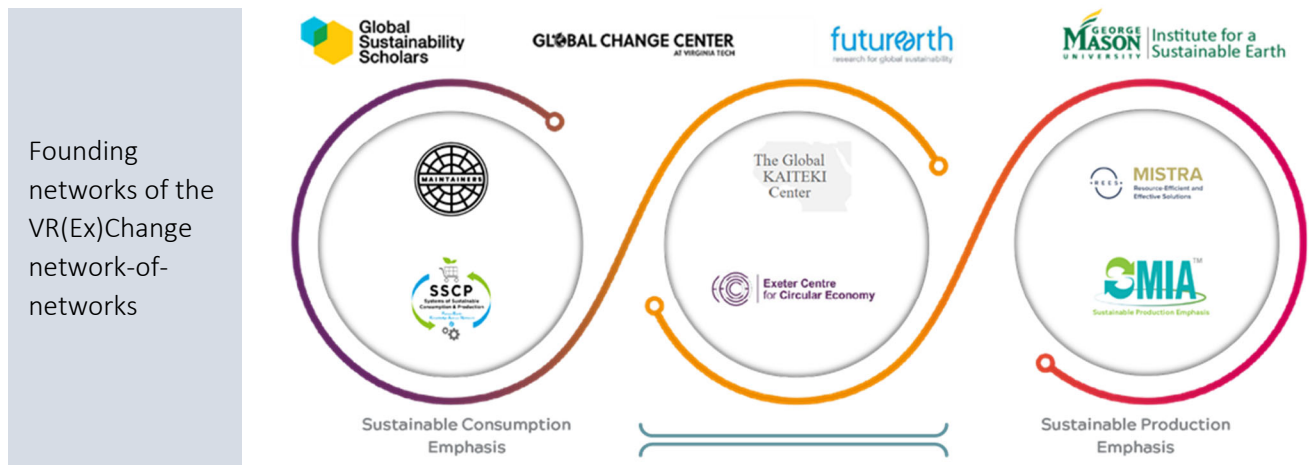


VR(Ex)Change: The Value-Retention Exchange Network-of-Networks

(A U.S. NSF AccelNet program)

Many long-standing, well-established, and esteemed research communities (networks) are organized around critical and distinct issues of sustainable consumption and sustainable production. The Value Retention Exchange [VR(Ex)Change] network-of-networks forms a strategic hub for these diverse networks of academics, industry members, practitioners, and early-career researchers from around the world, with a focus on **collaboration and innovation at the *interface* between sustainable consumption and production.**



Funded through the U.S. NSF's AccelNet program, we are an **open network**, working hard to help form productive, meaningful connections, relationships, and opportunities to accelerate sustainability transitions.

Why the VR(Ex)Change?

Interactive, multi- program structure...

- Virtual and in-person
- Early-career researcher (ECR) forums
- Teaching & curriculum incubators
- Webinar series
- Professional development training
- ECR-designated leadership positions
- VR(Ex)Change event travel support

Going beyond research...

- Explore new opportunities at the edge of your field
- Access a wide range of global sustainability experts
- Help develop an emerging, strategic area of inquiry
- Connect with like-minded & diverse collaborators
- Test out concepts, theories, & teaching strategies
- Gain leadership & thought-leadership experience
- Cultivate & mentor ECRs and practitioners

Please join us for the VR(Ex)Change Kick-Off Meeting:
Wed. Feb. 01, 2023 at 9:00am EST (UTC-5)

*Email PI Dr. Jennifer Russell at jdrussell@vt.edu to request the invitation and conference link

Our goal is to increase the capacity and cooperation of researchers and professionals through mentoring, networking, professional development, training, and leadership opportunities – built around a new, evolving vision for integrated and aligned sustainable consumption & production.