



***Integration across the SDGs and the role of Research***  
***A symposium for early career researchers and practitioners***

## **Agenda**

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**Dates:** Wednesday, 17 October 2018, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, followed by reception, 5:00–7:00 pm  
Thursday, 18 October 2018, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Venue:** Monash Conference Centre, Level 7, 30 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000

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### **About the symposium**

The aim of this symposium is to help ECRs working in areas related to SDG integration to advance their research, their careers, and research in this area more generally.

Over two days ECRs and practitioners will:

- Connect, network and share their work with other ECRs, practitioners and experts working in this area
- Brainstorm new ideas and methods for addressing SDG integration
- Identify impact pathways for their research
- Reflect on how research in this area could be supported and expanded

## Day 1: Wednesday 17 October

08:30–09:00	Registration
09:00–10:00	<b>Welcome and opening address</b> Welcome from the organisers Opening address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Jeffrey Sachs (Columbia University and SDSN) – <i>The importance of addressing interlinkages and key SDSN projects</i></li> </ul> Overview of symposium and objectives, and introductions
10:00–10:30	Morning tea
10:30–12:00	<b>What is SDG integration and why is it important?</b> Invited speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Mark Stafford Smith (Future Earth Australia) – <i>SDG integration and interactions</i></li> <li>• Prof Brett Bryan (Deakin University) – <i>Finding pathways to national-scale land-sector sustainability</i></li> </ul> Table discussions and report back
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–14:45	<b>Exploring diverse approaches to researching SDG integration</b> <i>This session will explore the range of different research approaches being used to understand and address SDG integration/interlinkages and the opportunities for making them more mainstream</i> Invited speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Lauren Rickards (RMIT University) – <i>Does Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) provide a vehicle for addressing the SDGs?</i></li> </ul> ECR presentations with examples of different research approaches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cameron Allen (UNSW)</li> <li>• Michaela Prescott (Monash University)</li> <li>• Amanda Taylor (Australian Council for Educational Research)</li> <li>• Dr Arunima Malik (University of Sydney)</li> <li>• Table discussions then discussion with speakers as panel</li> </ul>
14:45–15:15	Afternoon tea

15:15–16:30	<p><b>Research “Ideas café”</b></p> <p><i>Participant proposed and led discussion groups on topics related to SDG integration research or how such research can be advanced. Topics will be sought before the session.</i></p> <p><i>Topics could be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>An idea you would like help to develop</i></li> <li>○ <i>A research problem you would like advice on how to solve</i></li> <li>○ <i>An idea you are looking for others to collaborate with</i></li> <li>○ <i>A mini-workshop on a topic you would like to share with others</i></li> <li>○ <i>An research or EC-related issue you would like to discuss</i></li> </ul> <p>Intro &amp; pitches</p> <p>Discussion Round 1</p> <p>Discussion Round 2</p> <p>Report back</p>
16:30–16:55	<p><b>Putting SDG integration into practice: Day 2 preview</b></p> <p>Invited speaker:</p> <p>Prof Dave Griggs (Monash University) – <i>Mapping SDG interactions for stronger national policy development</i> [via videoconference]</p>
16:55–17:00	<b>Day 1 Wrap Up</b>
17:00–19:00	<b>Symposium reception</b>

## Day 2: Thursday 18 October

9:00–10:20	<p><b>Putting SDG integration into practice: A cross-sectoral organisational perspective</b></p> <p><i>This session will look at how organisations in different sectors currently address integration and how this practice can be expanded.</i></p> <p>Moderated panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof John Thwaites (Chair, Monash University and SDSN AusNZPac)</li> <li>• Dr Caroline Lambert (Director of Research, Policy &amp; Advocacy, International Women's Development Agency)</li> <li>• Nikki Jordan (Acting Team Leader, Sustainability Integration, City of Melbourne)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion with audience</p>
10:20–10:50	<b>Morning tea</b>

10:50–12:10	<p><b>Putting SDG integration into practice: Tools, processes, skills and approaches</b></p> <p><i>This session will further explore the diversity of ways that we can support organisations and policy makers to put SDG integration/interlinkages into practice, and how we can help make them more mainstream.</i></p> <p>Invited speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Reynolds (ClimateWorks Australia) – <i>The Strategic Mitigation, Adaptation and Resilience Tool (SMART) for low emissions development planning</i></li> </ul> <p>ECR flash presentations with diverse examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitzi Bolton (ANU)</li> <li>• Clare Brolan (UQ)</li> <li>• Vanessa James (Victoria University of Wellington)</li> <li>• Ray Maher (UQ)</li> <li>• Kangmin Moon (Office of the Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Victoria)</li> <li>• Renzo Mori Jr. (RMIT University)</li> <li>• Paul Satur (Monash University)</li> <li>• Aero Leplastrier (Geoscience Australia)</li> <li>• Ryan Wong (ANU)</li> <li>• Yan Zhang (ANU)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion</p>
12:10–1:10	<b>Lunch</b>
1:10–2:25	<p><b>Practice “Ideas Café”</b></p> <p><i>Participant proposed and led discussion groups on topics relating to how research can help put SDG integration into practice.</i></p> <p><i>Topics could be:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>An idea, tool, process, approach etc. you would like help to develop</i></li> <li>• <i>A problem you would like advice on how to solve</i></li> <li>• <i>An idea you are looking for others to collaborate with</i></li> <li>• <i>A mini workshop on a topic you would like to share with others</i></li> </ul> <p>Intro and pitches</p> <p>Discussion Round 1</p> <p>Discussion Round 2</p> <p>Report back</p>
2:25–3:00	<b>Wrap up and review</b>
3:00	<b>Close</b>