



Researching and Shaping Climate Futures

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Today's Schedule

- **Mathematical perspectives on climate futures (Jörn Behrens) 45 min**
- **Introduction to poster design and starting organisation of poster session task (K. Linscott) 20 min**
- **Introduction to roles and role-playing (M. Brüggemann) 20 min**
- **Homework #4**



Mathematical perspectives on climate futures

Jörn Behrens

Poster: Updated Timeline

Task	until
Class: Introduction to poster tasks and grading (Lars)	23.04.26
Homework: Post first ideas for a poster on the blog (100-200 words)	30.04.26
Class: Input on poster design (Kat); Starting organisation of self-organized poster session (Kat)	30.04.26
Homework: Post proposal for poster topic including references on the blog (200-400 words)	21.05.26
Class: Poster session organization (Kat)	21.05.26
Homework: Comment on one poster idea: 50-100 words	04.06.26
Q&A poster task	04.06.26
Homework: prepare first version of poster (digital and A4 printout)	11.06.26
Class: Poster drafts feedback - speed dating	11.06.26
Time for students to prepare poster session	18.06.26
Poster clinic; Time for students to prepare poster session	25.06.26
Poster Session events I and II	02.07.26, 09.07.26
CLICCS Retreat: Presentation of awarded posters	30.09.-02.10.26



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Introduction to poster design

Kat Linscott

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Introduction to Poster Session Task

Kat Linscott

How to Organize a Poster Session

- Organize the room so that participants can stand in groups.
- Prepare tables for additional material.
- Different layouts possible.



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Poster Stand Information

- All poster stands come with wheels attached.
- Numbers in the table below indicate the maximum amount of pods or distance that could be covered in each configuration.

Arrangement	# Seating Positions	#Pods or Linear Distance
Individual Pod Standing	100	51 stands or 210 linear feet
Individual "Y" Stands	100	17 pods
Diamond or Square	52	12.5 pods
Triangle	51	17

<https://curartsandhumanities.org/resources/postersession>

Slide 7

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This slide was previously by Jörn... do I still present this?

