YSSP
Young Scientists Summer Program
Calendar 2018
Welcome
Welcome by the IIASA Director General and Chief Executive Officer

Starting today, you will be part of one of the most cherished and acclaimed programs of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

As Director General of IIASA I warmly welcome you to the institute for the three-month Young Scientists Summer Program (YSSP), known worldwide as the training ground for future applied systems scientists and analysts. You have been selected from among many applicants for this opportunity to work on a YSSP research project and to enjoy the company of 51 other like-minded young scientists.

Policymakers worldwide need problem-focused, solution-oriented, interdisciplinary research to help them with their complex decision making: in other words, they need systems analysts.

The YSSP started in 1977, five years after IIASA was founded, when Roger Levien (IIASA Director from 1975–1981) opened the first young scientists program in order to start building a new cadre of applied systems analysts for the future. The YSSP Program has taken place every year since then, offering hands-on practical experience with applied systems analysis in a multinational and multicultural setting.

You are preceded by more than 1,866 YSSPers from 87 countries. Many have achieved high positions in science, business, and government. Some returned to IIASA as research scholars; others continued to work as close collaborators in the IIASA research network. All report great memories of their time at Schloss Laxenburg.

While your research project is a major part of your stay, the YSSP also offers opportunities for widening your horizons by participating in discussions with IIASA scientists, attending seminars given by prominent invited speakers, or contributing to various ad hoc science groups, as well as joining in social activities.

I wish you all a great summer!

Professor Dr. Pavel Kabat
June 2018
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Official events

Welcome reception—Arrival at IIASA

📅 Monday, 4 June, 9:00–09:30
📍 Wodak Conference Area
👥 YSSP team, YSSP program representatives, and others

Refreshments will be served in the Wodak Conference Area

Official opening—Part 1

📅 Monday, 4 June, 9:30–10:30
📍 Wodak Room
👥 Welcome to IIASA–Pavel Kabat
               Introducing the YSSP team–JoAnne Bayer, YSSP Dean
               Introductory remarks–Former YSSP participants

Integration into IIASA programs and introduction to supervisors

📅 Monday, 4 June, 10:30–12:00
📍 Program representatives will pick you up from the Wodak Room and escort you to your research program
👥 Introduction to YSSP supervisors, program staff, program administrator, and your workspace.
Lunch with your research program at the Schloss Restaurant.
Official events

Learn about the YSSP Calendar 2018—Q&A session
- Monday, 4 June, 13:30–14:15
  - Wodak Room
  - YSSP Calendar—Your Summer Guide
  - Find out about the great variety of scientific and social activities available and ask questions. Meet a representative of the IIASA Work Council.

Official opening–Part 2
- Monday, 4 June, 14:15–15:30
  - Wodak Room
  - General information–Human Resources representative
  - Introduction to the IIASA Management Information System (MIS)–Rafal Cabala and Michael Foith
  - Introduction to IIASA Computing Environment–Joe Undercoffer, Head of Information & Communication Technologies

Human Resources briefing
- Tuesday, 5 June
  - Individual groupings to be announced
  - General Purpose Building

Tick shots
- First tick shot: Tuesday, 5 June, 13:30–16:15
- Second tick shot: Thursday, 21 June, 09:00–12:00
  - Individual groupings (see handout in your welcome folder)
  - Dr. Schuster’s office, General Purpose Building, 2nd floor
"My PhD research required me to link extremely disparate disciplines in a manner that was also relevant to the global issues being faced by society on a daily basis. This would not have been possible for me without the experience I gained at IIASA during the YSSP."

Talha Manzoor, 2013

Official events

YSSP introductory research presentations followed by “Heuriger” dinner

IIASA program directors briefly present the programs’ research areas and YSSPers present the research they will be conducting during the summer. This gives you an opportunity to pass on brief details of your research to your fellow YSSPers, such as its title, objective, and focus, what motivates your research, and why you find it challenging.

Note: Your abstracts and bibliographies will be available at the venue.

