

Call for Papers: Leibniz Environment and Development Symposium (LEADS) 2020

Berlin, Leibniz Association, March 9-10, 2020

Global societal challenges such as climate change, the loss of biodiversity and nature's contributions to people, food security for all, decreasing social inequalities and preventing and overcoming violent conflicts require strong interdisciplinary and international research collaboration. Research at the interface of environment and development is often hampered by traditional academic boundaries. New ideas and fresh research approaches are needed to meet such challenges. Young researchers in particular play a key role in doing so.

To address these important research challenges and help overcome these structural barriers within academia, the five German research institutes ATB, GIGA, IGZ, ZALF and ZMT have initiated the Leibniz Environment and Development Symposium (LEADS). The aim of LEADS is to foster exchange on interdisciplinary and international research and stimulate collaboration on global societal challenges among early career researchers and senior scholars. As such LEADS also contributes to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations.

We hereby invite you to join the next LEADS event **in Berlin on March 9-10, 2020**. We invite submissions of original and unpublished research papers that address at least one of the above mentioned societal challenges. We prefer empirical papers addressing questions at the intersection of socio-economics, ecological and technical studies - and we prefer receiving complete drafts of papers.

There will be ample opportunities for academic discussion and network building. Participants are encouraged to explore new research collaborations.

Please send your submission (in English) and a short CV (maximum two pages) in PDF format by email to manuel.asbach@zalf.de by **31 January 2020**. Decisions will be communicated in the beginning of February 2020. There will be discussants, therefore the final papers (completed or draft version) are due by March 1st, 2020. The conference language will be English.

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