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# OVERCOMING LOCK-INS TO ENABLE A JUST TRANSITION TOWARDS A CLIMATE-NEUTRAL AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

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## How can technological, institutional, and behavioural lock-ins be overcome to enable sustainability transitions and climate neutrality?

The PhD Fall School 2026 brings together doctoral researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds to explore this question in an interdisciplinary and collaborative learning environment. The programme focuses on analysing lock-ins and their interconnectedness across socio-technical systems, while developing strategies and intervention pathways for transformative change.

Participants will work in interdisciplinary teams focusing on specific production and consumption systems, including:

- **agricultural food systems,**
- **industrial production and consumption,**
- **transport systems,**
- **and energy systems.**

The Fall School combines keynote lectures, input-focused and workshop elements, collaborative research, and interdisciplinary exchange.

Throughout the week, participants will analyse lock-ins, discuss approaches for operationalisation and measurement, and collaboratively develop measures and strategies for overcoming lock-ins in the context of just sustainability transitions. Each team will be accompanied by faculty mentors throughout the week.

The Fall School is designed for doctoral researchers interested in sustainability transitions, climate neutrality, socio-technical change, and interdisciplinary research. In addition to thematic and analytical insights, participants will strengthen their interdisciplinary collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and collaborative research skills.

The programme corresponds to 4 ECTS credits and includes the collaborative development of a short interdisciplinary research paper following the Fall School. Active participation throughout the entire Fall School programme is expected. Participation in the Fall School is free of charge. Lunch and dinner during the programme will be covered by the organisers.

The registration period ends on **August 15th 2026.**

For registration: [surveys.uni-graz.at/921886](https://surveys.uni-graz.at/921886)

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