

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Plural socio-ecological trajectories: dialogues on ecosystem services for nature and people

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Abstract:

We invite contributions that advance transdisciplinary understandings of socio-ecological trajectories and ecosystem services/NCP across different geographies. We welcome empirical studies (plural valuation, co-production, multi-criteria modeling), and reflexive analyses that confront justice, rights, and territorial autonomies. Submissions should specify what travels and what does not across contexts, and articulate implications for inclusive, multi-level governance and Global North/South relations. We especially encourage collaborations with community-based and policy/practice partners. Selected contributions will inform a synthesis brief and a joint publication agenda.

Foregrounding cross-regional perspectives and diálogos de saberes (dialogues across ways of knowing), the session is expected to integrate empirical cases from different geographies and with a theoretical bridge on socio-ecological flows. Together, we hope these contributions mobilise plural valuation (intrinsic, relational, instrumental), co-production of knowledge, and modeling to navigate trade-offs, uncertainties, and cross-scale feedbacks while resisting emergent forms of "green extractivism."

The session aims to: (1) critically assess the promises and limits of ES/NCP frameworks through relational, justice-oriented approaches; (2) articulate ethically grounded, policy-relevant transdisciplinary methods (co-production, plural valuation, multi-criteria modeling); (3) derive transferable principles for inclusive, multi-level governance attentive to rights, territorial autonomies in Europe and other geographies; and (4) co-design an EU-LATAM and other geographies collaboration agenda for comparative research, shared datasets, and joint publications.

Goals and objectives of the session:

- Build a shared conceptual frame to compare governance, valuation, and modelling approaches across different geographies.
- Articulate transdisciplinary methods (co-production, plural valuation, multi-criteria, and others) that are ethically grounded and policy-relevant and
- Identify robust ways to integrate local/Indigenous/ethnic, practitioner, and scientific knowledges for inclusive, multi-level action and territorial autonomies.
- Co-design an EU-LATAM collaboration agenda (comparative cases, shared datasets, joint papers, and proposal seeds).

Planned output / Deliverables:

Expected outcomes include a one-page synthesis of principles and open questions; a draft outline for a joint article or special issue on socio-ecological trajectories and ES governance; and a contact network to coordinate comparative work across regions.

Session format:

Oral presentations with solution room discussion. 3 hours for oral presentations and questions. 1 hour for the solution room.

Voluntary contributions accepted:

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review

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