

# 3rd ESP Asia Conference

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Eco-health and ecosystem services in Asia:  
Bottom-up aspects for planetary health

ONLINE

## SESSION DESCRIPTION

ID: O2

Early-career researchers' perspectives: Challenges for eco-health

### Hosts:

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### Abstract:

The inter- and transdisciplinary ecosystem services research landscape has been growing over the years and has links to many different fields. This complex, socio-ecological field of science with a clear reference to policy and practice attracts early career researchers (ECR) with numerous specializations from various disciplines with fresh ideas, methodological approaches and viewpoints. Our session, run by ECRs for ECRs, aims to bring together, empower and connect members and those interested in joining the Young Ecosystem Services Specialists (YESS) network and take part in this lively youth community of ESP.

For many ECRs, the year 2020 was associated with difficulties when it came to presenting their own research / ideas to peers. In order to better network, exchange ideas and put our own research into a larger context, we offer ECRs who are from/in Asia or working about the region the opportunity to present themselves and their research in our session. As the 3rd ESP Asia Conference in Nagasaki will be held fully online, ECRs who are normally not able to attend the conference personally due to financial or health restrictions will be able to present and discuss their research with a broader audience and get to know others who are initiating their career in the ES field.

Following the conference's theme "Eco-health and ecosystem services in Asia: Bottom-up aspects for planetary health", we especially encourage those working on health-related topics to present their research. However, as the conference topic is broad and the goal of the session is to encourage ECRs, different contributions closely aligning to the theme can be submitted.

As a common thread across all talks we ask presenters to point out in their abstracts: (1) the challenges they see in (their) ES research in Asia and (2) starting points to address them (3) how/if their research related to eco-health. For a virtual presentation, we prefer a video

contribution (short video), so as not to potentially limit server capacities or bandwidth. Questions to the talks will be coordinated by the host team and moderated by interactive participation techniques (e.g. Mentimeter).

#### **Goals and objectives of the session:**

The overall objective is to give ECRs from all relevant research areas the opportunity to participate in the scientific discourse, which has been difficult since the start of the pandemic. Especially for ECRs, the opportunity of peer exchange is crucial, as we have to find our way into the scientific community.

#### **Planned output / Deliverables:**

The session will provide an overview of the latest research on ecosystem services carried out by ECRs while focussing on the challenges of (their) ES research and ways to address these challenges, to allow for shared learning from experiences. It also has the potential to highlight common challenges that ECRs face in ES research in Asia, while underlining the role of YESS as a peer network in which they are supported in their activities by low-threshold exchange opportunities.

#### **Voluntary contributions accepted:**

We welcome submissions and voluntary contributions from all early career researchers for this session!

#### **Related to ESP Working Group/National Network:**

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