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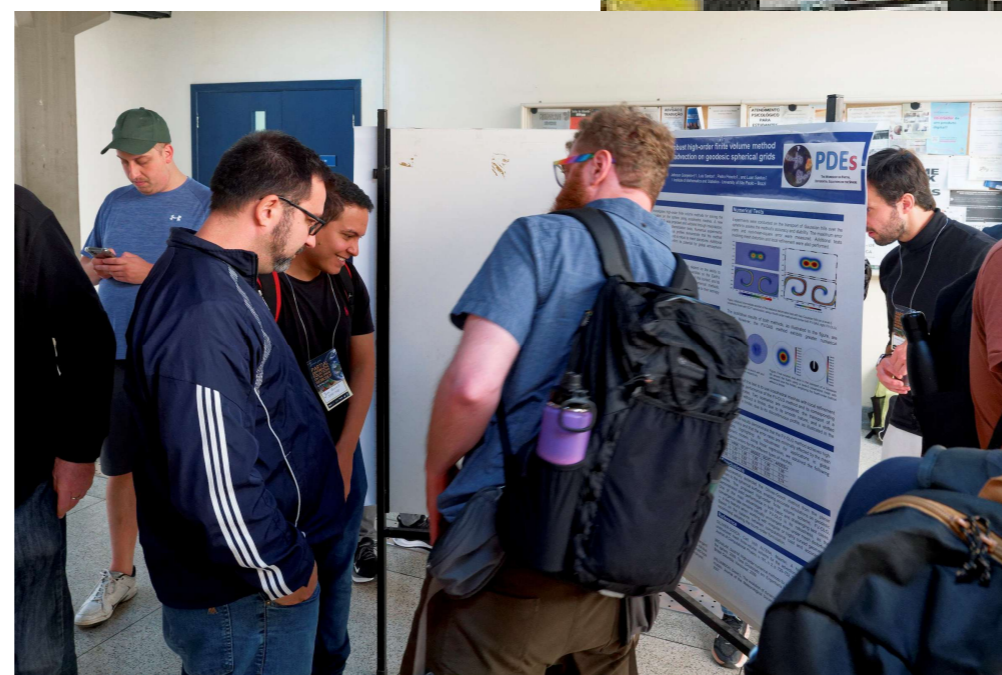
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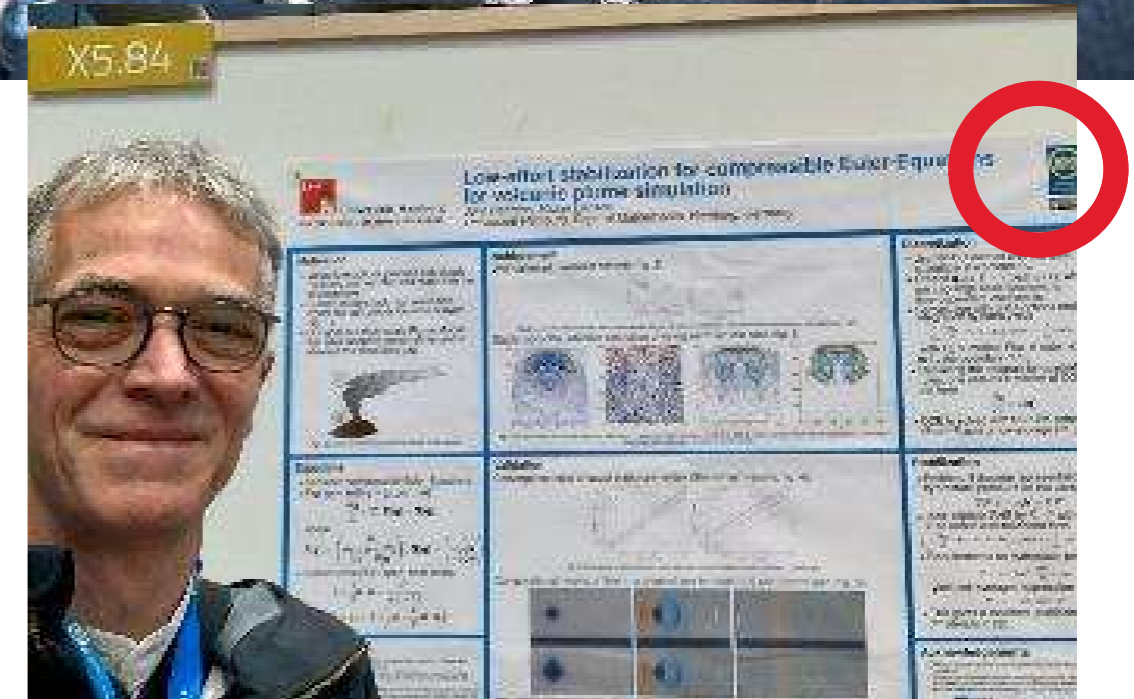
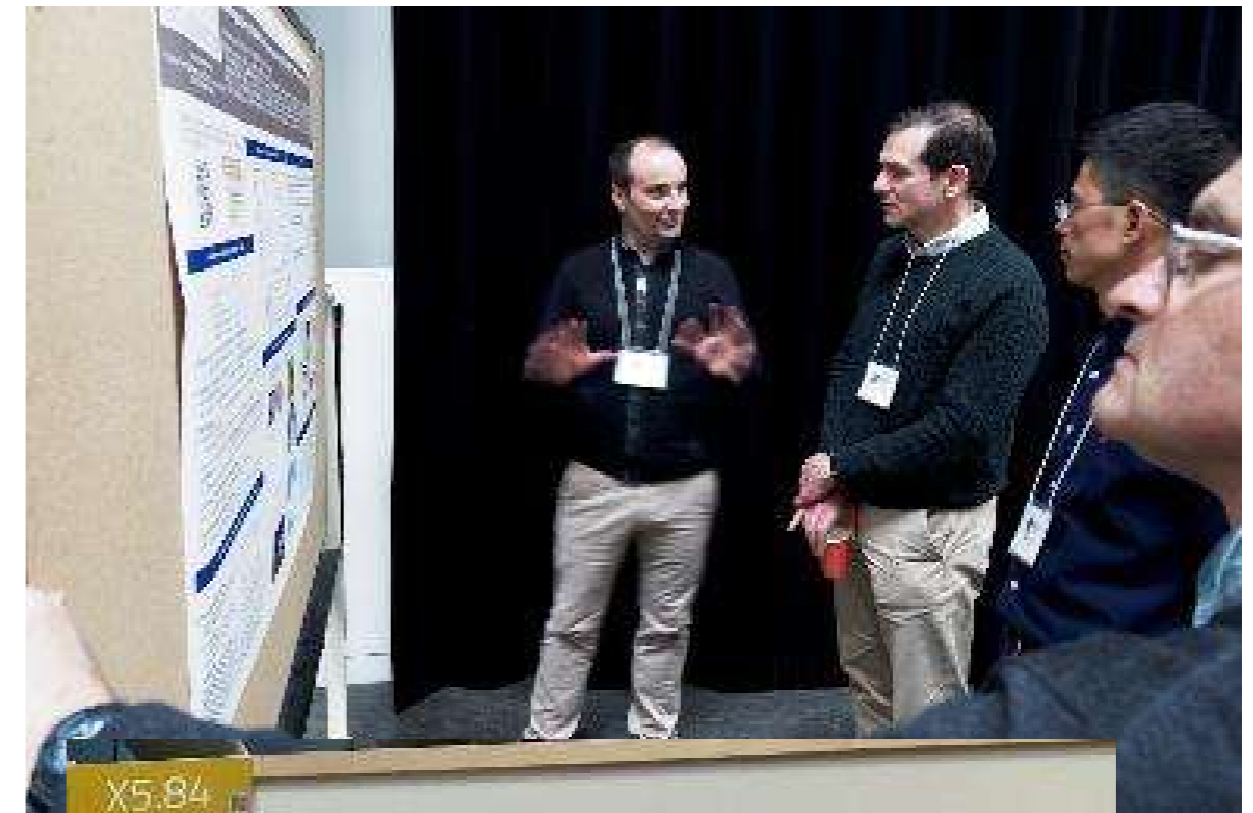
How to Organize a Poster Session

