Call for Abstracts: "Methods in Risk Research"

SRA-Europe DACHL Conference 2024

We are delighted to announce the call for abstracts for the upcoming "Methods in Risk Research" Conference, to be held on **October 7 and 8, 2024**, organized by the **Research Institute for Sustainability - Helmholtz Centre Potsdam** in partnership with the German Speaking (DACHL) Chapter of the **Society for Risk Analysis Europe**.

The Society for Risk Analysis - Europe (SRA-E) collaborates with its global counterpart, the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA), to advance risk analysis disciplines including assessment, management, governance, and communication, particularly emphasizing the European context. SRA-E serves as a nexus for academics, practitioners, policymakers, and various stakeholders to explore interdisciplinary research, discuss risk mitigation strategies, and improve public and scientific understanding of risks. Their regular meetings and conferences provide vital forums for discussing emerging issues and future research in risk analysis.

Established in 2018 during the 27th SRA-Europe conference in Östersund, the **SRA-E DACHL Chapte**r aims to enhance risk research and understanding of risk analysis techniques in German-speaking regions, including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and South Tyrol. Its objectives are to address regional risk issues, facilitate communication among risk professionals worldwide, and support educational activities and development opportunities for young researchers. The chapter serves as a hub to advance risk analysis and management practices, promote interdisciplinary integration, and foster professional exchanges among industry, government, and academic entities.

This conference aims to serve as a forum for the dissemination of innovative and impactful research in the field of risk analysis, focusing on areas such as risk perception, communication, management, or governance and the pressing challenges posed by climate change and sustainable transformation. We invite researchers and practitioners to contribute their insights and findings. To further enrich our discussions, we are honored to announce **Prof. Dr. Beate Escher** (October 7th) and **Prof. Dr. Ilona Otto** (October 8th) as our keynote speakers. Professor Escher, a leader in environmental toxicology and risk assessment, will present a keynote titled **"Modernizing Chemical Risk Assessment."** Professor Otto, an expert in societal impacts of climate change, will share their insights about **"Tilting on tipping points: From cascading climate change impacts to rapid transformation pathways".**

Beate Escher is the Head of the Department of Cell Toxicology at the Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research in Germany and a professor in Environmental

Toxicology at Eberhard Karls University Tübingen, with additional professorships at the University of Queensland and an adjunct position at Griffith University, Australia. She lectures at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Switzerland, where she also received her PhD and completed her habilitation. Her research focuses on integrating environmental risk assessment for various pollutants with toxicokinetic and toxicodynamic modeling. She develops methods for water quality testing and toxicity assessments. Prof. Escher was a member of the German Council of Science and Humanities from 2018 to 2024, and currently is a member of the board of reviewing editors at SCIENCE.

Ilona M. Otto holds a professorship at the University of Graz's Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change, leading research on Social Complexity and System Transformation. Her group uses advanced methods to explore social interventions needed for significant ecological changes over the next 30 years. Otto has extensive experience from her decade at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and utilizes diverse methodologies like surveys and simulations in her work on global environmental changes and sustainability. She has led several projects, including the EU Horizon 2020 CASCADES and EIT Climate KIC's REBOOST, and has authored important World Bank reports on climate and poverty. Additionally, Otto is an active educator and public speaker on climate issues.

Please submit your abstract no later than July 15th using this link:

https://eveeno.com/sra-eriskmethods2024callforabstracts

Key Topics of the conference include but are not limited to:

- Risk Assessment and Analysis
- Risk Communication Strategies
- Risk Management in Diverse Sectors
- Climate Change Risks and Responses
- Sustainable Transformation and Innovation
- Policy and Decision Making in Risk Management

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be no more than 250 words, written in English.
- Please include the title of your abstract as well as author names and affiliations,
- Indicate your preference for an oral or poster presentation.

Dates:

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **July 15, 2024**
- Notification of Acceptance: **August 1, 2024**
- Conference: **October 7-8, 2024**

Location: Research Institute for Sustainability - Helmholtz Centre Potsdam

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We are also pleased to announce that w**e will cover travel and accommodation expenses** for our selected keynote speakers and **for two early-career researchers presenting outstanding submissions**. You are electable as a student as well as a doctoral and postdoctoral researcher. If you wish to be considered for a travel grant to attend the conference, please write an email to Paul Einhäupl (paul.einhaeupl@rifs-potsdam.de)

The conference will be held in English.

We look forward to your contributions and to fostering rich discussions and collaborations at the conference. For any inquiries regarding the submission process or the conference in general, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Einhäupl at paul.einhaeupl@rifs-potsdam.de.

With kind regards,

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