

#4THNEST



## CALL FOR PAPERS

4<sup>th</sup> Network of Early Career Researchers in Sustainability Transitions Conference 2019

# Transitions to Where?

**Shared values and visions for sustainability transitions**

CENSE – Center for Environmental and Sustainability Research

NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal

April 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Vision is the most vital step in the policy process. If we don't know where we want to go, it makes little difference that we make great progress. Yet vision is not only missing almost entirely from policy discussions; it is missing from our whole culture. We talk about our fears, frustrations, and doubts endlessly, but we talk only rarely and with embarrassment about our dreams. Environmentalists have been especially ineffective in creating any shared vision of the world they are working toward -- a sustainable world in which people live within nature in a way that meets human needs while not degrading natural systems. Hardly anyone can imagine that world, especially not as a world they'd actively like to live in. The process of building a responsible vision of a sustainable world is not a rational one. It comes from values, not logic.*

- Dana Meadows (1994)

The **N**etwork of **E**arly Career Researchers in **S**ustainability **T**ransitions (NEST) is excited to announce the call for abstracts for the **4<sup>th</sup> Annual NEST Conference (#4THNEST)**, with the theme *"Transitions to where? Shared values and visions for sustainability transitions"* to be held in Lisbon, Portugal on April 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. With all this talk about transitions, this conference will reflect on this concept and delve into what we are actually trying to attain at the end of the day. *"Transitions to where?"* hence spans the whole spectrum of conceptualizing societal transitions, from concrete and clearly defined visions to a broader focus on large-scale normative movements.

The conference will be filled with two enriching days of keynote lectures, discussion sessions and interactive workshops. Following the tradition of the previous NEST conferences held in London (Greenwich), Lausanne (EPFL) and Utrecht (UU), this conference will give early career researchers the unique opportunity to present their work-in-progress and to get feedback from their peers as well as senior researchers. Inspiring keynote sessions and an interactive workshop format will provide space to further discuss and reflect on the conference theme.

We invite all early career researchers **to submit an abstract (max. 400 words)** discussing your research, its relevance to the theme of the conference and how this fits within the research agenda of the Sustainability Transitions Research Network (STRN) by **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**. In addition, please also include a short, professional biography (100-150 words). Please email your application to: [4thnest@campus.fct.unl.pt](mailto:4thnest@campus.fct.unl.pt)

### ***Important dates***

Deadline for submission of abstracts: **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

Notification of results: **January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Registration deadline: **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

For more information on the STRN: <https://transitionsnetwork.org/>

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