



WELCOME TO OUR ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER

This month, we celebrate TRANSPATH's second anniversary!

Over the past year, our project has made remarkable strides, with a dedicated team working tirelessly to drive transformative change. This newsletter highlights key activities and achievements from the past 12 months—a year marked by essential collaborations, productivity and widespread participation at events transforming the future of biodiversity and climate change.

Thank you for being a part of the TRANSPATH community! Together, we are building pathways toward a sustainable future. Explore the latest updates and milestones, and join us in celebrating two years of impactful progress, with many more exciting studies to come!



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2024 Highlights

Annual Meeting





We met at the World Trade Center in The Hague on March 6-7, 2024, where Wageningen University & Research hosted a productive TRANSPATH Consortium meeting. We welcomed new members from the University of Ghana and Pensoft Publishers, heard updates from our PhD students, and planned an upcoming webinar. The gathering set the stage for an organised and inspiring year ahead, with engaging discussions on transformative change.

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Webinar: Financial Sector's Role in Biodiversity and Climate Resilience

Transforming finance for biodiversity and climate action

Webinar

26 April 2024

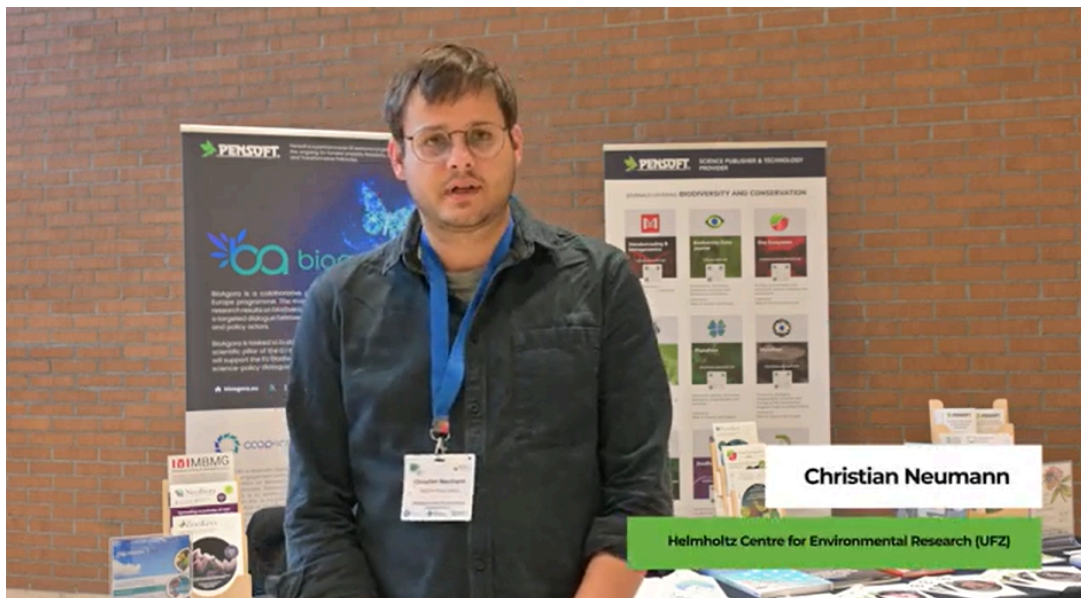


On 26 April 2024, TRANSPATH hosted its first webinar in partnership with the EU Business & Biodiversity Platform to discuss the financial sector's role in promoting a biodiverse and climate-resilient future.

The interactive session engaged finance professionals, policymakers, and environmentalists, reinforcing finance's crucial role in sustainable change. We are thankful to all participants for contributing to this impactful discussion.

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Short Interview from the World Biodiversity Forum



Christian Neumann from the TRANSPATH project shares insights into his preliminary research findings, presented at the World Biodiversity Forum 2024 in Davos. In this brief interview, Christian discusses his work on synthesising global scenarios literature and its contribution to TRANSPATH's mission to address climate change and biodiversity loss.

