

SESSION DESCRIPTION

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ECR's perspectives: Challenges in the face of global changes (in-person or virtual presentation)

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Abstract:

The ecosystem services research landscape has been growing over the years and is characterised by having links to many fields, and being inter- and transdisciplinary. This complex, social-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 ECRs together to empower and connect them within the Young Ecosystem Services Specialists (YESS) 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 the own research into a larger context, we offer ECRs the opportunity to present themselves and their research in our session. You can choose between in-person or virtual presentation. This format also allows those ECRs who are not able to attend the conference personally due to financial or health restrictions to present and discuss their research.

Since the conference topic is very broad, different contributions can be submitted. In order to have a common thread across all talks we ask presenters to (1) highlight challenges they see in (their) ES research in the light of global change and (2) propose starting points to address them. 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 had been difficult during the year 2020, due to the impacts of the pandemic. Especially for ECRs, the time of peer exchange is crucial, as they have to find their 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, in order to allow for shared learning from experiences. It also has the potential to highlight common challenges that ECRs face in ES research, while underlining the role of YESS as a peer network in which the ECRs are supported in their activities by low-threshold exchange opportunities.

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