

IMAGINING SUSTAINABLE FUTURES



The broad purpose of this special initiative is to build new research pathways between the natural sciences, the social sciences, engineering, and the humanities, placing cutting edge research in the natural and social sciences and engineering in conversation with critical and creative humanities scholarship. The immediate goal will be to share different perspectives and concerns, consider the knowledge produced in and through different theoretical and methodological frameworks, and discuss potentials for building transdisciplinary research teams centered on the general object of imagining a sustainable future. Our researchers focus on several overlapping areas:

- Systemic sociocultural and political forces
- Building a culture for biodiversity
- Environmental fictions, aesthetics, representations
- Degrowth: reconciling growth and economics
- Critical sustainability studies
- Climate change movements and culture/policy change
- Educational initiatives

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Drawing on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Purdue's Institute for a Sustainable Future fosters and promotes research, partnerships, and engagement that advances understanding of persistent global sustainability challenges. The Institute supports the research and development needed to provide viable solutions to grand challenges in these areas by connecting faculty and researchers with one another and by forging linkages between disciplines and communities within Purdue and beyond.

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