



### Invitation LIRS symposium, third edition

The Faculty of Management of the Open University of the Netherlands is delighted to announce that the 3rd edition of the Learning and Innovation for Resilience and Sustainability (LIRS) symposium will be held between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2024 in Heerlen, the Netherlands.

The LIRS symposium integrates diverse perspectives from multiple management perspectives aimed at addressing some of the modern global challenges.

We invite scientists and practitioners from all disciplines to join us in a lively transdisciplinary debate on how and to what extent innovations and learning processes contribute to the transition towards (more) resilient and sustainable systems on multiple levels, be it individuals, organizations, cities, or society at large.

We offer a diverse set of activities during the three conference days as follows:

#### **Wednesday November 6<sup>th</sup> (Venue Pretoria Building, Open Universiteit, Heerlen, The Netherlands))**

The Finance Research Day will be organized on Wednesday. The aim of this event is to allow PhD researchers to present their work and receive feedback from senior faculty. As such, we aim to bring together scholars from universities in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany and provide them with excellent opportunities to share their research passion and ideas, and connect to other researchers.

**The Finance Research Day is free of charge for all participants.** For more information please contact Dennis Bams – [dennis.bams@ou.nl](mailto:dennis.bams@ou.nl) and Kristof Struyfs – [kristof.struyfs@ou.nl](mailto:kristof.struyfs@ou.nl)

On Wednesday we will organize several formative PhD workshops with the aim of helping PhD candidates in their progress. These parallel workshops will cover issues such as academic publishing, PhD planning, research ethics and open science as well as broad prosperity and sustainable development goals in research. Finally, we will host a session in which PhD students can pitch their research and receive feedback from their peers. **Participation in these workshops is also free of charge.**

#### **Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup> (Venue Pretoria Building, Open Universiteit, Heerlen, The Netherlands)**

Thursday is the main conference day in which we will plan three keynote addresses and participants can present their research in parallel sessions. We welcome empirical, conceptual, and methodological abstracts that contribute to our understanding of innovations and learning for resilience from various angles. We will organize both competitive and regular sessions. During **competitive sessions**, presenters are allocated 20 minutes plus discussion time. All presenters are expected to act as discussant of at least one full paper submitted to the conference. **Regular sessions** will feature shorter presentations of early-stage research projects and only a short Q&A afterwards. We have three confirmed keynote speakers that will discuss issues related to collaboration as a key process in academic research advancement and an effective way of dealing with some of the most important societal challenges of our time.

**Katrien Verleye** (Ghent University - <https://www.ugent.be/eb/mio/csi/en/team/verleye>; [CSI-UGent – the Center for Service Intelligence at Ghent University](#)) with the keynote address “*Service Innovation for a Circular Future: A Matter of Collaboration?*”

**Albert J. Menkveld** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam [albertjmenkveld.com](http://albertjmenkveld.com)) with the keynote address “*Non-standard errors*”

**Sandra Schruijer** (Utrecht University - <https://www.uu.nl/staff/SGLSchruijer>) with the keynote address “*No boundaries, no collaboration: Paradoxes in working together*”

**Participation fee for the conference activities organized on Thursday (including dinner) is 150EUR (regular fee) and 50EUR (for PhD students).** To enable this event to be accessible to a wide audience, a waiver of the registration fee can be requested by emailing a motivation letter to [lirs@ou.nl](mailto:lirs@ou.nl).

Interested participants are encouraged to submit either **full papers** (for competitive sessions with a discussant) OR a **250-word abstracts** (for oral presentations) by 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 to [LIRS@ou.nl](mailto:LIRS@ou.nl).

Authors will be notified by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

### **Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> (Brightlands Smart Service Campus, Heerlen, The Netherlands)**

On Friday, the conference activities will be devoted to **Seeking Sustainable Solutions**. During this day we will explore how sustainable transitions can be enabled through business-society interfaces from a multidisciplinary perspective. Situated in the Brightlands Smart Service Campus (Heerlen, Netherlands), we will discuss the development of regional collaborative solutions to sustainability challenges. We will also reflect on the role of education and learning communities in these processes. With the support of funding from the Dutch Research Council (<https://www.nwo.nl/en/projects/05519201>) and the OU, this event is open to all. Participation to these activities is free of charge.

### **Venue addresses**

**Open Universiteit (Valkenburgerweg 177, 6419 AT Heerlen)** - the campus is accessible by car and public transport. If you come by car, you can make use of the OU's personnel parking lot. To this end, park your car near the entrance before the barriers. You should enter the building right in front (Pretoria) and ask for a visitors pass. The reception will give you a visitors card where you can access the parking lot with.

**Brightlands Smart Services Campus (Smedestraat 2, 6411 CR Heerlen)** - the campus is accessible by car and public transport. If you come by car, you can park in paid parking spaces around the venue.