

# RESEARCH HORIZONS

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**ENERGY AND SOCIETY CONFERENCE**

**ESA RN12 Midterm conference**

# Dear Participants!

Welcome to one of the most beautiful places in the Italian Alps. We will spend a whole day wondering about one of the most pressing issues in modern history - #Energy Transition; during our workshop, we will reflect on how to make our research socially impactful, reflexive, and relevant to social needs. But what does it even mean impactful? Reflexive? Interdisciplinary? and Relevant?

Answering those questions is our job for the two days.

To organise our discussion, we have invited several keynote speakers to help us finish the day with applicable impacts that each of us can apply to our everyday jobs as researchers.

Please have a look at the short bios of our keynote speakers and trainers, as well as a detailed agenda.

We are looking forwards to meeting you and working together!

Ci vediamo!

Organising Team



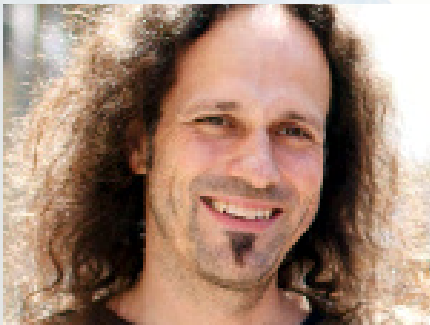


# Keynot speakers



**Chris Foulds**  
**Anglia Ruskin University**

**Chris is an interdisciplinary Environmental Social Scientist who uses the critical Social Sciences to explore policy and governance interventions for sustainability.**



**Oliver Parodi**  
**Karlsruhe Transformation Center  
for Sustainability and Cultural Change (KAT)**

**Oliver is the founder and head of KAT. He focuses on transformative sustainability research, particularly in real-world labs.**



**Gudrun Haindlmaier**  
**University of Vienna/ AIT**

**She is a senior lecturer and vice-director of studies at the University of Vienna at the Department of Geography and Regional Research. At AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, she is leading the research group on Innovation Policies and Transformation.**

# Trainers

**Pia Laborgne**

**Karlsruhe Transformation Center  
for Sustainability and Cultural Change (KAT)**



Pia is researcher at KAT, focusing on transdisciplinary research and on exploring how we can design it in an inclusive, engaging and motivating way in order to empower and involve many different people, perspectives, needs and ideas.

**Audronė Telešienė**

**Kaunas University of Technology**



Research interests include environmental attitudes and behaviour, social perceptions of climate change, environmental and technological risk perception, risk communication, sustainable development, and migration.

**Aleksandra Wagner**

**Jagiellonian University**



She specializes in sociology of energy, and social communication. She is particularly interested in the problems of socio-technical change, public communication, deliberation and inclusive policy.

**Tadeusz Rudek**

**ETH ZÜRICH/ Jagiellonian University**



He is a research assistant involved in EU-funded Horizon2020 projects and head of Capturing Invisible LAB. He is focusing on the public reasons of the energy transition in China and Taiwan, with expertise in the Energy-SSH field and fluency in English, Chinese, and Spanish.



## 4th September 2023

14:00 – 15:00	Welcome lecture: Sociology of interdisciplinarity	Prof. Chris Foulds Anglia Ruskin University
15:10- 16:00	Transdisciplinary research : idea and challenges	Oliver Parodi
16:00-16:25	<b>Coffee break</b>	
16:25- 17:30	Moderated discussion: What does it mean Impactful research?	Discussants: Pia Laborgne , Tadeusz Rudek , Oliver Parodi and all participants
19:00	<b>Networking dinner</b>	

## 5th September 2023

9:00-10:00	Integrating SSH into the proposal? Where and how SSH can contribute – insight from research practices	Audrone Telesiene, Aleksandra Wagner, Pia Laborgne,
10:00-10:30	Coffee break	
10:30 :11:30	Driving Urban Transitions (DUT) Partnership	Gudrun Haindlmaier/University of Vienna: DUT Partnership ; Austrian Institute of Technology
11:35- 13:00	Group workshop I	Short oral presentation of the each participant’s research idea. Feedback from trainers and the group. Thinking about the project in terms of equality, fairness, social impact. Discussion on the proposals.
13:15-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:15-16:15	Group workshop II	Short oral presentation of the each participant’s research idea. Feedback from trainers and the group. Thinking about the project in terms of equality, fairness, social impact. Discussion on the proposals.
16:15-17:00	Closing session	Final remarks

**Useful links:**

**Accommodation:**



**All necessary information can be found on the Energy & Society Conference website.**

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