

# Call for Presentations

## UU Commons Event

### Part of the IASC World Commons Week

Utrecht, 11 October 2019

**Deadline: 20 September 2019**

Are you a researcher on commons or commons-related topics at a Dutch or Belgian university or research institute? Join us at the UU Commons Event! At this event we invite commons researchers to pitch their work on current commons-projects to other attendants and to the rest of the world (through lecture.net).

The organizers of the **UU Commons Event** welcome scholars and others involved in commons research to sign up to pitch their research line or current projects at the workshop on October 11<sup>th</sup> 2019, between 13:00 and 15:45. The UU Commons Event is part of the broader **World Commons Week** of the **International Association of the Study of the Commons (IASC)** that takes place from October 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2019. The local meeting will be held in the historic city center of **Utrecht** and will be hosted by the **Future Of Citizen-based Initiatives (FOCI)** team that is part of the strategic theme **Institutions for Open Societies** of **Utrecht University**.

#### ABOUT THE EVENT

The goal of the event is to bring together researchers working on commons-related topics, exchange knowledge, and find new ways to collaborate. The event will consist of several short presentation pitches (8 minutes each) via which the researchers give a general introduction their projects, research questions, and outcomes. Special attention should be given to the societal relevance or impact of the project.

As the goal of the World Commons Week is to bring researchers together not only locally, but globally as well, we plan to record the pitches and, with the presenter's permission, make them available online afterwards. Contact details of the presenters will also be provided, giving WCW participants the chance to reach out with questions or ideas. As such, we can facilitate discussions beyond the limited time frame of the local event.

We invite you to visit the website of the World Commons Week (<https://wcw2019.iasc-commons.org/>) for more information about this and other events organized as part of this global conference. Email us at [foci-hub@uu.nl](mailto:foci-hub@uu.nl) if you wish to attend the event. Or, if you would like to be one of the presenters, see below for more information about the structure of the pitches and how to apply.



Future of  
Citizen-based Initiatives

## PITCH REQUIREMENTS

Each pitch should roughly adhere to the following structure (where relevant):

- 1) Introduce topic:
  - a. Type of commons resource studied
  - b. Societal relevance of project
- 2) Introduce project:
  - a. Main research questions
  - b. Methods used to study these questions
  - c. Main outcomes
- 3) Discuss open questions and future plans

## APPLICATION

If you want to present your research project at the UU Commons Event, we invite you to send your application to [foci-hub@uu.nl](mailto:foci-hub@uu.nl). Please provide a presentation title and a very concise overview of your research and what you plan to discuss by adhering to the basic pitch structure addressed above. Given that the event will be broadcasted online, all presentations should be in English—and therefore the submissions as well.

Applications can be sent until **Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**, but we invite you to do so at your earliest convenience. We will assess and accept applications intermittently, so we cannot guarantee that there's a spot left. Please contact us ([foci-hub@uu.nl](mailto:foci-hub@uu.nl)) or check the event website for program updates and to see whether the call for presentations is still open.

## QUESTIONS?

Get in touch with the UU Commons Event organizers ([foci-hub@uu.nl](mailto:foci-hub@uu.nl)) or the World Commons Week organizers (<https://wcw2019.iasc-commons.org/>). If you wish to be updated about this and other IASC-events, please register for the IASC-newsletter via <http://iasc-commons.org/>.

We look forward to see you in Utrecht!

Tine de Moor, Vincent Buskens, Rense Corten, Eva Vriens  
FOCI team

## ABOUT FOCI

FOCI is an acronym for **Future Of Citizen-based Initiatives** and is part of the strategic theme [Institutions for Open Societies](#) of Utrecht University. The FOCI Hub advises, promotes and stimulates citizen-based initiatives and is a platform for collaboration between Utrecht University researchers and societal partners on this theme. For more information have a look at our [website](#) or get in touch with Eva Vriens via [foci-hub@uu.nl](mailto:foci-hub@uu.nl).



Future of  
Citizen-based Initiatives