

“Sustainability in Our Times Conference”

Call for Participation- Bioeconomy Paper Development Workshop!

Workshop title: The bioeconomy: a post-fossil economy?

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The emergence of the bioeconomy has given rise to a vast body of research, which we refer to as *the first generation of bioeconomy research*. In this first phase, especially under the impetus of ecological economics, there has been a wide range of studies questioning the extent to which it can deliver on its promises of sustainability and highlight the conditions under which the transformation to a bioeconomy may reinforce global injustices and dependencies. In addition, a rich body of research has explored the innovations emerging within the bioeconomy. All these contributions, alongside numerous other social science and economic analyses have been crucial for advancing our understanding of the bioeconomy in its many dimensions through the study of innovations and emergent practices. These studies have paved the way for an emerging renewal of research on the bioeconomy that seeks to examine transition pathways and the material conditions underpinning the development of the bioeconomy.

We particularly welcome papers addressing:

1. **Institutions of the bioeconomy:** How regulations in agriculture, biodiversity, climate, and carbon markets enable or constrain transitions
2. **Geographies of the bioeconomy:** Place-based perspectives and Global South experiences
3. **Global value chains and webs:** Material flows, power relations, and justice dimensions
4. **Behavioural and decision-making aspects:** Micro-level evidence on preferences, practices, and acceptance of bio-based options
5. **Innovation strategies:** Fostering strong sustainability and regenerative use of bio-resources

Join us in shaping the next generation of bioeconomy scholarship

Presented papers may be invited to submit to a special issue currently under consideration by an international journal.

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Nicolas holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Reims Champagne Ardenne. His teaching at NEOMA BS focuses on the economics of ecological transition and the development of new sustainable practices. His research work, at the crossroads of ecological economics, institutional economics, innovation economics and transition studies, aims at characterizing the formation of new economic spaces or the transformation of existing spaces in the face of ecological transition. To this end, he studies the bioeconomy, the circular economy and the development of sustainable forms of agriculture. His research has been published in journals such as *Ecological Economics* and *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*. At NEOMA Business School, Nicolas is the head of the Bioeconomy and Sustainable Development Chair.