



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

News Bulletin
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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

- Upcoming ITD Alliance events: 2 Toolkits and Methods working group events.
- ITD Alliance new and renewing members.
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Editor Note: The News Bulletin will pause for a month and will aim to resume in mid-January 2025. Moving forward, bulletins will be published approximately every two weeks, depending on how much there is to report.

Members are invited to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing questions or announcements. See "About this News Bulletin" below.



Upcoming ITD Alliance events

Mark your calendars and register! The Toolkits & Methods working group of the ITD Alliance is hosting two virtual events early in 2025:

- 17 January 2025 - A "Meet & Greet" event to share ideas and interests from (new, potential, or founding) members, and updates on ongoing projects.
- 10 February 2025 - A "Quality & Rigour Discussion" on criteria for inter- and transdisciplinarity (ITD), hosted by the Quality & Rigour Project of the working group.

Both events are open to all. View event details and registration links below.

Boosting Toolkits & Methods: Official ITD-Alliance Working Group Meet & Greet, January 17, 2025, 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM CET, virtual (asynchronous on Miro board and live on Zoom)

The [ITD-Alliance](#) Working Group on Toolkits & Methods will start the new year of 2025 with an online Meet & Greet event for toolkit and method enthusiasts.

Please join us, whether you are already a member of the WG or simply curious about the fun we're having:

- **Event:** January 17, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM CET. ([convert to your time zone](#))
- **Registration:** Register online by January 12: https://cloud.scnat.ch/drive/d/s/11lyKG6r2t9JkhDri2B4TmiAUHsTMwFp/9GEEofl2MIgvBNUZZA_D5kL7Jociwcek-Q7JAvlea5As
- **Can't attend but want to meet others?** Please register anyway to receive instructions for engaging with our Miro board.

History: Since 2021 the [Working Group on Toolkits & Methods](#) gathers experts around the joint interest to advance their respective fields with toolkits that support research collaborations beyond disciplines. We adopt a pluralistic approach towards the discussion of tools and methods for projects that may be framed as cross-disciplinary, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary, collaborative, integrative and the like. You can find information about our ongoing projects and publications here: https://itd-alliance.org/working-groups/toolkits_methods/

The group is open to everyone with experience in developing methods and tools, as well as those with a major interest in toolkit development and reflection on the use of methods & toolkits.

Event: For our Meet & Greet event on January 17, 2025, we will gather virtually— asynchronously on Miro and synchronously on Zoom for an hour. The event will include a brief, informal presentation; space to share ideas and interests from our (new, potential, or founding) members; and updates on ongoing projects. We will conclude by deciding 'next steps to action.'

You are warmly invited to join us for this event, and we're excited to hear about the topics and ideas you bring! We're looking forward to meeting you!

Quality & Rigour Discussion Session, February 10, 2025, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET, online (live meeting).

Join us to discuss the quality and rigour aspects of ITD methods!

Registration is now open for the first Quality & Rigour Discussion Session of 2025, taking place on February 10, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET.

- **Event:** February 10, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET. ([convert to your time zone](#))
- **Registration:** Register online by January 12: https://cloud.scnat.ch/drive/d/s/112Lt4OHbb7vWCBcThJtuGeJ5N1sGseU/IOEVD8rhuL21efxss04UGHc5U-E6XocE-_L-A_eK61ws

In this session, the [Quality and Rigour Project](#) within the Toolkits & Methods working group invites participants to explore which quality and rigor criteria from traditional research methods can be applied to ITD methods, which may not be applicable, and which

might require adaptation. Additionally, we will consider whether entirely new quality criteria are needed for ITD methods, beyond those used for traditional research methods. We will conclude with a discussion on the project's next steps.



ITD Alliance new and renewing members

One of the goals of the ITD Alliance is to encourage and support networking among members. In this section we introduce our newest members and highlight our current members who have renewed since the 10 November News Bulletin. Thank you!

