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### Considering the role of non-humans in the governance of sustainability transitions

Within the field of sustainability transition studies, a stream of research intends to understand the governance of sustainability transitions and the role played by various actors during this process of transition. Historically, they mostly mobilized western ontologies maintaining a clear separation between nature and culture that contributed to a lack of consideration for the role of non-humans in the governance of these transitions. However, an increasing number of scholars argue that this dichotomy led to the current socio-ecological crisis and call to acknowledge the complex relationships between humans and non-humans. In response to this call, this research aims to investigate the role played by non-humans in the governance of sustainability transitions by developing a framework based on the Actor-Network-Theory. Empirically, we relied on an ethnography realized in Bourg-Saint-Maurice les Arcs, a small city in the French Alps attached to a world-renown ski resort. More specifically, we followed the formalisation of the “territory project”, a roadmap for public action in favour of local development, launched by the new municipality recently elected, and the associated consultation. The results show that nonhumans played three main roles during the territory project, respectively legitimizing the territory project, framing the discussions, and influencing the decisions. Based on these results, we argue that considering non-humans would be highly valuable to better account for the governance of sustainability transitions, to design effective tools for transition management and to offer new perspectives for the field of sustainability transition studies.

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