

#5thNEST

“Widening
sustainability
transitions”

**CALL
FOR
ABSTRACTS**

**5th Network of
Early Career Researchers
in Sustainability Transitions
Conference
2020**

May 7 - 8, 2020

**Zürich,
Switzerland**

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The global initiative to target 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Climate Agreement and the latest IPCC report (2018) underline the urgency of grand sustainability challenges such as climate change and the depletion of natural resources. To address grand challenges, transitions need to widen in scope: Complementary and competing innovations emerge, business relationships across sectors intensify, and adjacent sectors are affected through knock-on effects. At the same time, the inherent logic of capitalism is increasingly challenged, calling for a widening of the transitions field towards visions for a sustainable economy that exceeds the green growth narrative. However, such a widening of transitions also increases their complexity and, in turn, makes policy-making more challenging.

This year's NEST conference is concerned with the notion of "widening". With the need for transitions to widen in scope, the question arises if the field of sustainability transitions studies is geared up to address and understand this notion. We invite abstracts that focus on - but are not limited to - the widening of sustainability transitions.

The two-day conference provides a unique platform for junior scholars (Ph.D. students and postdoctoral researchers) to present their work-in-progress to an audience of like-minded scholars. In addition, we provide keynote lectures, interactive workshops, and plenty of room for informal discussions and networking with other junior scholars. This year's NEST conference will take place at Eawag, in Dübendorf near Zürich. To guarantee personal, in-depth exchange, attendance is limited to 80 participants.

Please, send your **ABSTRACT (max. 400 words)** including a short, professional biography (100-150 words) to transitions.nest@gmail.com.

As part of our commitment to promoting sustainability and diversity, we want to include alternative formats of research presentations and facilitate online participation. If you would like to present and discuss your work in a format that goes beyond a regular presentation or would like to join us via videoconference, please, include a short description of your idea (max. 100 words).

The deadline for applications is **December 1st, 2019**. We will send out notifications of acceptance by the end of January 2020.
We look forward to receiving your abstract!

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