

# Back to the FutureS we want

## – Overview –

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*“As ecological, economic, and social crises deepen we desperately need new visions of a sustainable and desirable world.”*

Robert Costanza and Ida Kubiszewski

Often, we talk about ‘sustainable futures’ as avoiding crises. We are used to talking about a future that we *don’t* want. Yet criticizing the current pathway we are heading is not enough to change the direction. Society calls for a radical change in our imagination, for different visions of our society and our goals, and to discuss concretely how we can transform our societies towards these alternative directions. And this is what we will do in this project.

### Aims

- Explore your own desirable vision for the future society and try to articulate it
- Compare and discuss different visions of ‘sustainable futures’, while recognizing that futures is plural (there is no single, best vision)
- Reflect on the relationship between ‘sustainability’ and ‘desirability’: What is sustainable or desirable for whom?
- Think about present action from a future perspective, and reflect on different processes of change to reach sustainable futureS

### Parts and Deadlines

#### Part 1: Visions

- Oct 17: Workshop “Me, myself and futures: #30DaysofSustainability later”: Introduction to the project
- Oct 23: Submit your choice of region/city
- Nov 6: Submit short report of the current region and your 4 sustainable visions

#### Part 2: Desirability

- Nov 7: Workshop “Whose vision is it?”: Critically reflecting on our visions
- Nov 20: Submit your 4 redeveloped visions

#### Part 3: Backcasting

- Nov 21: Seminar “Rewinding 2067: Change, Power and Backcasting”
- Dec 4: Submit a blog post as a group
- Dec 5: Presentations of creative outcome as a group

**Final Essay:** due on January 8