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CALL FOR PAPERS

COASTAL TRANSITIONS III

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University of Connecticut - Avery Point
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RE-IMAGINING COASTAL TRANSITIONS: DIVERSE BLUE ECONOMIES

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Description/Rationale

"The post-Covid 19 recovery represents a once-in-a generation opportunity to radically reframe coastal and marine economies. The timing has never been more favorable, or indeed more critical, to urgently design, plan and deliver sustainable, innovative, and Just Blue Economies." (Heidkamp et al 2022)

We are facing a crucial 10-year period for sustainability, with coastal communities on the 'front-line' of climate response and adaptation. The aim of the **United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development** aims is to "reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and gather ocean stakeholders worldwide behind a common framework that will ensure ocean science can fully support countries in creating improved conditions for sustainable development of the Ocean" (UNESCO 2021). The Blue Economy — now widely accepted and endorsed by stakeholders from governments, industry and civil society — is seen as a promising way towards coastal sustainability and resilience. But, the Blue Economy narrative put forth by many stakeholders is still primarily focused on a growth oriented capitalist model, albeit 'seasoned' with a dose of sustainability. This conference aims to reimagine the Blue Economy, not as a business-as-usual approach to economic development, but as an innovative framework that recognizes the diversity of economies, facilitates energized transdisciplinary dialogue and enables multi-stakeholder activation and empowerment in order to radically reframe coastal and marine economies.

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Sub Themes:

We welcome theoretical and methodological as well as empirical or case study contributions related (but not limited) to the following sub-themes:

- Justice and the Blue Economy (Blue Justice, Energy Justice, Food Justice, Climate Justice, etc.)
- Politicization and territorialization of Blue Economy spaces (security, safety and regulatory enforcement)
- Sustainable Prosperity and the Blue Economy - Employment, job creation, and poverty eradication
- Transdisciplinarity and/or Real Laboratories in the Blue Economy
- Sustainability Discourses of the Blue Economy (transformations, transitions; blue washing and extractivism)
- Socio-cultural dimensions of Diverse Blue Economies (social capital, cultural capital, adaptive capacity, etc.)
- Indigenous paradigms and traditional ecological knowledge of diverse Blue Economies
- The role of ocean/maritime clusters in fostering a just and sustainable Blue Economy
- Innovations in the Blue Economy – policy, practice, entrepreneurship and inclusion
- Evaluation and assessment of Blue Economy initiatives
- Communicating and representing diverse Blue Economies
- Participatory governance and stakeholder integration in Blue Economy decision making
- New academic practices and performances for the Blue Economy
- Smart shipping, ports, green ports, transportation, and global connectivity
- Science, policy, and practice interactions of Blue Economies (ocean-based climate solutions)

KEY DATES:

May 1st, 2023: Abstracts Due

Submission Details: Please submit the name of the author(s), title and affiliation, the title of your proposed paper, your abstract (200 words or less), and five keywords to **both:** heidkampc1@southernct.edu & trumbull@uconn.edu

May 15th, 2023: Notification of Acceptance

June 15th, 2023: Conference Registration Due

September 15th, 2023: Complete Papers Due

September 20th, 2023: Papers to Discussants

Conference Fees:

Full Conference Attendance (for presenters) *	360.00 USD
Full Conference Attendance (student presenters w. verification) *	180.00 USD

Conference Outcomes:

Papers presented at *Coastal Transitions 2023* will be invited for peer review and subsequent publication in an edited volume and/or an edited issue in a peer-reviewed journal. The IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces has a strong record of publishing from its conferences. The Commission has a relationship with Routledge Publishers, who publish [The Dynamics of Economic Space](#) series and the past (2017 & 2020) Coastal Transitions Conferences have led to two edited volumes in this series, as well as to a special issue in the [Geographical Journal](#).

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