CALL FOR PAPERS EDITED VOLUME

SUSTAINABILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION: BETWEEN TRANSFORMATION AND VIBE SHIFTS

We invite contributors and experts from the sustainability community to submit short chapters to the edited volume of the conference. The overall process, from invitation for papers to publication, takes approximately twelve months and follows the five stages below.

The process

1 Invitation for Papers

Editorial team

- Addressed to the sustainability community

2 Contribution Ideas

Authors

- Cooperative teams

3 Drafting

Authors + Editors

- Guidelines (e.g. handling uncertainties)
- Practice check
- Copyediting

4 Peer Review

Reviewers

- Minimum 2 reviewers per paper

5 Publication

Berlin Universities Publishing (BerlinUP)

Dissemination:

- via Berlin University Alliance and BUA supporting networks
- professional associations
- newsletter and social media

About the volume

The edited volume examines how universities are redefining their societal role amid the need of sustainability transformation, multiple crises, and today's vibe shifts. It is aimed at authors from academia and sustainability practitioners in higher education, together with transfer partners working with higher education institutions.

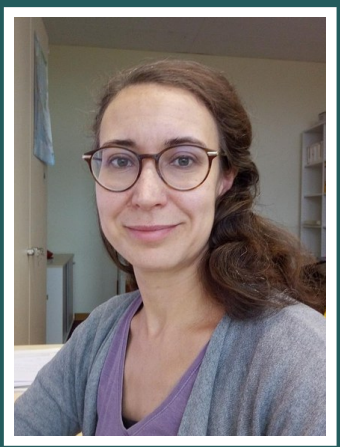
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Timeline

Phase	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Invitation for Papers 4-6 wks	■	■										
Selection & Confirmation 2-3 wks		■	■									
First Draft 6 wks			■	■								
Peer Review 1 6 wks				■	■	■						
Revision 1 4 wks						■	■					
Peer Review 2 (if needed) 4 wks							■	■				
Final Revision 4 wks								■	■			
Editor Feedback 4 wks									■	■		
Copyediting 4 wks										■	■	
Publication final												■

Roles involved

Editorial team	Coordination, quality control, final approval, mentoring of contributions
Authors	Writing the papers for the edited volume
Reviewers	Peer review (min. 2 per paper)
Layout	Final design (editors and/or BerlinUP Books contractor)
BUA	Technical infrastructure and publication (Berlin University Alliance)
Dissemination	Supporting networks and thematic groups

Deadlines & time limits

Overall process: approximately 12 months, from invitation for papers to publication.

Peer review: minimum 2 reviewers per paper.

Publication: open access via Berlin University Alliance, digital series.

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