

Researching and Shaping Climate Futures

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Today's Schedule

- **Peer Poster Clinic** *60 min*
- **Poster Session Preparation** *30 min*
- **Homework #11**



Peer Poster Clinic

Reminder: Poster Design Guidance

Tell a clear and compelling story

- Don't data dump. Find a story and guide your readers smoothly from start to end.
- Flow > details: Sketch structure and experiment before jumping into design.
- Know your audience: keep it easy to scan and audience-appropriate

Effective and accessible design

- Requirements: A0 size, with proper citations & logos (UHH, CLICCS)
- Layout & design: choose between column or Z-pattern structure or find your own style.
- Text:
 - Keep fonts simple and consistent (1-2 max)
 - Minimum of 32 pt for body text, 48 pt+ for headings.
 - Use sans-serif, and avoid excessive italics, underlines, or bold.
- Colour:
 - Balance palette (60-30-10 color rule)
 - Contrast check (4.5:1 minimum between text colour and background colour)
 - Colour-blind friendly

Peer Poster Clinic

- Goals: give feedback on content & design
- Structure:
 - Each student presents his poster proposal to peers (max. 3 min).
 - Peers give feedback considering the criteria for a good poster proposal given before (about 5 min)
 - Each presenter makes notes on peers' feedback.



Groups – Pt. 1

Group 1

Mareike

Lucy

Rami

Tara

Group 2

Divanshu

Toni

Eva

Asli

Group 3

Alyxander

Sarah

Ibolya

Marlene

Group 4

Alicja

Alina

Prashamsa

Carmen



Groups – Pt 2

Group 1

Mareike
Sarah
Marlene
Carmen

Group 2

Divanshu
Rami
Ibolya
Alina

Group 3

Alyxander
Toni
Tara
Prashamsa

Group 4

Alicja
Lucy
Eva
Asli



Poster Session Preparation

Progress Update

Subteam updates – current progress & next steps?

Climate Governance & Justice	Mareike, Lucy, & Tara	Power, participation, and decision-making in climate action
Community Resilience & Climate Adaptation	Eva, Ibolya, Prashamsa, & Carmen	Strategies for adapting to climate impacts and strengthening local resilience
Biodiversity & Ecosystem Restoration	Divanshu, Toni, & Sarah	Conservation, restoration, and protecting ecosystems under climate change
Energy & Environmental Trade-offs	Alyx, Alina, & Rami	Opportunities and challenges of energy needs to climate change
Climate Communication & Social Transformation	Alicja, Asli, & Marlene	Changing behaviours, values, and institutions through communication and engagement

Discussion:

- Onsite team will require assistance in setup on July 9th
 - Will bring coffeemaker + kettle, & food will be made by students
- Popularity vote will be ranked-choice
- Schedule: 12 minutes per student (+3 min transition time), two separate lunch breaks for am & pm presenters



Work Period: Organisation of Poster Session Event

- Next steps? Coordination with the other subteams?
- Questions? Setbacks?

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

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JULY						
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Homework #11a: Finalize the poster session organization. Reminder of schedule on the right.

Homework #11b: Further develop your poster design & plan/practice your presentation.

Poster session organization schedule

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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: Comment on the blog on one poster idea (50-100 words)	14.05.26
Homework: Post proposal for your poster topic including references (300-400 words)	21.05.26
Class: Peer-peer feedback session; Poster session organization (Lars and Kat)	21.05.26
Q&A poster task	28.05.26
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 practice session and event	02.07.26, 09.07.26
CLICCS Retreat: Presentation of awarded posters	30.09.-02.10.26

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.	Peer-peer feedback session; Poster session organization (K. Linscott and L. Kutzbach)
28.05.	<i>Communicating climate futures</i> (Michael Brüggemann); Q&A poster task
04.06.	<i>Narrative-based near-term prediction of climate futures</i> (Leo Borchert); discussion on desired futures
11.06.	Poster drafts feedback - speed dating
18.06.	Organisation of poster session; 2 nd role-play (students)
25.06.	Poster clinic; preparation of poster session
02.07.	Poster presentation practice session
09.07.	Poster Session event (10:00-15:00)
16.07.	Feedback and Conclusions (students and lecturers)