

- unpacking the **dual politics of accelerating transitions** – resistance, backlash, and obstruction arising from the decline of legacy, polluting arrangements, and contestation around newly emerging dominant designs in expanding net-zero pathways;
- unravelling the role of, and tensions surrounding, **justice and equity** in influencing both the rate and direction of change in unfolding net-zero transitions;
- studying **international dynamics** in accelerating net-zero transitions, both in light of global innovation trends, green industrial policy competitions and geopolitical considerations.

Particularly welcome are contributions that enhance the diversity of evidence on accelerating net-zero transitions. Empirically, these contributions are encouraged to explore the rapid decarbonisation of sectors with the highest greenhouse gas emissions as well as the most promising socio-technical advancements observed to date (e.g., in energy and mobility). Geographically, the contributions included in our SI should, as a whole, offer global and contextually diverse insights, and we are therefore particularly welcoming of submissions that move beyond the conventional focus on European transition cases. This includes capturing insights from net-zero technological leaders and transition pacesetters (e.g., in North America or East Asia), which have largely remained underexplored in studying systemic socio-technical transitions. Finally, given recent political developments we would like to emphasise that we are also open to submissions exploring how net-zero transitions are slowed down, thereby offering highly relevant insights into acceleration and deceleration patterns.

Submission Guidelines and Key Dates

As the LoI for the proposed SI on “Accelerating Net-zero Transitions” has been approved by the Research Policy Editorial Team, we are now inviting extended abstract submissions for potential contributions. Selected submissions will be included in the full SI proposal, which will be developed by the Guest Editors and subsequently undergo the final approval process by the Research Policy Editorial Team. Below are the **key dates and timeline** for our planned SI process:

- 31 March 2025

