

ESG Research Trip 2018

28 May – 2 June 2018



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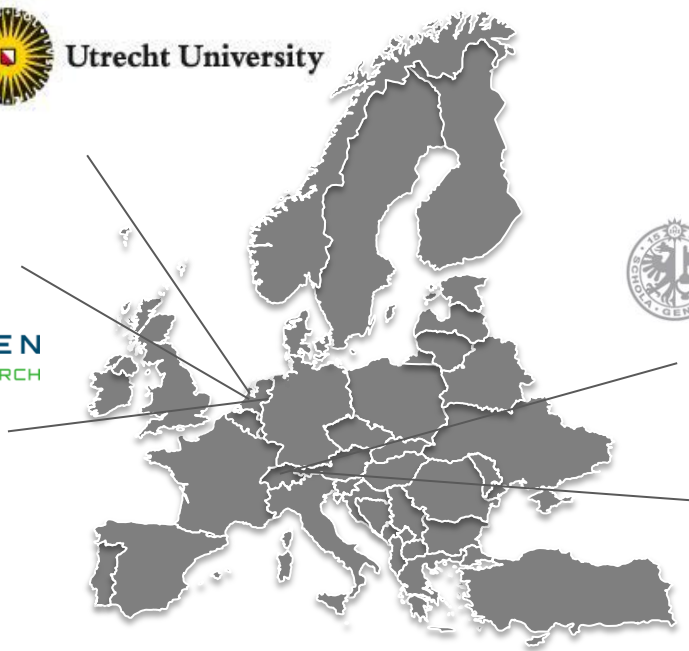
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Introduction

The second edition of the Earth System Governance Research Trip took place from 18 May to 2 June 2018. Five research fellows of the Earth System Governance (ESG) project visited ESG Research Centres and related research and policy institutes in Geneva (Switzerland), Utrecht, Amsterdam and Wageningen (The Netherlands). On the way they met other Research Fellows , presented their research and exchanged ideas and experiences.

Objectives

The following objectives for the research trip were identified beforehand:

- To visit several European research centres in the ESG network with a group of early-career researchers
- To create connections between early-career researchers, and between early-career and senior researchers in the ESG network
- To exchange and discuss new research directions, theories and methodologies in earth system governance research
- To improve networks for potential future collaboration between ESG research fellows in Europe
- To enhance the visibility of ESG research centres in Europe

Participants

Muhammad Badrul Hassan – PhD Candidate at Copernicus Institute, Utrecht University.

Dr Nidia Catherine Gonzalez Pineros – Research fellow and postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna.

Lisa Sanderink – PhD Candidate at the Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Dr Karsten Schulz – Assistant Professor of Political Science at Campus Fryslân, University of Groningen.

Yu Yang – PhD Candidate at Sichuan Agricultural University and visiting researcher at Copernicus Institute, Utrecht University.

Hosts and sponsors

This activity was made possible by the multiple research groups and individuals that hosted the research fellows during this research trip. Thank you for your support!

Geneva, Switzerland

Coordinators: Yixian Sun & Nidia Catherine Gonzalez

Participating institutes: Institute for Environmental studies, University of Geneva; Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies; The International Environment House

The programme included the following:

- Exchange about the new Earth System Governance Science Plan and related research activities of the Institute for Environmental Studies University of Geneva and Mountain Research Initiative
- Visit to GEN team, GRID DEWA, UNITAR and other UN agencies at The International Environment House
- Workshop on Research and Action in Earth System Governance

[The full programme is available here.](#)



Utrecht, Amsterdam, Wageningen

The Netherlands

Coördinators: Lisa Sanderink & Sandra van der Hel

Participating institutes: Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University
Institute for Environmental Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam; Environmental Policy Group,
Wageningen University

The visit included the following:

- Update and reflection on the new Earth System Governance Science Plan by Dr Agni Kalfagianni
- World Café discussion with Prof. Frank Biermann about engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals in earth system governance research
- Discussion led by Dr Judith van Leeuwen with environmental governance research groups at Wageningen University (Environmental Policy Group, Forest and Nature Policy Group, Public Administration and Policy Group and Centre for Sustainability Governance)
- Workshop on communicating, visualizing and presenting research by Dr Oscar Widerberg and Prof. Philipp Pattberg

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