Call for Abstracts NEST ECR Paper Development Workshop @ IST 2024 in Oslo

We invite early career researchers to submit an abstract to participate in the IST 2024 ECR Paper Development Workshop. The workshop aims to provide an opportunity for early-career researchers to receive detailed feedback on their research, learn about publishing strategies, and engage in meaningful discussions with peers and senior scholars from the Sustainability Transition Research Network - all within a supportive and collaborative environment. Apart from in-depth comments on the submitted material from peers within the same thematic area, the workshop also aims to stimulate discussions and reflections on current research perspectives, existing research gaps, emerging contradictions, and their potential future implications for realising transitions.

The event will be held on the 20th of June and run until the early afternoon to allow participants to travel back home on the same day.

Event Structure:
Participants will be grouped thematically (5-8 students per group plus one senior scholar).
Each participant will review and provide feedback on their group members' submissions.

Senior scholars will be assigned to each group for additional feedback.

The workshop includes interactive discussion sessions on the submitted papers, a publication workshop and networking opportunities.

Submission Requirements:
a) Abstract of paper or thesis chapter (max 700 words) (including references) and should describe the key research questions, theory, methods, findings, and potential implications. Abstracts must be submitted through the online abstract submission system of the main conference by **February 28th, 2024, 23:59 CET.**

b) Personal statement (max 300 words) that includes applicant's name, year of PhD/Post-doc or current position and institution, a summary of the research topic and activities of the applicant, including their motivation to participate.

Selection Criteria:
Open to early-career researchers in the first six years of academia.
The workshop is limited to 50 spots.

Preference is given to those with less publication experience if submissions exceed available spots.

Abstract review and feedback:
The event organisers will review all submissions, and notification of acceptance will go out by the end of March 2024.

Final submissions:
If your abstract is accepted, you must upload a draft version of the paper by June 1st through the main conference system. This is very important for receiving constructive comments. The draft submission should follow a generic paper structure, including an abstract (max 150 words), 4-6 keywords, followed by an introduction, related work & theory, methodology, and (preliminary) results section. For PhD researchers doing a monography, even if a participant has not finished their data analysis, they are encouraged to elaborate on the potential research design, data collection techniques, and analytical framework in the methodology section. Similarly, the results section can discuss both expected or preliminary insights and are encouraged to include the potential scientific and methodological contributions and reflections. Additionally, the applicants are encouraged to specify 2-3 questions that they want the workshop participants to focus on when reading their research.

NOTE: Participation is only possible in person and if the participant will also attend the main conference. Submissions may overlap with main conference submissions, but preferences may be given to participants without the opportunity for a full paper presentation at IST 2024.

Important dates:
The deadline for abstract submissions is February 28th, 2024, 23:59 CET.

Notification of decisions will be shared with authors by the end of March 2024.

Conference registration opens on April 1 and closes on June 1.

To secure a spot in the workshop, the participant must have registered for the conference and uploaded a draft paper by June 1st, 23:59 CET.