

International Sustainability Transitions Conference: Call for Support Staff, August 18-21 2020, online hosted from Vienna

Want to gain experience within the international sustainability transition research community?

WU Vienna and the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology are organizing the International Sustainability Transitions Conference (IST2020, ist2020.at) taking place from 18th to 21st of August 2020 online hosted from Vienna. Therefore, the Institute for Law and Governance is looking for Support Staff to work for this online conference.

Following this year's theme "Governance in an Era of Change – Making Sustainability Transitions Happen" the conference will host around 400 participants engaging in a broad variety of sessions to address structural issues and causes for current global challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate crisis, accelerating biodiversity loss and increasing global social inequalities. Sustainability transitions research aims to design transformative governance so policies for systemic change can be implemented. In order to foster a just transition, scholars, policymakers and non-state actors like intermediaries from the private industry or social movements have to work in collaboration. The IST2020 provides the space for starting and deepening such collaborations that strive for a low-carbon future to move society in the direction of sustainability.

To run the conference smoothly and ensure a warm and productive environment for our conference guests, we need your support.

What are your tasks?

As part of our conference team you will have a vital role in creating a positive and welcoming atmosphere for delegates from all over the world and assist the organizing committee to deliver a professionally run online conference. We are looking for Support Staff who will:

- ... be the first point of contact for our attendees and their requests. You will provide online support throughout the conference and welcome conference participants, provide them with helpful information, IT support or assist during cultural and social sessions.
- ... provide IT support during keynote plenaries, paper sessions and poster exhibitions and give technical assistance to ensure that conference participants know they are in good hands.

What are your working hours?

Generally, you are required to be present at WU Vienna during the time of the conference, 18th to 21st of August 2020. We are providing working areas in accordance to official health

guidelines. While working as support staff is feasible if you are not present at WU campus during the conference, in the application process we will favor candidates who are willing to work from WU campus. Thus, in your application please indicate whether you can commit to being present at WU campus during the conference.

Support Staff is required to attend a warm-up session at the end of June/beginning of July (1-2 hours) and online training sessions in August (3-4 hours). During the conference, there will be half-day shifts for the Support Staff of which you need to attend at maximum 4 (one on each day of the conference). You will receive a free registration at the conference that you can attend outside your shifts.

Our offer

Working at the IST2020 provides the opportunity to become involved in the internationally renowned Sustainability Transitions Research Network (transitionsnetwork.org/). You will get to know and network with practitioners, academics, policymakers, industry representatives and students who work at the forefront of unleashing sustainability transitions. Each of you will be able to attend at least two out of the three keynote sessions. As part of the team, you will receive an employment certificate and be provided with food and beverages during your working hours, when working from the WU Campus at Vienna.

For your efforts, you will furthermore receive a compensation of 380 EUR (before tax).

How to apply

We are looking for bachelor and master students who have the dedication and enthusiasm to assist us delivering a successful international event. Would you describe yourself as a digital native, professional, committed, reliable and culturally sensitive? Then you are exactly who we are looking for!

If you are interested in participating, please send your CV and a short statement of motivation (max. 300 words) to michaela.neumann@wu.ac.at until 21st of June 2020. In your statement of motivation specify your interest in sustainability transitions research and if possible, state prior experience as conference staff. More information on the conference can be found here: ist2020.at and here transitionsnetwork.org/about-strn/research_agenda/. We particularly invite applicants not yet familiar with the sustainability transitions approach, too. In case you would like to get an overview of this approach, see the crash course developed within last year's conference available at carleton.ca/istconference/crash-course-on-sustainability-transitions/. For any remaining questions, please contact michaela.neumann@wu.ac.at.