

Coordinating research and networking activities of the Earth System Governance's Taskforce on the Sustainable Development Goals

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Project description

Bringing together an interdisciplinary global group of 100+ researchers and practitioners from 33 countries, the Earth System Governance Taskforce on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provides an open forum for developing and exchanging cutting-edge research and policy studies on to what extent and under what conditions governance through goals can be effective. In 2024-2025, the Taskforce will undertake novel activities to steer research efforts towards further understanding the transformative potential of governance through goal-setting.

From September 2024 to February 2025, the Master student will be integrated into the core leadership team of the Taskforce, comprising Prof. Dr. Frank Biermann and Dr. Carole-Anne Sénit (UU Geosciences), who will jointly act as supervisors, and Dr. Thomas Hickmann (Lund University) and Dr. Yixian Sun (University of Bath), to assist in coordinating the Taskforce's research and networking activities. Specifically, the selected student will:

- Participate in the production and dissemination of key research outputs. Here, the student will assist the Taskforce leads in harvesting and coordinating research inputs from the Taskforce members into an edited volume contracted with a major publishing company (the Routledge Handbook *Essential Concepts of Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: An A-Z Guide*). In addition, the student will assist the Taskforce leads in developing and coordinating a new program for the Taskforce's virtual roundtable series;
- Contribute to the development of a cutting-edge research and education proposal for a pan-European doctoral program on the SDGs (Marie Curie Doctoral Networks). Here, the student will assist the Taskforce leads in setting up partnerships between European universities and developing future research pathways on governance through goal-setting.

This assistantship will greatly contribute to the professional and personal development of the selected student, by building her/his skills and knowledge, by taking part in an internationally renowned research team, and by providing extensive networking opportunities that are key to early career-building efforts. The student will be employed for 2 working days per week starting on 1st September 2024, for a maximum of 320 hours.

Job requirements

Particular job requirements (i.e. lab experience, background knowledge and/or computer skills)

- Excellent knowledge of global sustainability governance, in particular of current theoretical debates and empirical developments such as the Sustainable Development Goals
- Organizational and communication skills
- Adequate writing skills in English
- Professional use of MS Office