



CALL FOR PAPERS SYMPOSIUM ON MOUNTAIN AS CONTEXTS FOR GLOBAL CHANGE

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CIRM, MRI, FoLAP and Labex ITEM are organizing a symposium on scalability, transferability and transformative potential of global change research in mountains. Contributions from all fields of study are welcome.

SCALABILITY, TRANSFERABILITY AND TRANSFORMATIVE POTENTIAL OF GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH IN MOUNTAINS

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Symposium description

The complexity of mountain social-ecological systems challenges our ability to produce generalizable knowledge. Such knowledge is crucial to identify and structure commonalities and differences across cases in terms of sustainability issues, and the conditions under which appropriate solutions to address these problems work in context. How to transfer designs, concepts, methods and findings across single-case evidence and general regional/global patterns is thus a timely research question, especially in the context of inter- and transdisciplinarity. Besides the mentioned complexity of mountains, is the heterogeneity of scientific and non-scientific perspectives regarding what counts as evidence and what are the privileged transformation levers. This symposium thus welcomes contributions from all fields of mountain research that can help us gain a deeper understanding on scalability, transferability and transformative potential of global change research findings.

Cross-scale dynamics are influenced by time contingencies. The current COVID-19 pandemic has impacted mountain regions in different ways. This in turn may be having an effect on our ability to conduct fieldwork, co-produce knowledge with stakeholders, and ground findings in concrete social-ecological contexts. Thus, in this symposium we also welcome contributions that present and reflect on research experiences under COVID-19 restrictions, in relation to the above-mentioned challenges.

Submissions

Please submit your contribution by 31 August 2021
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