



Invitation for:

**The 5th International Research Workshop on  
Archetypes in Sustainability Research**

**May 18-20, 2022**

**at the University of Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany  
(with the option of joining remotely)**

**Objectives:** The workshop will strengthen the network of researchers using the archetypes approach in sustainability research. Specifically, it will provide a unique opportunity to:

1. Present cutting-edge research on archetypes in sustainability research, including original research and methodological developments.
2. Pitch new research ideas and spark collaborative follow-up activities.
3. Review the progress of the research agenda on archetypes of sustainability 2021-25.
4. Generate a proposal for a special issue on archetypes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Contribution streams:** We invite contributions under two streams: a general stream, which includes any research related to archetypes in sustainability research; and a special stream, which links archetypes to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Contributions under the special stream could answer questions such as the following:

- Globally, progress is being made towards some SDGs, while for others progress has stagnated or worsened. Progress also varies at the regional, country, and local levels. How can archetypes explain these trends? What are possible levers for improving progress towards some or all the SDGs at various levels?
- Already the world is two years into the Decade of Action. How could the archetypes approach and/or knowledge of archetypes contribute to the development of the post-2030 sustainability agenda?

Finally, we also invite contributions related to themes that have emerged at previous workshops, including issues of causality in archetypes analysis; dynamic archetypes; and archetypes and the science-policy-society interface.

**Participation formats:** A proposal is not required to participate in the workshop, which will provide a variety of options for participation.

If you would be interested to make a proposal, we would welcome the following types of contribution: presentations, themed break-out sessions, and “pitch” break-out sessions.

- Presentations\* are an opportunity to share original research or methodological developments as part of a panel with 2-3 other presenters, and to receive feedback from audience members. An abstract is required (max. 400 words). Authors who are invited to present are welcome but not obligated to share full or draft papers. The composition of the panels will be organized as part of the review of abstracts.
- Themed break-out sessions are an opportunity to lead a discussion on a particular topic related to archetypes in sustainability research. A brief description is required (max. 1 page). The description should include background information and examples of the types of problems, questions, or objectives that the session will address, along with a short bibliography (3-5 relevant publications) that participants can consult in advance of the workshop.
- “Pitch” break-out sessions are an opportunity to propose a new collaboration on a specific problem, question, or objective. Pitch sessions also require a brief description (max. 1 page) including background information, examples, and a brief bibliography.

*\* For those who are interested in presenting but are not available on the days of the workshop, we may consider pre-recorded presentations on a case-by-case basis.*

We will also arrange opportunities for authors who are using the archetypes approach to meet with one another for “paper sessions”. These sessions will provide authors with a focused opportunity to exchange feedback on draft papers. Authors who would like to take advantage of this opportunity are invited to indicate their interest through the registration form.

Finally, this year’s workshop will incorporate successful features from previous workshops, such as plenary sessions, keynote speakers, coffee breaks, and an orientation for new members of the network. The full program for the workshop will be circulated by the end of April 2022, along with tips on travel and accommodations.

**The deadline for submissions is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022.** To make a submission, please use the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/496pjzx6>. All submissions will receive a response by the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2022.

**The deadline to register is the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2022.** To register, please use the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/4ybd5htn>.

**Special issue:** The workshop will be a chance to present, develop, and propose studies that could be included in an envisioned special issue on archetypes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. More information about the special issue will be presented at the workshop.

**Participants:** The workshop will bring together 20-30 researchers from different fields of sustainability research. It is open to all researchers with experience and/or interest in the archetypes approach (established members of the network as well as researchers wishing to join the workshop series for the first time).

**Venue:** This year's workshop will be held at the University of Greifswald in Greifswald, Germany, with the option of joining remotely. Previous workshops have taken place in Bern (2017), Berlin (2018), Olomouc (2019), and online (2021).

**Costs of the workshop:** Participation in the workshop is free of charge. If you intend to participate in person, you are required to cover travel and accommodation costs.

**Covid-19-note:** In case public health measures complicate travel, the workshop will be held fully online. We will notify the participants in due time about the final format.

We are looking forward to meeting you at the workshop!

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact any member of the Organizing Committee:

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