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Seeking Narratives in Transformations toward Sustainability

Do you have an example or case study related to sustainability in which narratives in the sense described below play a role?

The narratives we seek to identify and understand are in the form of:

- a) visions of desirable and sustainable futures and potential pathways for collective actions to sustainable outcomes, or
- b) affective expressions of individual and community identities that strongly, though often tacitly, contain rationales to motivate positive or negative responses to narrative visions and actions. Similar narratives may be expressed in different forms (e.g., stories, slogans, images, dance or music) that are resonant in local cultures and contexts.

We invite you to submit examples from your research, business, or policy experience as case studies for discussion and analysis during the KLASICA symposium in Taipei, which will be held on 29 September through 2 October 2018 (see the "save the date" announcement). We are aiming to create a typology of narratives and assess their potential application as rules for agent-based modeling of collective behaviour change (e.g., social movements) toward sustainable futures. We will select cases from those submitted for inclusion and in-depth discussion in the KLASICA symposium in Taipei.

Costs directly associated with the KLASICA symposium (hotel, meal, and local transportation) for the authors of selected cases will be covered by the generosity of our hosts at the Risk Society and Policy Research Center (RSPRC) at the National Taiwan University. Travel cost to and from Taiwan will not be covered. However, for those attending the World Social Science Forum in Fukuoka (25-28 September 2018), there are inexpensive direct flights between Fukuoka and Taipei.

Please send information by 15 May 2018 on your example(s) of narratives for sustainable futures (3-6 pages) and a brief bio of yourself to Ms. Angela Borowski at angela.borowski@iass-potsdam.de.


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