The international, biennial Kiel Conference of the Johanna Mestorf Academy (with the Cluster of Excellence “ROOTS” and the Collaborative Research Centre 1266 “Scales of Transformation” on past environments and societies) will take place from 24-29 March 2025. The conference is devoted to socio-environmental research and has taken place since 2009.

Call for Sessions
For the 8th international conference at Kiel University, the organisers invite you to propose sessions on socio-environmental topics.

We welcome subjects that, on the one hand, explore the roots of social, environmental, and cultural phenomena, and processes that substantially marked past human development. On the other hand, we encourage you to submit topics that reflect on transformation patterns within momentous developments of past societies.

We seek sessions that address the interplay of environments, social relationships, material culture, population dynamics, and human perceptions of socio-environmental change.

Especially welcome are sessions that face such themes from an interdisciplinary perspective, as well as sessions that link past to current social and/or environmental challenges and transformation processes.

We encourage the submission of session abstracts by PhD candidates.

Deadline for session proposals is 16 JUNE 2024.

Please send the following materials to kielconference@roots.uni-kiel.de

- A session abstract of about 300 words as a PDF.
- A list of the session conveners, their affiliations, and e-mail addresses. Please note that only one person must be designated as the corresponding session chair during the entire conference process.
- Each session may only feature one invited speaker (may not be one of the conveners of this session).

You will be informed of the decision about your session at the latest in August.

If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us via the e-mail address mentioned above.

We are looking forward to your contributions!
On behalf of the speakers of ROOTS and the CRC 1266
Johannes Müller