



2023 Radboud Conference on Earth System Governance

South-South Dialogues Event

Section 4 Decolonizing academic publishing

Location: Radboud University Campus (room to be announced)

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Context

Academic publishing is pervaded with implicit gatekeeping processes that contribute to the invisibilisation of Global South scholars and research within global sustainability science. Studies that shed light on geographic imbalances in authorship within peer-reviewed English-speaking journals abound. This session aims to take stock of Global South scholars' experiences with academic publishing to identify and overcome explicit and implicit barriers that prevent them from being more represented within high impact journals. It brings Global South scholars from the Earth System Governance community together with editors of major journals in the field of sustainability.

Agenda

| <i>Time</i> | <i>Theme</i> | <i>Moderator</i> | <i>Setting</i> |
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| 15:15-15:30 | Introduction and insights from research on the participation of Global South scholars and perspectives in academic publishing | Frank Biermann and Carole-Anne Sénit | Hybrid |
| 15:30-16:15 | Taking stock: Your experience with 'Western-centred' academic publishing | Participants | Onsite & online break-outs |
| 16:15-16:30 | Break | | |
| 16:30-17:15 | Moving forward: Formulating principles to decolonize academic publishing | Participants | Onsite & online break-outs |
| 17:15-17:30 | Wrap-up and next steps | Frank Biermann and Carole-Anne Sénit | Hybrid |
| 17:30-17:45 | ESG Journal special issue on Global South | Dhanasree Jayaram | Hybrid |

Format & participants

To ensure knowledge sharing and co-production, the workshop will use both plenary and break-out formats. Two break-out sessions will allow participants to share insights in a more inclusive

environment and to creatively contribute to developing principles towards decolonizing academic publishing practices on sustainability. These sessions will be guided by a series of questions displayed on a Miro Board to facilitate and steer the discussion. Participants in each break-out groups will report their main discussion points on the Miro Board; they may also share their reflections back to the plenary on a voluntary basis.

Break-out sessions will be organized separately onsite and online. Onsite participants will be divided into 6-7 groups, and online participants into 2-3 groups. Each break-out group will include one journal/book editor. Each break-out group will designate a member responsible for reporting the most relevant discussion points on the Miro board (for onsite participants, please bring your laptop).

40 participants are expected on-site, and 20 will join online. In addition, 7 journal or book editors will join us onsite and online.