📅 Friday, 8 June, 09:00-17:00
📍 Gvishiani Room

Agenda:

09:00 Opening (JoAnne Bayer/Brian Fath)
09:10 Air Quality and Greenhouse Gses (AIR)
09:45 Advanced Systems Analysis (ASA)
10:20 Evolution and Ecology (EEP)
10:40 Break
10:55 Energy (ENE)
11:15 Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM)
12:00 Lunch
13:30 Ecosystems Services and Management (ESM)–continued
14:00 World Population (POP)
14:30 Risk and Resilience (RISK)
15:05 Break
15:25 Transition to New Technologies (TNT)
15:45 Water (WAT)
16:15 Arctic Futures Initiative (AFI)
16:25 Communications (COM)

17:15 Leave for evening event (pick-up at the Schloss entrance)
17:45 Dinner at “Heuriger” Hofstädtter (wine tavern)
21:30 Transport back to Vienna
Official events

### Detailed introduction to Library services and use

- **Monday, 11 June, 10:30-11:15**
- **Wodak Room**
- **Information session and visit to the IIASA library—Michaela Rossini, Library Manager**

### Director’s lunches

Chance to provide feedback and exchange ideas with IIASA Director General and CEO Professor Dr. Pavel Kabat in small cross-program groups.

- **Monday-Friday, 6-10 August, 11:45-12:45**
- **Club Room, Schloss Restaurant**

### Final colloquium

At this event, you will present your research findings to your colleagues and other IIASA scholars.

- **Thursday, 23 August, 09:00-17:30**
  - **Friday, 24 August, 9:00-16:00**
- **Wodak and Gvishiani Rooms**

### Farewell banquet and dance

- **Wednesday, 29 August, 17:00–24:00**
- **Panorama Restaurant**
  - Transportation from the venue to Vienna will be provided
Seminars, workshops, and more

This section gives an overview of the scientific events that are planned for the summer. The program includes seminars, workshops, and other activities, which we hope will enrich your summer by:

- acquainting you with IIASA scientists and their research,
- providing feedback on your research,
- stimulating interdisciplinary inquiry,
- providing information on specialized research tools, and
- adding to your YSSP experience.

In addition, IIASA has arranged lectures by internal and external speakers that you are welcome to attend. We will keep you updated on summer events on the online YSSP calendar (see www.iiasa.ac.at/yssp/calendar).

While these activities are not mandatory, we encourage you to participate actively and use the opportunity to broaden your perspective and knowledge. If you would like to hear more about IIASA research or organize a discussion group or other activity, the YSSP team will be happy to assist.

Wishing you a stimulating and productive summer,

The YSSP Team

“During my time at the YSSP I met many ambitious young scientists and experienced senior research fellows coming from different countries and working in various fields. It really broadened my perspective and inspired my further research. The seminars and presentations held at IIASA really shared different points of view and gave me new perspectives on my research. It was an extraordinary and unforgettable time.”

Siyuan Yang, 2015
Introduction to GIS (Geographic Information Systems) workshop

The session will begin with a lecture covering the basics of GIS—namely, vector and raster data, spatial analysis, ArcGIS, and Quantum GIS (an open-source GIS package). This will be followed by a hands-on session where participants can work through a series of exercises to learn ArcGIS or Quantum GIS, depending on their interests.

Please register your interest prior to the workshop by emailing Linda See (see@iiasa.ac.at) to discuss getting the software installed on your laptop and then bring your laptop to the session.

This workshop is aimed at users with no or limited GIS experience. Anyone with moderate or advanced GIS experience can contact Linda See during the summer to discuss any GIS issues.

📅 Wednesday, 13 June, 09:30-12:30
📍 Gvishiani Room
👩‍🔬 Linda See, Research Scholar, ESM

Lecture by Dame Anne Glover, President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh

📅 Monday, 25 June
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An online version of the calendar can be found here: [www.iiasa.ac.at/yssp/calendar](http://www.iiasa.ac.at/yssp/calendar)
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| | | Farewell banquet & dance | | | | |
Scientific program

Manuscript preparation seminar

Your scientific career will largely be assessed by the quality and quantity of publications in peer-reviewed journals. It is therefore necessary that you are able to effectively communicate your results to your peers. This seminar will provide an editor’s perspective on a journal’s three Rs: Readers, Writers, and Reviewers, as well as tips on writing clearly organized, publishable, and highly cited papers.

