CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

EnJust Conference 2027
29 Sep. – 1 Oct. 2027
Kiel, Germany

Environmental Justice and the Public: Bringing EnJust into Policy, Art, Education, and Civil Society

EnJust is an international network dedicated to environmental justice and to the democratic participation of those affected by environmental destruction and degradation. We connect scientific research with policy, planning, and civic engagement. Our conferences bring together scholars, activists, and planners from around the world to discuss current research and the concrete practice of environmental justice.

This year's conference asks how environmental justice is communicated, contested, and practiced in and beyond academia — and how academic research can reach, involve, and be shaped by the wider public.

We particularly welcome contributions addressing the following interconnected fields, while also encouraging work that cuts across or extends beyond them:

- **Education:** How is environmental justice taught to pupils, students, and other persons from different disciplines and backgrounds? How can learning extend beyond the classroom? What pedagogies are particularly suitable for teaching environmental justice? How could environmental justice literacy be conceptualized and applied? How can educational institutions themselves become sites of environmental justice practice?

- **Art and artistic research:** What can artistic research and creative practice contribute to understanding and raising awareness of environmental justice? Can creative methods enable different forms of participation and knowledge production? What are limits to or challenges with artistic research approaches?

- **Policy and planning:** How does environmental justice research inform political decisions and develop into planning tools, procedures, indicators, or institutional routines? What can we learn from cases in which environmental justice approaches have been institutionalized — successfully or unsuccessfully? What happens when different dimensions of justice — distribution, regulation, participation, capabilities, repair — come into conflict?

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- **Civil society and activism:** How can researchers engage with communities, movements, NGOs and the wider public? To what extent is scholar-activism legitimate? What role should the idea of scientific neutrality play in these engagements? Where are the potentials and the limits of scholar-activism? What forms of expertise emerge within environmental justice movements? Which publics are reached by environmental justice initiatives — and which remain excluded?

- **Transdisciplinary research and processes:** How can environmental justice approaches inspire transdisciplinary processes and community involvement? How do you engage in and initiate transdisciplinary processes connected to questions of environmental justice? How can different forms of knowledge and expertise be brought into dialogue, and what happens when they conflict? What power relations and inequalities shape transdisciplinary processes, and how can these be addressed?

Formats

We welcome conventional paper presentations and particularly encourage interactive and experimental formats that actively engage the public. This may include art exhibitions, performances, open workshops, themed walks, or other creative approaches.

The conference is free of charge. We can offer travel support for a number of attendees travelling to Kiel who may be facing financial difficulties, subject to available funding. Please indicate in your abstract submission email if you require travel support.

Abstract Submission

We warmly invite you to submit an abstract and a short bio for consideration to participate in EnJust Conference 2027. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and should clearly outline the focus and key arguments of your proposed contribution. For non-traditional formats, please also describe the space, duration, and technical requirements.

Please submit your abstract as a PDF to:
enjust@geographie.uni-kiel.de
with the subject line:
"Abstract Submission - Enjust Conference 2027"

Submission deadline:
Sunday, 31 Jan. 2027

The Enjust 2027 conference is organized by the Enjust network, the Department of Geography at Kiel University.

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