New and Renewing Individual Members

Europe

- Seongsook Choi, University of Edinburgh, UK
- Herco Fonteijn, Maastricht University, The Netherlands
- Irene Wols, University of Twente, The Netherlands

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Elizabet Estallo, Instituto de Investigaciones Biológicas y Tecnológicas CONICET-Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina

North America

- Steve Fiore, University of Central Florida and INSciTS (International Network for the Science of Team Science), USA

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Pfungwa Michelle Nyamukachi, University of Pretoria, South Africa

For a full list of institutional and individual members of the ITD Alliance, visit the public [Members page](#). To learn about the benefits of joining the ITD Alliance, see our [Membership page](#).

We encourage you to connect with your colleagues, especially those in your region. You can find contact information for individual members in the [Member Area](#) of the ITD Alliance website (log-in required).



Member conferences and events

47th Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference (AIS25), University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland, June 4-6, 2025, Abstract Call and Keynote speakers update

The University of Oulu and Oulu University of Applied Sciences are hosting *the 47th Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference* at the Linnanmaa campus, Oulu, Finland, in June 4-6, 2025. This marks the second time the [AIS organization](#) has held its conference in Europe, following the 2019 event at the University of Amsterdam.

The conference will focus on the theme "Shaping the Future in the Era of Polycrisis" and it is intended for all those interested in multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and transdisciplinary research and teaching at all stages of their research career and in all staff groups. Early career scholars and graduate students are especially encouraged to submit proposals.

Keynote speakers confirmed include ITD Alliance President, Gabriele Bammer, a professor at The Australian National University in the National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and Biannca Vienni-Baptista, group Leader of Cultural Studies of Science and Technology and lecturer at the Transdisciplinarity Lab, ETH Zürich – a founding institutional member of the ITD Alliance.

Abstract Call for contributions for this conference opens on Monday 16th of December, 12:00 pm (UTC+2, Eastern European Time) and will be open until February 14, 2025, at 23:59 (UTC+2, Eastern European Time). Abstract proposals are evaluated and accepted by the session conveners. See the sessions accepting contributions [here](#). If your idea does not fit in within any of the sessions, you may also submit your abstract as an independent submission. See details and links to the sessions accepting proposals and submission form on the [Call for contributions](#) page.

[Registration](#) for the conference is open until May 1, 2025, 23:59 (UTC+3, Eastern European Summer Time). Early-bird registration ends March 31, 2025. Members of AIS and ITD Alliance as well as students (incl. doctoral researchers) have reduced registration fees that apply for the whole registration period. The conference will be held on-site at the Linnanmaa campus with partial coverage for the remote participants.

Find out more information on [the conference website](#). If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via email AIS25@oulu.fi. Hoping to see you in Oulu!



Member news

Gabriele Bammer (ITD Alliance member and President) receives prestigious award, highlighting ITD activities

In early December, ITD Alliance President, Professor Gabriele Bammer was recognised with the Peter Baume Award, the Australian National University's most prestigious accolade, awarded for "eminent achievement and merit of the highest order". Specific mention was made of her work on [Integration and Implementation Sciences \(i2S\)](#), see <https://nceph.anu.edu.au/news-events/news/award-winning-solution-tackling-complex-problems>.



About this News Bulletin

This News Bulletin focuses on the activities of the ITD Alliance and its members.

Members are encouraged to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing to sections of the bulletin:

- Consult the community – Ask questions of the community and respond to member questions to support our teaching and learning, as individuals and as a community.
- Member conferences and events – Announce inter- and transdisciplinarity related events hosted by you or your institution.
- Member news – Share news of inter- and transdisciplinarity related reports on activities, awards you have received or other good news.

We also welcome contributions that may interest members such as:

- Opportunities for consulting or employment, grants and prizes or visiting fellowships
- Policy news in education, funding and research
- Conference news about dates and locations and calls for submissions
- Conference reports
- Journal news about calls for submissions to special issues related to inter- and transdisciplinarity.

Please send contributions to Caryn Anderson caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org at least a week before you would like to see them published. We aim to publish every two weeks, but the day may vary.

The News Bulletin is sent to all members of the ITD Alliance and to interested colleagues who have joined the mailing list at <https://itd-alliance.org/newsletter>. To be sure News Bulletins don't end up in a spam folder, add info@itd-alliance.org to your contacts list. Feel free to share the News Bulletin with anyone who may be interested.

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