

"Envisioning the Future as a Driver of Individual and Collective Change for the Sustainable Development"

Small group meeting

Paris, 10th-12th of June 2025

Co-organised by the [LaPEA](#) (Université Gustave Eiffel, Université Paris Cité), the [ADRIPS](#), [Bath University](#), the [International Psychoanalytic University of Berlin](#), and [Deakin University](#).

Day 1: What and how do people imagine when thinking about a sustainable future?

- 13:00-13:30: Coffee / Tea buffet with an introduction of the organizers and the program
- 13:30-14:30: **Opening keynote: a panorama on what is being done about this around the world**
- 14:30-15:30: Break
- 15:30-17:00: First session of talks (4 talks of 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of questions each) - *Environmental cognitive alternatives as motor to action*
 - Increasing people's ability to imagine a socially and ecologically just society: Motivational effects and boundary conditions (J. Bleh, T. Masson & I. Fritsche)
 - Does imagining the future boost positive spillovers among pro-environmental behaviours? (A. Grandin, L. Bosone)
 - An Ecofeminist Game-Styled Intervention to Increase Pro-Environmental Action for a Sustainable and Just Future (E. Collyer, M. T. Schmitt - *online*)
 - Exploring the Role of Justice-Related and Environmental Cognitive Alternatives in Supporting Social Justice and Environmental Action (A. Lutz, H. Landmann, E. Collyer and M.T. Schmitt - *online*)

Day 2: Can envisioning be boosted / influenced / taught?

- 10:00: Second session of talks (4 talks of 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of questions each) - *Contents of visions: what do people imagine, and how do they feel about it?*
 - The "How" to serve the "What": Affective and Cognitive mechanisms at play in Episodic Future Thinking. (A. Dejean de la Bâtie, M.P. Fayant, A. Graton)
 - Co-Imagining Racial Equality: Addressing Colonial History by Opening Up a Shared Future (E. Cáceres Quezada, K. Phalet, B. Doosje)
 - Stakeholders' imaginaries of the public and contentions over renewable energy ownership models (V. Međugorac, Geertje Schuitema - *online*)
 - Africanfuturist storytelling for just and sustainable city futures (M. Raju Jacob - *online*)
- 11:30: Break
- 12:00: **KEYNOTE** – [Morgana Lizzio-Wilson](#)
- 13:00: Lunch Break
- 14:00-16:00: Third session of talks (5 talks of 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of questions each) - *Prefiguration and prefigurative politics*
 - Providing the context for contrast: Exploring the prefigurative potential of identity-centring festivals to encourage sustainable practices (A. Prosser)

- When Means are no Dead End: How Prefiguration Increases Acceptance of Disruptive Action and Support for Traffic Transformation (F. Eckerle, H. Landmann, E.J.R. Cöarke - *online*)
- Future in the Making: Engaging, Empowering and Supporting Individuals in Prefigurative Environmental Movements (Hanyun Xu - *online*)
- Enacting futures in the present: The emergence of prefiguration through struggle (D. Clarke, J. Drury)
- The Siemensstadt Square, Berlin development as "Place of the Future/Zukunftsart": A mixed-method case study (G. B. Sullivan, R. Negarandeh, and H. Schirner - *online*)
- 16:00: Break
- 16:30-17:30: **Early Career Researcher meet-up**: a dedicated time for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers to introduce themselves to the community, and to senior researchers to scout for young talents
- 19:00: Gala Evening at the [Seguin Sound](#) ([1. Parvis de l'Île Seguin, 92100, 1 Île Seguin, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt](#))

Day 3: Envisioning the future and engaging in behavioural and social change

- 09:30-10:30: **KEYNOTE**: [Julian FERNANDO](#)
- 10:30: Break
- 11:00-12:30: Fourth session of talks (4 talks of 15 minutes plus 5 minutes of questions each) - **Utopias or dystopias?**
 - Exploring Utopian-Dystopian Imagery Across Cultures and its Role for Collective Action (A. C. Coenen, H. Sjøstad, J. R. Kunst - *online*)
 - Visions of Tomorrow: Emotional Drivers of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Intentions (T. Rasse, L. Bosone, O. Ionescu, M. Chevrier, J. Collange)
 - The horror of today and the terror of tomorrow: The role of future existential risks and present-day political risks in climate activism (Metu Sefa Uysal, N. Martinez, S. Vestergren - *online*)
 - Climate Futures: Scientists' Discourses on Collapse versus Transformation (S. Finnerty, J. Piazza, M. Levine - *online*)
- 13:00: Lunch Break
- 14:00-14:30: **What Next? The Future of "Social and Environmental Psychology of the Future"**
- 14:30: Closing Remarks