📅 Thursday, 28 June, 15:30–17:00
📍 Wodak Room
👤 Brian Fath, Senior Research Scholar, ASA

Data management and statistics in R workshop

R is an open source platform for statistical computing that is freely available for several operating systems. This workshop will teach you how to get started in R using RStudio to facilitate learning. Although an elementary background in statistics will be assumed, we will start by refreshing basic statistical concepts, after which you will be introduced to R, its basic data management and analysis capabilities, as well as graphical exploration of data. You will learn how to extract descriptive statistics and how (and when) it is appropriate to use inferential statistics, especially linear models. Depending on time and participant needs, the use of general and generalized linear mixed models will also be explained.

📅 Monday, 2 July, 10:00-12:00
📅 Tuesday, 3 July, 10:00-12:00
📍 Gvishiani Room
👤 Juan Carlos Laso Bayas, IIASA Research Scholar, ESM

Please register your interest prior to the workshop by emailing Juan Carlos Laso Bayas (lasobaya@iiasa.ac.at) to discuss getting the software installed on your laptop. Remember to bring your laptop to the session.

A brief history of IIASA: The creation and the first quarter century

📅 Wednesday, 4 July, 11:00–12:00
📍 Wodak Room
👤 Nebojsa Nakicenovic, IIASA Deputy Director General/Deputy Chief Executive Officer Directorate, and Senior Research Scholar, TNT
“My stay in the YSSP at IIASA in the summer of 2013 was definitely crucial to my academic career, not only because of an important publication, but also because it helped me finish my PhD thesis and get a European doctorate at Rey Juan Carlos University the following year. The international experience, along with the interaction with IIASA researchers, is really priceless.”

Emilio L. Cano, 2013

Scientific program

**Course on the Physics of Climate Change**

📅 Tuesday, 17 July–Thursday, 19 July (three afternoons)
📍
👤 Peter Lemke, Professor at the Alfred Wegner Institute for Polar and Marine Research, Scientific Coordinator of Regional Climate Initiative of the Helmholtz Association

**Grant writing seminar**

Are you concerned about your prospects for the future? Are you planning on writing your own grant proposal anytime soon? Michael Obersteiner, Ecosystem Services and Management Program Director, will talk about how to write a proposal, the do’s and don’ts, possible issues that may arise along the way, and his experiences as an applicant for, and examiner of grant proposals..

📅 Wednesday, 18 July, 10:00-11:30
📍 Gvishiani Room
👤 Michael Obersteiner, Program Director, ESM
IIASA Science Fair - luncheon

Interactive poster displays with IIASA scientists showcasing ongoing research in each program.

📅 Thursday, 19 July, 12:00-13:30  
📍 Wodak and Gvishiani Rooms

Lecture by Dame Julia Slingo, Chief Scientist at the Met Office

📅 Friday, 20 July, 10:00-11:30  
📍 t.b.a.

Art and Science–Analysis of a Relationship

Art and Science initiatives are mushrooming around the world. Is this a fashion trend, Zeitgeist, or the beginning of the discovery of a powerful alliance that will help us transition into a sustainable future? We look at different examples of connecting art and science and discuss potential and impact.

📅 Monday, 23 July, 15:30-17:00  
📍 Wodak Room  
👩🏻‍🔬 Gloria Benedikt, Science and Art Project Leader

Art and Science–Narratives for the Future

Some artists create visions of the future. Yet, we seem to be missing the narratives that help us to envisage what life in a sustainable world would look like. We will try out a new method, which fusions science and art, and brings about a narrative for cooperating with the future.

📅 Monday, 30 July 2018, 15:30–17:30  
📍 Wodak Room
Alternative economic and monetary systems (AEMS)

Joint lectures and activities with fellows from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences and Technical University summer universities in Vienna.

📅 Wednesday, 25 July
- 10:15 Bus pick-up from IIASA to TU
- 11:00–12:15 Lecture by Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, co-President of the Club of Rome
- Lunch break
- 13:15–14:00 Lecture by Christian Kreiss, Professor of Finance and Political Economy at the University of Applied Sciences in Aalen: New financial structures for a sustainable future
- 14:00–15:00 Panel discussion lead by Helga Kromp-Kolb, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria; Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker and Christian Kreiss
- 15:00 Bus pick-up from TU to IIASA (t.b.d.)

