

Editorial

Welcome to the 3rd edition of the YESS newsletter! In this issue we introduce the new faces behind YESS. In addition we suggest several papers written by the YESS community, a book and upcoming events. With the start of the new year, a lot of changes have occurred in the different YESS teams. All of the new team members have written a short piece about themselves and highlight what their task is within YESS. We find it important for you to get to know the faces behind the names of the different YESS teams and would also like to welcome you to share your ideas about any of the tasks, if you have any. To strengthen the YESS network, we would also like to get to know you better! In the coming editions we will therefore continue introducing new YESS members. We also welcome everyone's input to feed interesting contents into the newsletter.

Samantha Scholte & André Mascarenhas

New YESS faces – Executive Team



Neele Larondelle

Hi, my name is Neele Larondelle and I currently handed in my PhD-Thesis at the Humboldt University Berlin. Momentarily I am working also at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK).

My main interest lies upon ecosystem services in urban areas and urban ecology and urban forestry, I am curious about the nature of the relationships within the social-ecological system. I have recently joined YESS and shortly after the YESS Executive Team, where I believe I can support the team in making YESS more visible and encouraging more networking.

Hi, my name is João Rodrigues and I am a Portuguese PhD student at Campus do Mar in Spain. I investigate marine and coastal social-ecological systems, particularly the ES coastal communities depend upon.



João Rodrigues

I have recently joined the YESS Executive Team because I believe I can help in fostering networking between early-career ES researchers that can lead to collaboration in the form of conference sessions, funding proposals, or educational projects. YESS is an active and vibrant network of people from a very diverse range of backgrounds, and you are most welcome to join in!

ES activities

New YESS faces – Executive Team (cont.)



Uzoma Ojike

My PhD from Imperial College London developed theoretical frameworks and made recommendations to better integrate ecosystem services in policy and decision-making. Currently, guest lecturing at Imperial College, I provide training and mentoring on Natural Capital and Resource management and valuation. I am also developing a sustainable fashion brand. My interests lie in promoting ecosystem services to a wider audience. As a member of the YESS Executive Team, I would contribute to developing workshops, training sessions as well as establishing collaborations that achieve this.

My name is Yu Dandan, a postdoctor in the Institute of Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences (RCEES, CAS). My research was about policy support tools and methodologies (indicators, model and scenario analysis) for national/regional assessments on biodiversity and ecosystem services associated with the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Through associating work in YESS with my research, we could improve our understanding of ecosystems in today's changing world for YESS members, in particular, the current state of ecosystems, and their ecological thresholds, driving forces, and buffering capacities.



Dandan Yu

New YESS faces – Communication and Outreach



Samantha Scholte

My name is Samantha Scholte and I am a PhD candidate at the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) in Amsterdam. My research focuses on the socio-cultural values of ES. I joined the YESS communications team because I would like to help improve the visibility of YESS and facilitate the interaction between current and future YESS members. YESS provides a great platform for young ES researchers to share ideas, experiences and opportunities!

My name is Samantha Scholte and I am a PhD candidate at the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) in Amsterdam. My research focuses

I'm doing my PhD at New University of Lisbon (Portugal) and Humboldt University of Berlin (Germany) on the links between regional spatial planning and ecosystem services (ES). I believe YESS has great potential to support young researchers interested in ES. Also, YESS can play an important role in promoting ES to the wider society. I see communication and outreach as where you can more tangibly contribute to improve both aspects and I'm excited to give my contribution!



André Mascarenhas

ES activities

New YESS faces – Member administration

I am a biologist holding a MSc Environment and Resource Management at VU Amsterdam. I have been working on biodiversity and ecosystem services assessments in the tropics advising local governments in decision-making and rural development. Before YESS, I was involved managing a local ONG outreaching program and I found that I could collaborate with the network with those skills. Moreover, I found a limited diffusion of the ecosystem services concepts and frameworks in South America, so I thought I could involve more students to the area. I would like to help YESS with networking activities, study-case workshops and seminars for graduate students strengthening knowledge and opportunity sharing.



Dario Zambrano

New YESS faces – Journal Club



Beni Rohrbach

I'm Beni Rohrbach convener of the YESS journal club. I'm hosted at the University of Zurich, in the geography department's GIScience group. For my PhD, I'm mapping land use change with farmers. General research interests are on sustainability, the science-practice interface. I don't explicitly map ecosystem services in my own research, but use the concept to frame human environment relationships. To me, YESS is as a very good platform for exchanging ideas and collaborating among young scholars. Other than doing research, I enjoy being out in the nature, craft furniture and make music.

New YESS faces – Web Page Development

I'm a researcher in the Nature & Society group of the Institute for Forest and Nature Research (INBO) in Brussels. I have been a member of the YESS network for about one year now and my role in 2015 will be to support the development of a web platform together with a group of YESS-volunteers. Via our internal crowd funding we raised enough budget and are ready to start developing the webpage. For that we rely on all your contributions and expertise. So if you're interested to have a say on the design and functionalities, or want to actively participate in the web-development, don't hesitate to get in touch and join the team!



Dieter Mortelmans

Publications and events

Recent publications from YESS members

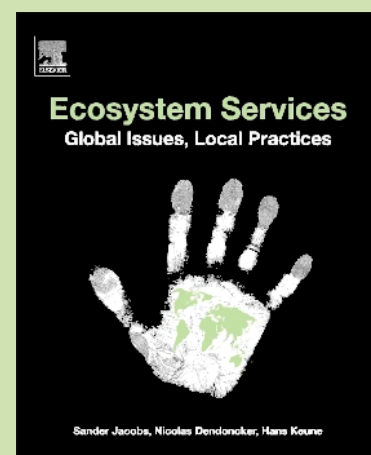
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Book suggestion

Ecosystem Services: Global Issues, Local Practices

Editors: Sander Jacobs, Nicolas Dendoncker and Hans Keune

This book examines a broad scope of relevant issues to create common understanding in the ecosystem services community. It includes contributions from several backgrounds, providing a broad, multidisciplinary view. It offers recommendations to develop a thorough understanding and management of ecosystem services based on tools and research in larger territories as well as on local scales.



[Link](#)

Conference announcements

- 8th ESP World Conference: Ecosystem services for Nature, People and Prosperity. Spier Wine Farm and Conference Centre, South Africa, 9 – 13 November 2015 ([Link](#)).
- 2015 PECS conference: Social-ecological dynamics in the Anthropocene. Spier Wine Farm and Conference Centre, South Africa, 2 – 5 November 2015 ([Link](#)).
- Green Infrastructure Futures: from planning to delivery. Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool, 22 April ([Link](#)).