

Thematic Profile 'Social Transitions': Kick-off event

Date: Wednesday 4 Nov. Time: 15:00-17:00. Drinks afterwards.

Location: Wijnhaven 3.46 Turfmarkt 99, Den Haag.

The first Social Transitions event will bring together researchers from across Leiden University who work on different dimensions of social transitions. The event will introduce the profile and its current areas of focus, while creating space for participants to get to know each other, share their perspectives on 'social transitions', identify connections across disciplines and explore possibilities for future collaboration.

Objectives

- Introduce the Social Transitions profile and some of the research already taking place across Leiden
- Identify key themes, questions and connections across disciplines
- Gather input on the future direction and activities of our profile
- Create new connections between researchers who may not normally meet each other
- Provide practical tools to turn these new connections and ideas for interdisciplinary collaboration into concrete action

Programme

15:00–15:10 Welcome and introduction to Social Transitions

A short introduction to the interfaculty theme, highlighting its aims, current areas of focus and initial plans.

15:10–15:30 Research and project pitches

Short presentations from members of the profile team, introducing their work and perspectives on social transitions from different faculties and disciplines.

15:30–15:50 Mapping Social Transitions

An interactive exercise in which participants identify themes and questions they consider important to the profile. Together we will cluster these to identify connections, areas of shared interest and possible gaps.

15:50–16:30 Break-out groups: from shared interests to collaboration

In small interdisciplinary groups, participants explore where their work and interests intersect and identify questions around social transitions that could benefit from collaboration across disciplines.

Groups then discuss how these shared interests could be developed into concrete collaborations: What could be a realistic first step? What resources or support would be needed? And what practical or institutional barriers might need to be addressed?

16:30–16:50 Plenary feedback and next steps

Groups briefly share the most promising connections and ideas that emerged, with a focus on concrete next steps. We conclude by identifying priorities for future activities of the Social Transitions theme across research, education and societal impact.

Closing drinks & informal networking