call to oppose the Jan. 27 US travel ban targeting citizens from seven predominantly Muslim countries, join with other worldwide protests, and create spaces for dialogue within universities and communities everywhere. The call opposes evidence of growing Islamophobia and exclusionary trends around the world. [Read more and endorse the statement here!](#)

CA Members' news

European Conference on Sustainable Mobility at Universities, 8th-10th March 2017, Barcelona



The Conference on Sustainable Mobility at Universities [programme is now available](#). The conference will host new and experienced university mobility managers, academics, public urban mobility officers, entrepreneurs and businesses of the sector, NGOs, civil society representatives and students. Information about the European Network for Sustainable Mobility at University project is available at www.u-mob.eu

5th Viennese Talks on Resilience and Networks – Resilience of Place: Networking in an age of division



The event will explore and discuss the important issues related to resilience of place, in particular the apparent divide between urban and rural experiences and perceptions. Progress toward sustainable development requires contributions and coordination from both locales. Invited speakers will focus on the following critical topics:

- Building diverse, cross-scale community networks within sustainable places
- Recognizing place as a resource for experimentation of responsive variety to provide solutions for ecological balance
- Learning and exploring how to overcome the perceived divide

The 5th Viennese Talks on Resilience and Networks are organized by Brian Fath (IIASA and Towson University), Harald Katzmaier (FASresearch) and Fred Luks (Vienna University of Economics and Business).

The Event takes place on Monday, the **22nd of May 2017** from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Vienna University of Economics and Business (WU Campus). Participation is free. Please register by the 12th of May: resilience@fas-research.com.

International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2017 11th-15th September, Lüneburg

Call for Contributions is open until 10th March!

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Network for Transdisciplinary Research

Contributions are invited to the International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2017: **Transdisciplinary Research and Education –**

Intercultural Endeavours, from all fields and research cultures. Submissions that address interculturality and contributions from transdisciplinary teams and projects are particularly welcome. A wide range of formats is offered: presentation, poster, session, (training) workshop, open stage, special meeting, and the opportunity to organise a video-coupled co-conference. View the [call for contributions](#). More information at the conference website: <http://www.transdisciplinarity.ch/td-net/Konferenzen/ITD-2017.html>

University of Zurich hosts Joseph E. Stiglitz at Financial Networks and Sustainability conference



The Institute for Finance and Banking at the University of Zurich held the first Conference on Financial Networks and Sustainability on 11th-13th January. Nobel laureate Joseph E. Stiglitz from Columbia University, US, held a conference key note on "The Price of Complexity in Financial Markets" and took part in a public round-table discussion on "**Disentangling the Finance-Climate-Inequality Nexus**".

Some of his key messages were:

- A broader set of norms of what CSR means is needed, e.g. companies need to pay their taxes and not invest in the fossil fuel industry.
- There is a growing inequality of the financial markets in industrial and developing countries. Even though there is high human potential in poorer countries, firms, funds and countries tend to reinvest money in industrial countries and funds.

In his opening remarks, UZH rector Michael Hengartner pointed out the growing importance of sustainability for the whole university.

The full panel discussion can be watched online at: https://cast.switch.ch/vod/clips/1oxni6bikd/link_box

The Glocal Curriculum: A Practical Guide to Teaching and Learning in an Interconnected World



Leuphana University of Lüneburg new publication!

If we want to educate change agents for the sustainability challenges of the 21st century, we need to prepare students for the complexities of a highly interconnected world. The authors of this new book provide resources to do this in transnational collaborations and by making use of digital and virtual technologies. The book is directed to teachers, administrators, and program designers in higher education for sustainability. It is the result of a collaborative project between Arizona State University (USA) and Leuphana University of Lüneburg (Germany). Access the [eBook](#), [Softcover](#) and [more information](#).

Featured CA Member Institution

Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

(Higher) Education for Sustainable Development at Leuphana University Lüneburg

The Leuphana University Lüneburg is one of Germany's leading universities in terms of advancing and institutionalizing "sustainability", both in its own academic programs and in the area of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary environmental and sustainability research.



