

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION #1

# NARRATOPIAS

## Narrating the Worlds We Want, Together

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“If we want to transform society, we must learn to tell – and listen to – a new set of stories about the world we want to create.”

Ashoka

“We need new narratives to bring people together to achieve a more inclusive and sustainable world at a time when, as Greta Thunberg said, ‘our house is on fire’.”

Forum Économique Mondial

“We urgently need new narratives to imagine the impossible.”

Green Economy Coalition

“Climate change is a failure of the imagination.”

Naomi Klein

“If, as the saying goes, ‘politics is the art of the possible’, it follows that we need the arts in order to multiply these possibilities.”

Bruno Latour

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... From all sides, the same call emerges: “We need new narratives”, to make imaginable, and therefore possible the transformations that we need in order to live together on this planet.

Narratopias is a collaborative and open project to organize, on a global scale, a collective response to this call for new narratives. An invitation to embark on a collective search for alternative, transformative narratives, and turn them into the seeds of concrete changes.

This project will develop in two chapters. First, we will collect existing “new narratives” from all over the world. Then we will connect, facilitate and support initiatives that both enrich the diversity of narratives, and use them to empower individuals and communities to think up or effect transformations.

Find a full description of the project [on our website](#).

# How can you participate?

## 1. CONTRIBUTE TO THE COLLECTIVE LIBRARY OF TRANSFORMATIVE NARRATIVES

> Objective: 300+ “new narratives” by April 30, 2021

The project will start by building a collective library of transformative narratives, from all over the world, and open to all languages and means of expressions.

These Narratives can be presented in stories, utopias, images or videos, games, design fictions... They can be about the future, the present or even the past, so long as they intend to enable or facilitate transformative action or effect a reconstruction of some sort, at any scale (from local community to the Planet). They can be your own work, or references that you find fertile and inspiring; Original or pre-existing works; Based on pure imagination or on existing initiatives and experiences.

What “narratives” are we looking for? As we move along and from your participation, the criteria will evolve. The main ones are: sustainability (meaning: there is a future, although it may not be a utopia), fertility (something can grow out of this narrative), and openness (there is room for positive disagreements).

How to get started?

If you wish to be part of the project, get in touch [narratopias@plurality-university.org](mailto:narratopias@plurality-university.org). You can also share your content directly on a shared platform: <https://corpora.latelier-des-chercheurs.fr/narratopia/>

If you're a collective, we can help organize a workshop or meeting to collect and discuss transformative narratives with your community and share the results. Contact us, or take part in the next, free, Narratopias Training Workshop on **March 18, 2021!**

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## 2. HELP US PREPARE FOR THE FOLLOWING STEPS

- > Objective: in April 2021, launch a first batch of initiatives with an initial group of partners
- \* An “Atlas” of transformative narratives: representations, mapping, analyzing the form or content of the collected narratives in order to draw out commonalities and differences, insights and tensions
- \* An “Agora” for discussing, confronting, connecting, and continuing these narratives, testing new forms of collective dialog or projection.
- \* A “Lab” for testing the transformative power of narratives on the ground; for sharing existing or ongoing experiences, initiatives, tools and methods; and for incubating new projects.

If you're interested in building Narratopias with us,  
get in touch!

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