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We are glad that you are interested in news from tdAcademy! The tdAcademy is a research and community platform for transdisciplinarity. As a project, we conduct research on central topics of transdisciplinary research and strengthen the joint production of knowledge. With our website we support the direct exchange of researchers through new community offers and information on events and projects. From now on, the newsletter brings both aspects together and regularly informs you about the latest activities in our research and the community. If you like, feel free to give us feedback - and of course, you are always invited to add your events and projects to the tdCommunity and to get to know other interesting transdisciplinary researchers.

Event | 9 December, 12-1pm (CET): Hegemony in institutional transformation

This upcoming webinar is a space to explore the concept of hegemony in institutional transformation of universities, while also offering theses emerging from a work in progress by the tdAcademy fellows Ulli Vilsmaier, Livia Fritz and Dena Fam.

Community | Have you already joined and updated your profile?

In the tdCommunity, researchers with similar interests meet: you can network directly, find partners for collaborations, and draw attention to your own events. Moreover, we collect transdisciplinary projects to create an overview of the research landscape.

Learn more & register

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2nd Meeting of the tdAcademy Supporting Partners

On November 26th, the Supporting Partners of the tdAcademy met virtually for their second meeting to discuss several topics concerning transdisciplinary research and its community.

Workshop | ECR Session on Capacity Building needs at ITD21

What Capacity Building events do you need? We summarized the results from our early-career session together with the Swiss Young Academy as part of the ITD Conference in September 2021.


Bettina Brohmann and Melanie Mbah from the tdAcademy team conducted two dialogue forums for scientists and practitioners with different methodological approaches. A short report summarizes the process and results of the workshops.

Video | Presentation on “Action-oriented knowledge for sustainability”

As a kickoff of the tdAcademy Capacity Building event series Guido Caniglia and Christopher Luederitz shared fruitful insights into action-oriented knowledge for sustainability with us. If you missed it, you can still watch it on the tdAcademy website.

Publications from the tdAcademy

Systematizing societal effects of transdisciplinary research

Schäfer, Martina; Bergmann, Matthias; Theiler Lena (2021)

In the literature, there is a range of methodological attempts to trace and describe the effects
of transdisciplinary research, but these are characterized by inconsistent definitions regarding the scope and different forms of effects. This article aims to systematize the proposed categories and introduces a heuristic that can be used as a tool to sensitize researchers to intended effects ex ante and throughout the research process, as well as to reflect on the achieved effects ex post.

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