



# Preparatory workshop for the Summer School 2023 “Critical Approaches to Sustainability”

**DATE:**

6 & 7 OCTOBER 2022

**VENUE:**

SENATE ROOM UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, 74100 GALLOS RETHYMNO, CRETE, GREECE

(RECTORATE LOCATION IN THE MAP <https://www.soc.uoc.gr/en/about-the-school/our-campus/>)

**LINK FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATION:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89989425722?pwd=YlVxNDBnV3NZYWl6MVZkRzBja2lqUT09>

## Aim and Scope of the Summer School 2023

Over the last several years and in response to the current environmental and climate crisis there is a shift of attention towards sociotechnical transitions to sustainability, climate change mitigation and adaptation, low-carbon energy systems and net zero emissions. This process of adoption of, and transformation to a ‘greener’ and more ‘sustainable’ present and future entails restructuring environment-society relationships while deepening environmental conflicts and creating profound new injustices.

This Summer School aims to critically examine and reframe Sustainability, Climate Crisis, Environmental Inequalities and Socio-environmental Movements in several ways:

- By drawing attention to the way environmental protection is pitted against economic growth, when the regression of environmental concerns in favour of addressing socio-economic concerns is normalised.
- By substantiating the link between economic politics, environmental destruction, and deepening of social inequalities along class, race, ethnicity, and gender lines.
- By highlighting the new wave of activism that struggles to bring the environmental question back into the heart of public concern.
- By elaborating and teaching novel quantitative and qualitative methodologies and spatial analytic tools.

The summer school aims to address the needs and interests of postgraduate students (Master’s, post-docs, PhD students) and young scholars from different fields (e.g., Sociology, Urban Studies, Geography, Political Ecology, STS, etc.)



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We invite the participating institutions and scholars to develop a stable collaboration and teaching programme which, starting from 2023, will strengthen the analytical skills of students to approach critically the diverse and contested conceptualizations, trajectories, and geographies of sustainability drawing upon methods, tools, and concepts from the fields of Political Ecology, Environmental Sociology, Environmental Humanities, the Commons and HST/STS

Core themes of potential collaboration and instruction include:

- Theories and Conceptualizations of sustainability.
- The geographies of sustainability and socioenvironmental transformations (global-local, urban, and rural).
- Conflicts, Environmental movements, struggles for democratization, and climate crisis protests.
- HST/STS approaches to renewable technologies, material and digital infrastructures and the commons.

## Participating institutions

*\* There might be additional institutions in the near future*

### Academic Co-organizers

Shape the academic content, curriculum, instructions and teaching, academic credits, length and timing of the programme. Provide at least one instructor.

- The Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Crete, Greece - <https://sociology.soc.uoc.gr/> (main organiser).
- The Futures of Sustainability Humanities Centre, Hamburg University, Germany - <https://www.zukuenfte-nachhaltigkeit.uni-hamburg.de/en/kolleg.html>.
- Ragnar Nurkse Department of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology (TalTech), Estonia - <https://taltech.ee/en/nurkse>

### Affiliated Institutions:

Endorse and publicize the programme to their students. Provide teachers or instructors on specific themes on ad-hoc basis

- The Infrastructures, Sustainability and Commons Lab (I.S.C.), Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Netherlands - <https://misclab.weebly.com/>
- The Barcelona Laboratory for Urban Environmental Justice and Sustainability (BCNUEJ) - <http://www.bcnej.org/>
- The European Inter-University Association of Society, Science and Technology (ESST) - <http://esst.eu/>



## Possible sources of funding and opportunities for expansion

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/opportunities/opportunities-for-organisations>

## Agenda

<b>Thursday, 6 October 2022, 11.30 – 17.00</b>		
<b>Timeslot</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Institution</b>
11.30 – 12.30	Welcome Introductions Concept Note and Entry points for the Summer School 2023 This session is open to UoC academic staff	UoC All Presentation of interested institutions/ motivation and expertise
12.30 – 12.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.45– 14.30	Learning goals and programme: (Learning goals / target audiences; Themes / Focus topics; Modules / Tutors; Credits and Transfers)	UoC + All Contributions by collaborating Institutions and individuals
14.30 - 15.30	<i>Lunch break</i>	
15.30 – 16.30	Management and Administration (Time framework; Venue; Costs and Fees; Dissemination; Website, etc.)	UoC + All
<b>Friday, 7 October 2022, 10.00 – 13.30</b>		
<b>Timeslot</b>	<b>Content</b>	<b>Institution</b>
10.00 – 11.30	Management and administration (Erasmus+ agreements, services by the host institutions etc.)	UoC + All UoC Administration Personnel (Q &A)
11.30-12.00	Future steps and long-term networking	UoC + All
12.00 – 12.15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
12.15 – 13.30	Sum-up Set of Scientific Committee and Road map for institutional agreements	UoC + All
13.30-15.30	<i>Farewell – Lunch at local taverna</i>	