

# Climate Seminar 2023

Circle U. is one of 44 alliances selected by the European Commission in the framework of the European Universities initiative. With Aarhus Universitet, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, King's College London, Università di Pisa, Universität Wien, Université catholique de Louvain, Université Paris Cité, Universitetet i Oslo and Univerzitet u Beogradu, our alliance aims at establishing an inclusive, research-intensive and interdisciplinary European university where students, staff and partners from civil society, businesses and the public sector can collaborate and jointly develop competencies and solutions for keeping Europe and our planet healthy, peaceful, democratic and prosperous.

Circle U.'s Climate Hub invites academics of all career stages from across the alliance to attend a thematic seminar on "*Climate Change and Water*". Join the seminar in Berlin (with an option for hybrid participation for those unable to travel) on 6-7 June 2023 to share related research and connect with colleagues for potential collaboration.

Interdisciplinarity is very much at the heart of the Circle U. ethos, and the seminar is intended to identify intersections between the disciplines of the natural and materials sciences, the social sciences and the humanities, in order to develop a more holistic understanding of the multifaceted theme of climate and water. The final objective is to set a shared research agenda within Circle U.

We also invite submissions for our two-day seminar. Your short oral or poster presentation may address topics ranging from hydrology, desalination, flooding and extreme weather events, to rising sea levels, ocean governance and the blue economy, desertification, water pollutants, hydropower, or any other aspect of the overarching theme. Contributions speaking to climate adaptation and mitigation are especially encouraged.

**Please register** on our website until **14 April**. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 April 2023. All selected contributors affiliated with a Circle U. member university may contact their Circle U. coordinator regarding travel and accommodation reimbursement.



# "CLIMATE CHANGE & WATER"

## Day 1: Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June

Time	Title	Speaker
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Opening Statement &amp; Welcome</b>	Prof. Christoph Schneider, Vice Rector for Research at HU
09:15 – 09:25	<b>Climate Change &amp; Water in Circle U.</b> Marnik Vanclooster will give a short overview on the mapping of existing research and citations related to climate change and water.	Prof. Marnik Vanclooster (UCLouvain)
09:25 – 09:50	<b>Keynote: The Changing Arctic Critical Zone</b> This keynote will focus on the main ongoing challenges. The role of changing water pathways will be specifically discussed given the main implications for the functioning of the ecosystem).	Prof. S. Opfergelt (UCLouvain)
09:50 – 10:15	<b>Keynote 2</b> Humanities/ Social Sciences	tbc
10:15 – 10:45	BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS	
10:45 – 11:00	Presentation 1 (including Q&A)	
11:05 – 11:20	Presentation 2 (including Q&A)	
11:25 – 11:40	Presentation 3 (including Q&A)	
11:45 – 12:00	Presentation 4 (including Q&A)	
12:00 – 13:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30 – 14:45	PhD Pitch Sessions	
14:45 – 15:30	NETWORKING BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS	
15:30 – 15:45	Presentation 5 (including Q&A)	
15:45 – 16:00	Presentation 6 (including Q&A)	
16:05 – 16:20	Presentation 7 (including Q&A)	
16:30 – 17:00	Plenary discussion and conclusions for day 1	

## Day 2: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023

09:00 – 09:15	Presentation 8
09:15 – 09:30	Presentation 9
09:30 – 09:45	Presentation 10
09:45 – 10:30	Plenary discussion
10:30 – 11:15	COFFEE BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS



11:15 – 13:00 **Plenary discussion of joint research agenda** and teaching offers in Circle U. (statement/agenda to be prepared prior to the thematic seminar)

12:30 - 13:00 **Wrap-up**

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 17:00 Excursion

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