📅 Wednesday, 1 August
- 09:45–11:00 Lecture by Arnulf Gruebler, Acting Program Director, TNT—Reflections on how to draw system boundaries and implications when they are drawn “incorrectly”.
- 11:00–12:15 Brian Fath, Research Scholar, ASA—“Flourishing within limits: Using ecological systems’ principles for regenerative economics”
- Lunch break
- 13:00–16:00 The World Climate Simulation Game (role playing exercise of the UN climate change negotiations for groups, using an interactive computer model to rapidly analyze the results of the mock-negotiations during the event)

📍 Wodak Room
Scientific program

Science for Dummies

The lecture will provide an introduction to the different types of science advisory bodies and how scientific evidence makes its way into the policy process. Drawing on his extensive experience in the European Commission, Jan Marco Müller will reflect on the complexity of European policy-making and the importance of science for better regulation. At the same time, the lecture will discuss the challenges of contemporary science advice, from the accelerating avalanche of scientific knowledge and ever increasing complexity of policy challenges, to the globally evolving tide of populists and fact-deniers.

📅 Tuesday, 14 August, 10:30–11:30
📍 Wodak Room
👧🏻 Jan Marco Mueller, Science to Policy and Diplomacy Coordinator/Science Officer, ESP/Head of Directorate Office

YSSP Peccei and Mikhalevich Award Winners’ seminars

Research presentations from the YSSP 2017 award winners.

📅 t.b.a.
📍 t.b.a.
**Social activities**

**Vienna walk**
Guided tour through Vienna’s city center

📅 Saturday, 9 June, 17:00–19:00
📍 Meeting point: U1/U3 stop “Stephansplatz” at Café “AIDA”

**Historical tour of the castle**

📅 Monday, 11 June, 16:00–17:30
📍 Meeting point: Schloss entrance area
👤 Brian Fath, YSSP Scientific Coordinator

**Weekend trip to Styria and Salzburg**

📅 Friday, 15–17 June 2018
📍 Meeting point: 12:50, Schloss entrance area

**Throughout the summer**
Tennis, table tennis, volleyball, yoga, soccer (incl. tournaments), and swimming (public swimming pool within walking distance).

Movie Sessions (t.b.a.)
Art Vernissages (t.b.a.)

In addition, you may like to organize your own social activities (e.g., exploring Vienna’s social scene, various trips around Austria, international days, etc.). The YSSP team and STAC can help you with these events by providing local information and tips.
Simmering, 217 bus schedule to IIASA

Leaves from Simmering (Bussteig A) at 7:47
Arrives in Laxenburg (Eduard Hartmann Platz) at 8:28

Leaves from Laxenburg (Eduard Hartmann Platz) at 16:55 and 18:18
Arrives in Simmering (Bussteig A) at 17:37 and 19:00

* also possible to come by subway, train and other busses
1. IIASA, Schloss Laxenburg
2. IIASA, General Purpose (GP) Building
3. Conference Center Laxenburg
4. IIASA Schloss Restaurant
5. Bus stop from Vienna
6. Bus stop to Vienna
7. Bus stop from/to Mödling
8. Pharmacy
9. Doctor
10. Adeg Supermarket
11. Eissalon Laxenburg
12. Anna’s Cafe
At the end of your YSSP stay, all of you will be IIASA alumni/ae (from the Latin, “nourished”).
You will be leaving, nourished and hopefully enriched, with certificates as proof. Most likely you will take with you positive memories of a productive and enjoyable stay at IIASA, as well as new ideas, contacts, and relationships that inevitably develop during the summer.

The IIASA Alumni Association hopes to help you maintain a continuing relationship with the institute and colleagues, by keeping the information that you give us about your activities up-to-date and publishing what you would like others to know about your whereabouts, your work, and your interests.

Through the Alumni Association, IIASA also wishes to keep you informed about new programs that you might find interesting; to ask your help in making YSSP and IIASA better known; to receive feedback and ideas about the institute, its programs, and possible future areas of research.

When the summer is almost over, you can join the IIASA Alumni Association.

The Alumni Association wishes you a most successful three months, and looks forward to helping you remain an important part of the institute’s extended family when you leave.

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