



GISU International Virtual Symposium
Sustainability and Social Responsibility Project
WORKING TOWARDS NATURE POSITIVE CITIES
AND UNIVERSITIES
9 OCTOBER 2024 | 2PM – 4.30PM AEST (UTC +10) | via ZOOM

This online symposium, featuring research-led innovation, global case studies, and special guest presentations, promises to inspire innovative approaches to transforming our cities and campuses worldwide.

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OUR VISITING SCHOLARS AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Jia (Jennifer) Yan, PhD, is an Associate Professor in Environmental Engineering and Deputy Dean of the School of Environment Science and Engineering at Guangzhou University. Her research focus is environmental biotechnology removal, especially on waste water and waste gas, as well as waste-to-energy technology, and net-zero strategies and technologies.



Dr. Qiongyu (Celia) Huang, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Accounting and Deputy Dean of school of Management, responsible for Master programmes and research at Guangzhou University. Her research focus on accounting, corporate governance and sustainable development looking at digital innovation and corporate financial behavior.



Dr. Yingsheng (Vanessa) Zheng, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at Guangzhou University. Her research focuses on spatial assessment of carbon emissions and urban heat island at the community scale, and the implementation of low-carbon and climate-adaptive planning strategies.

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OUR EXPERT AND KEYNOTE

Professor Greg Morrison is currently Professor at Western Sydney University and Co-Director of the Urban Transformations Research Centre. Western's Urban Transformations Research Centre (UTRC) addresses one of the greatest challenges facing humankind: making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable (UN SDG 11).



"Complex change can only occur through a transdisciplinary, systematic approach to designing and delivering the future needs of Western Sydney and beyond."

Urban Transformations Research Centre

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

2.00PM	Acknowledgement of Country Opening Remarks and Welcomes
2.15PM	Special Guest Presentations with Guangzhou University Visiting Scholars: Social Responsibility and Sustainability Research at Guangzhou University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Municipal Waste Management and Utilization in Guangzhou Towards a Sustainable City” Associate Professor Yan• “The Impact of Digital Innovation on Firm’s ESG Performance”- Associate Professor Huang• “Creating Low Carbon and Climate-Adaptive Cities Under Sustainable Development Goals” Associate Professor Zheng.
3.00PM	Short Intermission
3.15PM	Keynote Presentation with Professor Greg Morrison, Western Sydney University's Urban Transformations Research Centre
3.45PM	Global Case Study Presentations with GISU Alliance Members: Nature Positive Universities (Place-Based Nature Positive Projects through the GISU S&SR Project Stream)
4.20PM	Closing Remarks and Thanks

OUR FEATURED GLOBAL CASE STUDIES (GISU ALLIANCE PROJECTS)

- *Nature-Positive Adaptation and Mitigation* led by **Stellenbosch University**, School for Climate Studies and Department of Botany and Zoology, South Africa.
- *BIO & URBE - Discover biodiversity on the UPV campus!* led by **Universitat Politècnica de València**, Animal Science Department, Spain.
- *A glimpse of fauna and flora biodiversity in a UNESCO-inscribed old-growth ecosystem within research and educational forest* led by **Gorgan University of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources**, Department of Silviculture and Forest Ecology, Iran.
- *Nature Positive 2029 - Assessment of urban campus biodiversity* led by **Western Sydney University**, School of Science, the Division of Infrastructure and Commercial (Environmental Sustainability) and Sustainability Education and Partnerships, Australia.

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