

Global Transformations and Governance Challenges Initiative

Seventh Round Seed Grant Proposals, Deadline 1 November 2023

The Leiden Focus Area on Global Transformations and Governance Challenges (GTGC) invites proposals for seed grants of up to €10.000 for the purpose of developing new interdisciplinary team research in this area. Applications must involve colleagues from at least two (and preferably more) Leiden University faculties. Thus, these grants do not support projects focused on one person's research nor predominantly inter- university projects.

The GTGC initiative aims to advance knowledge on how we govern – and could govern – the wide-ranging, deep-reaching and fast-unfolding changes of the contemporary global world. These transformations include, but are not limited to, global developments around ecology, economy, identity, law, the states-system, technology, values, and violence. The governance challenges involve devising rules and regulatory arrangements that are democratic, effective, fair, peaceful and sustainable. The GTGC initiative has particular interest to explore governance responses to global transformations that attract greater citizen support and participation.

We invite interfaculty team research proposals that address these or related themes on global transformations, governance challenges, and citizen engagement. Seed grants can focus on the building of networks, the organization of seminars and workshops, the execution of a pilot study, the completion of publications, the development of grant proposals, etc. It is important that applications specify: (a) how the proposal relates to 'governance challenges' of 'global transformations'; (b) what important gap in existing knowledge is addressed; (c) immediate results from the seed grant itself; and (d) long-term ambitions that the short-term outputs advance.

Illustrative examples of projects from the first rounds of seed grant proposals include:

- Food Markets during Covid-19: Stories of Solidarity
- Gendering Algorithms for AI Governance
- Public Opinion and Global Governance Responses to Mass Atrocities
- Technologies of Migration Governance

Applications should comprise: (a) project description using the attached template; (b) short CVs of the contributing researchers; and (c) a budget with carefully costed and justified items to a maximum of €10.000.

Applications are to be submitted to gtgc@leidenuniv.nl by the deadline of 23.59 CET on 1 November 2023. To discuss further, please contact GTGC staff via gtgc@leidenuniv.nl.

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Application Form

1. Project Title

2. Applicants: Names and Leiden institutional affiliations. Applicants must come from at least two (and preferably more) faculties of Leiden University. Please attach short CV for each individual.

3. Motivation: Identify what governance challenge of global transformations the project addresses, and why this problem is important (max. 200 words).

4. State of the Art: Indicate to what academic debates and literature the project speaks (max. 300 words).

5. Aims and central research question(s): Indicate the project's objectives (theoretical, methodological, empirical and/or policy) and what primary research question(s) will be pursued in order to achieve those goals (max. 200 words).

6. Concepts and theory: Set out any key notions and analytical frameworks (explanatory and/or normative) that guide the project (max. 300 words).

7. Methods: Describe the tools and activities that will be used to realize the project aims. Include a specification of the division of labour between the applicants – who is going to do what (max. 500 words).

8. Outputs: Specify what the seed project will produce in both short and long term (e.g. events, exhibits, publications, data sets, curricular material, grant applications) (max. 200 words).

9. Impacts: Indicate how the seed project – and the larger research that could develop from it – can make a difference to knowledge and wider society (max. 200 words).

10. Budget: Total amount requested: _____.

Please attach a fully itemized, carefully costed, and clearly justified schedule of proposed expenditures. Note that seed grants cannot be used for buyouts of teaching and academic administration.