



International Research Colloquium on Ecovillages & Resilient Lifestyles



The YEEES Project and the Global Ecovillage Network warmly invite you to participate at the

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES ON ECOVILLAGES & RESILIENT LIFESTYLES

Due to the growing interest in research about community life and sustainable lifestyles, and the lack of systematization and forums on this subject, we are creating a space for interaction and constructive dialogue among researchers that study ecovillages and other resilient lifestyles and establishing a research group. Researchers, master students and interested PhD candidates are very welcome. The aim is to increase data sharing, exchange experiences, identify knowledge gaps and opportunities for collaboration through a series of thematic online sessions taking place on:

23.09.2020 16:00 CET - Dr. Iris Kunze on "Ecovillage Research and Transformative Social Innovations"

21.10.2020 16:00 CET - Dr. Rebeca Roysen on "Ecovillages as sustainability "classrooms""

25.11.2020 16:00 CET

16.12.2020 16:00 CET

** Please check your time zone [here](#).

The sessions will be held in English, but participation in the forums and in the chat is also possible in Portuguese and German.

The pilot series will take place from September to December, 2020, always counting on the participation of a Senior researcher to present their work followed by a group discussion. For our first colloquium on **SEPTEMBER 23rd, from 4 to 6 PM CET** we are honoured to invite **Dr. Iris Kunze** as guest speaker on the topic of **Ecovillage Research and Transformative Social Innovations**.

Iris Kunze holds a PhD. in geography and sociology. She has co-developed the field of ecovillage research since 2002. Iris is an expert on social movements, transformative social innovation and sustainable ways of living. She has researched and taught at the University of Münster, the Center for Global Change and Sustainability (GWN) at BOKU University, the Institute for Integral Studies and the Austrian Institute for Sustainable Development. For Publications and information visit: <http://www.community-research.eu>.

Participants are invited to contribute with ideas for further contents for the following sessions.

We are very excited to have you as part of this event!

You can register to this colloquium until two days before a session under:

<https://yees-project.org/digital-research-colloquium/>

(*one time registration for all sessions is enough)

Who are we?

The YEEES Project: **Y**ields of **E**vocative **E**ntrepreneurial approaches on **E**nvironment and **S**ociety (**YEEES**) fosters the development of innovative entrepreneurial approaches. As an international project, we connect a variety of universities from Germany and Southern Africa (South Africa, Namibia, Mozambique) via implementing two interconnected centers seen as international networks: the **YEEES Training Center** and **YEEES Research Center**. For additional information about the YEEES project please [visit our website](#).

The Global Ecovillage Network (**GEN**) is a growing network of regenerative communities and initiatives that builds bridges between policy-makers, governments, academics, entrepreneurs, NGOs, activists, community networks and ecologically-minded individuals across the globe in order to develop strategies for a global transition to resilient communities and cultures. GEN catalyzes communities for a regenerative world. For additional information about GEN please also [visit the GEN website](#).

