



# FOURTH SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

Sharing a Planet – Sustainability Transitions and Environmental Justice

**JUNE 16, 2026, 11:00–18:00**

📍 Aula 2, Main Building of the University of Cologne

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

**10:30** Arrival and get-together

**11:00** Opening and welcome

- Prof. Dr Joybrato Mukherjee, Rector of the University of Cologne
- Prof. Dr Kirk W. Junker, Vice-Rector for Sustainability
- Representative of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities

**11:20** Introduction: concept and procedure

**11:30** Keynote 1: “Cultural Sustainability, Cohabitability and Ecological Justice: Critical Zones of Sustainability Research in the Humanities”

- Prof. Dr Kate Rigby, Alexander von Humboldt Professor for Environmental Humanities at the University of Cologne

**Keynote 2: “Adapting to environmental change in coastal regions of the Global South”**

- Prof. Dr Boris Braun, Professor of Economic Geography and Environmental Change at the University of Cologne

**12:45** Kick-off “Poster Gallery”: Presentation of initiatives & projects in the field of sustainability at the University of Cologne

**13:15** Lunch break with catering and an opportunity for informal exchange

**13:45** Visit to the poster gallery with an opportunity to engage with the exhibitors and learn more about the presented projects

**14:15** Panel discussion on the guiding theme: “Sharing a Planet – Sustainability Transitions and Environmental Justice”

Participants: Prof. Dr Kate Rigby (MESH, Faculty of Arts and Humanities), Prof. Dr Boris Braun (GSSC, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences), Prof. Dr Thomas Widlok (GSSC, Faculty of Arts and Humanities), Dr Jana Hoseman (Responsible for the Computer ReUse project, Faculty of Human Sciences), Martin Speer (Climate Protection Manager, Department of Sustainability), Paula Linstädter (Student Member of the Sustainability Council)

**15:30** Summary and outlook

**16:00** Coffee break and get-together in the poster gallery

**16:30** Workshop phase

**18:00** Joint conclusion

Moderation of the event: Anja Backhaus, moderator and journalist and host of the podcast Grad<sup>o</sup> global

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