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Just Sustainability Transitions Course

22 May 2025 – 25 September 2025



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Energy, food, IT, finance – just about every global sector is expected to transform dramatically in the coming decades. In this course, you create your own transition perspective with special attention to justice.

Do you believe, like us, that sustainability and social justice are key to fundamental change? Then join 'Just Sustainability Transitions': an in-depth course that provides the knowledge, tools and inspiration needed to facilitate systems change processes.

A new & unique program

The Just Sustainability Transitions peer-learning course draws from our latest action research insights on social justice, sustainability transitions and social innovation. We bring you best practices and experiences we gathered during our

work on transition processes in different settings and countries – in Europe and across the globe, as well as the expertise of guest lecturers in the social justice field.

During the course you will:

- understand and apply just sustainability **transition concepts, dynamics & tools**;
- experience **reflection** as part of the course;
- apply **social justice frameworks** to your own transition context;
- learn **the language to bridge gaps** between 'current state' and 'new normal';
- meet **inspiring, international peers**, to learn from and exchange with;
- receive **guidance on your personal role** in transitions and how to stay resilient in difficult times.

Costs

We work with a pricing system based on trust: we offer two options, and you select the appropriate rate for your financial situation:

- €1.775,00 (suggested for well-paid professionals)
- €1.245,00 (suggested for those with more limited financial means)

All prices are exempt from VAT and include study materials.

Location

All sessions will be online.

Time investment

Participants commit to 15 contact hours, as well as an additional ~30 hours to prepare for sessions and complete assignments.

Certificate

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be granted a certificate from DRIFT Transition Academy, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Our education

- Besides lectures from our experts, interaction between participants is a central aspect of the course.
- In between sessions, you will work on applying the lessons learnt to your own context.
- Our education is partly theoretical, which requires reading and discussing scientific publications, but we have no explicit entry level requirements.

Who will benefit most from this course?

We are explicitly looking for a diverse, international group of participants, with different backgrounds and experiences. Maybe you have your own business, are keen to create change within your company or governmental organisation, or would like to bring systems thinking to your NGO or academic activities. We welcome participants active in all sectors, whether it be food, mobility, fashion, construction, healthcare, finance, education or something else entirely.

Programme

(subject to change, all times CEST)

Session 1 – 22 May 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Introduction – [Sophie Buchel](#)

- Getting to know each other and introduction to the course.
- Introducing the theory of societal transitions and system change.
- Introducing social justice in the context of sustainability transitions.

Session 2 – 5 June 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Justice in transitions – [Stéphanie van der Raad](#)

- Deepening your understanding of various social justice frameworks and concepts.
- Exploring the role of activism in transforming systems to be more just.
- Interactive session on applying justice perspectives to your own context.

Session 3 – 12 June 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Narratives and decolonising transitions – [Dina Lupin](#)

- Looking at transitions from a decolonial perspective.
- The role of narratives in maintaining certain systems of power or authority.
- Exploring counter-narratives and resistance.

Session 4 – 19 June 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Power in transitions – Annelli Janssen

- The different roles and perspectives that actors take in transitions, and how to utilize these roles to shift power.
- Transformative power and how this can lead to change.
- Applying a power-lens to your own context.

Session 5 – 26 June 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Putting justice into practice – Sophie Buchel

- Integrating justice and transition theory into strategic practice.
- Your personal role in transitions and how to stay grounded and resilient in difficult times.

Session 6 – 25 September 2025 (14:00-16:30)

Follow-up session – Sophie Buchel

- Sharing your stories: the experiences gained by bringing the lessons learnt to your organization or community.
- Peer support.
- Wrapping up the course.

Registration & contact

You can register for this course on our website. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at transitionacademy@drift.eur.nl.

There are no special conditions, such as discounts, associated with registration. The course does not prepare participants for external (industry/state) exams, and completing the course does not confer any qualifications.

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This is a course by DRIFT.

We are 30+ experts working on fundamental change towards just and sustainable futures. As a social enterprise, we support people, governments and companies striving for such change.

We do so by developing and sharing transitions know-how and how-to through research, consultancy, education and activism!

To learn more, go to drift.eur.nl.

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"A rich and detailed introduction to transitions thinking to a global cohort of participants. Each session was presented by expert practitioners and researchers, with beautifully designed and facilitated discussion."

Dr. Linda Carroli, researcher & past participant