- Cluster posters with similar content -- participants with similar interests will be close to each other.



Poster Session Etiquette

- What happens in the poster session, stays in the poster session.
- If you want to share your contents, indicate it.
- As an organizer, provide badges and explain their meaning.



Support Communication

- Most important: Create a safe and enjoyable atmosphere – this is where creativity unfolds!
- *Optional: poster award, adds a bit of competition and spice.*
- *Optional: serve drinks and food for a casual atmosphere.*





What do we need to consider for the organization of our poster session events on June 26th and July 3rd?

Which tasks do we have to assign?



Task Groups for Preparation of Poster Session Event

Task Group	Participants
1: Scientific Committee: Screening and clustering of abstracts, thinking about moderation time, and milestone planning	Chair: Committee: Alyx, Marlene, Ibolya, Rami
2: Technical Team: Booking of rooms, organizing poster walls	Chair: Committee: Divanshu, Lucy, Mareike, Prashamsa(?)
3: Advertising Team: Invitation emails, poster and/or flyer, social media?	Chair: Committee: Asli, Alicja, Tara
4: On-site Logistics Team: Prepare room, poster walls, tables registration desk, tables, ordering of food/drinks?	Chair: Committee: Carmen, Toni, Eva, Alina, Sarah
Other?	*Contact persons in bold

Next Action Items: Organisation of Poster Session Event

All groups: Please meet and start working in your task groups to advance the organization of our public poster session events on June 26th and July 3rd, 2025.