The consistent implementation of higher education for sustainable development (ESD) is one of the university's distinguishing features. Across all levels of education and in all types of schools (college, graduate school, professional school), Leuphana University not only bears witness to the emergence of specialized experts in sustainability science, but also to the development of sustainability-relevant knowledge and competencies as an integral part of a university education.

In its own professional school, which offers practice-orientated training programs in various different forms to meet the demands of heterogeneous target groups (e.g. managers in companies or journalists), Leuphana University has managed to integrate the topic of sustainability in the context of lifelong learning. Furthermore, it can draw on vast expertise when it comes

to scaling such courses because Leuphana University has years of logistical and didactic experience in developing academic programs. These include sessions for smaller learning groups and also larger sessions with up to 1,600 students that are held for all of the university's freshmen in, among others, the sustainability-oriented module "Wissenschaft trägt Verantwortung" (Responsibility and Sustainability).

With regard to ESD the university has been working closely with UNESCO for many years now, among other things, through the UNESCO Chair in "Higher Education for Sustainable Development" (since 2005), and as a key partner in the ongoing Global Action Program "Education for Sustainable Development".



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<https://www.leuphana.de/en/university/staff-members/maik-adomssent.html>
Faculty of Sustainability webpage:
<https://www.leuphana.de/en/university/faculty/sustainability.html>

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Global news

Apply for UNU-IAS 2017 Master's Programmes



UNU-IAS is now accepting applications for September 2017 admission to its Master of Science in Sustainability programme.

Application deadline: **28th February 2017** for the Master's degree programme

The programme is intended for recent graduates, professionals and practitioners wishing to develop an international career through employment in UN agencies, other international organizations, governments, civil society or the private sector.

Applicants must submit all application documents through the [UNU-IAS online application website](#). Please visit the [UNU-IAS website](#) for further details, and contact UNU-IAS through the [online inquiry form](#) if you have any questions.

UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development 2017 call for nominations!



The third edition of the UNESCO-Japan Prize on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), which aims to honour and showcase outstanding ESD projects and programmes worldwide is calling for nominations by 2nd May 2017.

For details on making nominations, please see the UNESCO-Japan Prize website: <https://en.unesco.org/prize-esd/nomination>

EAUC 2017 Annual Conference – Global Goals: Local Action, 28th-30th March, Lancaster University



The 2017 EAUC Annual Conference theme **Global Goals: Local Action** recognises the critical role universities and colleges across the planet have to play in finding and implementing solutions to climate change and realising the SDG's on a local level within their communities and beyond.

Featuring keynotes from Chair of the Environmental Audit Select Committee, **Mary Creagh MP** and a panel session with **Maria Adebowale - Schwarte**, Director of the Living Space Project and Clore Social Leadership Environment Fellow and **Julie Hirigoyen**, CEO of the UK Green Building Council, as well as more than 35 workshops all streamed around the SDGs, there will be a variety of content so that delegates can

tailor their conference experience to suit their job role and experience level. Further keynotes will also be announced shortly.

Learn more and register: <http://www.eauconference.org.uk/>

Stronger in Solidarity, AASHE Conference and Expo, 15th–18th October 2017, San Antonio



The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference & Expo 2017 will, in the wake of the U.S. Presidential election, focus on how the campus sustainability community can break down walls, build bridges, and continue to make progress toward a healthy and equitable future for all. Please see the website for more information: <http://conference.aashe.org/>

Announcement – WRF 2017 and Call for Papers



This year's World Resources Forum (WRF 2017) will take place in **Geneva, 24th-25th October 2017**. The overall topic of the conference is "**Accelerating the Resource Revolution**". Discussions will tackle the ideas and conditions behind this *resource revolution*, as well as potential obstacles and opportunities that it will bring for governments, businesses, academia and the civil society. How to accelerate this transition and how to manage, coordinate, finance, track progress, train and communicate about it will be the focus of the WRF 2017.

The Call for Papers is open until **3rd April**. Abstracts are invited in the following topics: *policies and governance*, *technology and innovation* and *lifestyles and education*. For more information visit the WRF website.
