Call for Abstracts and Proposals
Welcome Keynote Speakers

To enhance both practice and theory to support transformative changes, the Transformations 2019 Conference will provide a platform for reciprocal learning between researchers and practitioners. Therefore, we particularly encourage the participation of delegates whose work goes beyond disciplinary research, to include government and civil society organisations, and the private sector.

We warmly invite submissions for abstracts and proposals that focus on at least one of the six themes of the conference, organized in five possible formats:

- Oral Presentations: Individuals or Sessions
- Poster Presentations
- Video Presentations
- T-Practice: Transformative Practice Sessions
- TransAction: Pre-Conference One-day Transformation Workshops

Proposals for abstracts must be submitted via our online system to be opened from the 15th of January 2019.

Remember the dates (midnight CLST UTC-03)
- Abstracts and proposals submission deadline: 3rd of March 2019
- Abstracts and proposals notification of outcome: 17th of April 2019
- Registration for authors of accepted abstracts and proposals: 28th of June 2019
Join us in welcoming our Keynote Speakers

We are very excited that Patricia Romero-Lankao, Mark Pelling and Steve Waddell have honoured us with their participation as keynote speakers at the Transformations 2019 Conference in Santiago, Chile.

**Patricia Romero-Lankao**
National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago

Patricia Romero-Lankao has a joint appoint as a Senior Research Scientist at the Transportation and Hydrogen Systems Center of NREL and the University of Chicago’s Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation. She has several research grants, and some 120 peer-reviewed publications.

Her work primarily focuses on three broad areas of research: (1) The dynamics of urbanisation and urban systems that shape inequality in risk at multiple scales; (2) The links between risks and food, energy and water (FEW) systems in cities; and (3) Governance and institutional capacities to adapt to and mitigate environmental risks in cities. Paty has extensive experience as a sociologist working across disciplines, and at the science-policy interface in the US and internationally. She was a co-leading author to Working Group II of the Nobel prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (2007). Paty cares deeply about her family and friends, but she is also passionately engaged in finding options to move humankind toward a more sustainable and fair future.

**Mark Pelling**
Department of Geography
King’s College London

Mark Pelling is a professor in the Department of Geography and the Programme Director of the Disasters, Adaptation and Development (DAD) Programme.

His research interests are in the institutions and social relationships that shape vulnerability and adaptation to natural disasters, including those associated with climate change, and the ways in which conflicting values and practices of development inform resilience and transformation in the face of environmental change.

Mark has served as a Coordinating Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX) and its Fifth Assessment Report. He also sits on the Scientific Steering Committees for the IGBP-IHDP core project Land-Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone (LOICZ) and the ICSU core project Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR).

Mark convenes an MA in Disasters Adaptation and Development which includes the student managed blog Masters of Disaster.

**Steve Waddell**
SDG Transformations Forum
Networking Action

Steve is currently the Lead Steward of Financing Transformations and the Lead Staff for the SDG Transformations Forum, as well as being the head of Networking Action.

For over 30 years Steve has focused on multi-stakeholder large systems change and transformation to address critical issues. He does this as a researcher, consultant, educator, and through personal leadership with a range of clients and partners globally. He is currently Lead Staff of the SDG Transformations Forum.

Steve’s work is associated with three key concepts on transformations: “societal learning and change,” which is a deep collaborative change strategy to address chronic and complex issues; “global action networks”, which is an emerging form of global governance that addresses issues requiring deep change; and "large systems change" which deals with profound shifts in individual orientations, organisational structures and societal institutions.

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