Group 1: Most importantly, prepare a time and milestone plan covering the period until the poster session events on June 26th and July 3rd, 2025.

Group 2: Discuss about suitable rooms. Find out how to book rooms.

Group 3: Discuss who should be invited. How to announce the event?

Group 4: Discuss if you would like to serve food/drinks. We would provide a moderate budget for this.

Contacts of Poster Session Task Groups from SuSe25:

1: Scientific Committee	Chair: Garmani
2: Technical Team:	Chair: Mats
3: Advertising Team	Chair: Jan
4: On-site Logistics Team	Chair: Valentina

Example Schedule

Uncertain Climate Futures Poster Event Timeline

	Activities/Tasks	Deadline		Stakeholder(s)
		Date	Time	
Parallel Work	Submitting Final Poster Abstracts	17.06.2024	EOD	Individual Students > Scientific Committee POC (via email)
	Abstract Clustering	21.06.2024	EOD	Scientific Committee
	Booking Event Venue	21.06.2024	EOD	Technical Team
	Finalizing Event Structure and Protocol	21.06.2024	EOD	Chair & Technical Team
	Communicating Final Event Plan to Advertising and On-Site Logistics Team	21.06.2024	EOD	Chair & Technical Team
	Initial Event Advertisement	26.06.2024	EOD	Advertising Team (via email, social media & poster/flyer)
	Confirming Food and/or Drinks Order	28.06.2024	EOD	On-Site Logistics Team
	Submitting Final Posters	30.06.2024	EOD	Individual Students > Technical Team POC (via email)
	Event Reminder	01.07.2024	EOD	Advertising Team (via email & social media)
	Poster Printing	01.07.2024	TBC (after communicating with CEN IT)	Professors (later Technical Team & On-Site Logistics Team)
	Setting Up Event Venue	04.07.2024	08.00–10.00	On-Site Logistics Team
	Poster Presentation Event	04.07.2024	10.15–11.45	On-Site Logistics Team, Chair, Scientific Committee

* Point-of-Contact (POC), End of Day (EOD), To be Confirmed (TBC)



Homework # 4

Michael Brüggemann

Homework # 4

- Organize poster session.
- Role play information TBD.

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Updated preliminary session plan

09.04.	Introduction to the course (L. Kutzbach); Introduction to the course blog (J. Behrens); Introduction to <i>Climate Futures</i> (L. Kutzbach)
16.04.	Mapping natural and societal dynamics constituting climate futures (A. Oberg);
23.04.	Introduction to poster task and grading criteria; poster session task (L. Kutzbach); Input on <i>Epistemic Pluralism in Climate Science</i> (K. Linscott et al.); Input on <i>Transformative Science</i> (M. Brüggemann)
30.04.	<i>Mathematical perspectives on climate futures</i> (J. Behrens); Introduction to poster design and starting organisation of poster session task (K. Linscott)
07.05.	<i>Can we predict climate?</i> (Johanna Baehr); 1 st role-play on <i>epistemic plurality and transformative science in CLICSS</i> (students)
21.05.	<i>The changing Arctic in a warmer world - combining observations, experiments and modelling</i> (L. Kutzbach); Poster session organization (K. Linscott)
28.05.	<i>Communicating climate futures</i> (Michael Brüggemann); 2 nd role-play (students)
04.06.	<i>Narrative-based near-term prediction of climate futures</i> (Leo Borchert); Q&A poster task
11.06.	Poster drafts feedback - speed dating
18.06.	Organisation of poster session
25.06.	Poster clinic; preparation of poster session
02.07.	Poster Session event I
09.07.	Poster Session event II
16.07.	Feedback and Conclusions (students and lecturers)