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Other honorable mentions



The Transformative Change
Journey at COP16:
TRANSPATH's Role in Supporting
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Framework

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The TRANSPATH Project
Showcased at World Biodiversity
Forum 2024 in Davos

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Publications

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Abstract. Coping with the threats posed by multiple negative Earth tipping points calls for large coordinated actions conducive to creating long-lasting positive synergies between human and biophysical systems. Boundary concepts, engaging narratives and aspirational visions play a crucial role in coordinating the kinds of deliberate transformations needed to address global existential challenges. The regenerative sustainability vision and paradigm offers such as enabling cognitive and discursive capacity to integrate the insights from social and natural sciences to set positive tipping points towards a safe and just space for humanity can better be operationalized, coordinated and enacted locally and across multiple kinds of spatial-ecological systems.

1 Introduction

Our world is a world of systems of systems: energy systems, agricultural systems, financial systems, urban mobility systems, health care systems, and so on. These systems are interconnected and many others; each of them operates under its bounded rationalities – organizational and normative rules that justify its existence in different ways. Each system also has its effects on other systems, which can be detrimental or beneficial to the goals and development of these other systems. Consequently, the systems of systems approach is a conceptualization of system change using different approaches and metrics from natural sciences. So when transdisciplinary teams must together to try to find transformative pathways and solutions to cope with large and existential risks, like those posed by Earth tipping points, not only might different systems and different system social scientists be called upon, but they might also look at the same systems in different ways.

Hence, robust knowledge and actions aimed at dealing with the increasing threats of negative Earth tipping points do not only require robust spaces conducive to mutual learning among such a diversity of perspectives, but also require the development of a new type of system social science that is able to provide an actionable sense of the complexity entailed in understanding such threats. In this contribution

I argue that the *regenerative sustainability* paradigm offers such a cognitive, discursive and collective capacity to integrate the insights from diverse social and natural sciences in a way that *net-positive tipping points* can better be operationalised, coordinated and enacted within and across multiple kinds of social-ecological systems and actions.

2. Even less harm is now possible since police

A turning point can be defined as the moment at which a pole

tively small additional force of charge makes a complex system adopt a fundamentally different configuration and long-

tern dynamics, either by entraining on a new development trajectory or by evolving around a new system's attractor.

in the case of positive tipping points that happen in social-ecological systems (Tahara et al., 2018a; Lenton, 2020; Oba et al., 2020), we assume that the new dominant contributes to

improving the quality of life and long-term human sustainability and thus can help avoid existential risks derived from

Nevertheless, a major difficulty in conceptualising posi-

live tipping points has to do with agreeing on what positive means. A dominant view in mainstream economics tends to

aware and communicate to the larger public; that an increase

An EU SAFE AND JUST OPERATING SPACE

Operationalising the Safe and Just Operating Space framework for transformative change planning in the European Union

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The Lancet Planetary Health Commission

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An EU Safe and Just Operating Space: Operationalising the Safe and Just Operating Space framework for transformative change planning in the European Union

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A just world on a safe planet: a Lancet Planetary Health–Earth Commission report on Earth-system boundaries, translations, and transformations

J. David Tàbara, Wim de Vries, Gail Whiteman, Cunde Xiao, et al.

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Relevant publications



UN Climate Change Conference Baku - November 2024

11 Nov 2023 - 22 Nov 2024

Baku, Azerbaijan

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5th ESP Europe Conference - Ecosystem Services: One Planet, One Health

18 Nov 2024 - 22 Nov 2024

Wageningen, the Netherlands

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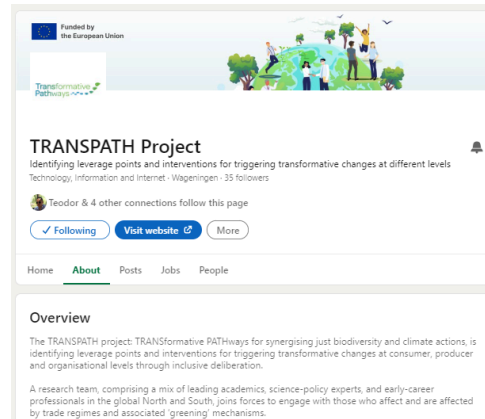
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