



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

- Member Publications: 3 publications, 5 member authors.
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Members are invited to engage with the community through the News Bulletin by contributing questions or announcements. See “About this News Bulletin” below.



Member publications

New Member Publications

We are pleased to announce three new publications by ITD Alliance members. The full list is sortable and searchable on the [Member Publications](#) web page. Congratulations to our members on these recent publications. See below for instructions on how to share your publication with the community.

Member Author: Rick Szostak

Citation: Szostak R. **Interdisciplinary and Integrative Research**. In: Edlund JE, Nichols AL, eds. The Cambridge Handbook of Research Methods and Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences: Volume 2: Performing Research. Cambridge Handbooks in Psychology. Cambridge University Press; 2024:261-282.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/9781009000796.013>

Description: The article provides an overview of the literature on how to perform interdisciplinary research. It notes that integrative research can also be pursued within disciplines.

Member Authors: Alexandra Lux, Michael Kress-Ludwig, Flurina Schneider

Citation: Lux, A., Kreß-Ludwig, M., Schneider, F., 2024. **Transdisciplinary Research Process**, in: Darbellay, F. (Ed.), Elgar Encyclopedia of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity. Edgar Elgar, pp. 553–557. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035317967.ch121>

Description: This entry in the Encyclopedia on Inter- and Transdisciplinarity outlines transdisciplinary research as a collaborative process between researchers and societal actors to address real-world problems. It introduces a three-phase model—problem framing, generation of integrated knowledge, and integrative assessment—highlighting the importance of integration, adaptability, reflexivity, and tailoring processes to context-specific transformative goals.

Member Authors: Alexandra Lux, Oskar Marg, Flurina Schneider

Citation: Lux, A., Marg, O., Schneider, F., 2024. **Integration**, in: Darbellay, F. (Ed.), Elgar Encyclopedia of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity. Edgar Elgar, pp. 277–280. <https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035317967.ch61>

Description: This entry in the Encyclopedia on Inter- and Transdisciplinarity emphasizes the critical role of integration in addressing complex societal problems. It explores how integration connects diverse knowledge systems and entities, supports methodological creativity, and fosters collaboration across cognitive, social, and communicative dimensions. The entry outlines strategies for creating socially robust, scientifically rigorous outcomes tailored to specific project contexts.

Submit your publication for announcement and inclusion online

Just had a paper, book or book chapter published? Does it highlight inter- or transdisciplinarity or some other form of boundary crossing or collaborative mode of research and practice? Let us know and we'll be pleased to feature it in the ITD Alliance News Bulletin and on the [ITD Alliance website](#).

Publication listings should include the:

- full citation,
- brief description of approximately 50 words (due to variable copyright restrictions, we are unable to publish full abstracts), and
- DOI URL.

Publication listings in all languages are welcome. If the publication is in a language other than English, we would welcome an English language translation of the citation and abstract. Send your publication listings to Caryn Anderson (info@itd-alliance.org) with the subject: Member Publications.

View the [Member Publications](#) web page.



Working Groups

Procedures for Establishing New Working Groups

[Working groups](#) are an important pillar of the ITD Alliance providing an opportunity for self-organised groups of members and interested others to actively engage on a topic of mutual interest, that furthers the aims of the ITD Alliance. Ideally, they also contribute to

enhancing the global profile and expertise of the ITD Alliance. Visit the web pages of the currently working groups to learn more about their activities, toolkits and publications.

[Integration Experts & Expertise](#)

[Early Career Researchers](#)

[Toolkits & Methods](#)

At the ITD24 conference in November 2024, the dynamic ITD Alliance networking event generated lots of ideas and information sharing (read the report in the [25 November 2024 News Bulletin](#)). Ideas for new working groups were proposed covering transformative change and justice in ITD research (open discussion scheduled for 5 February – see upcoming events below) and encouraging organizational change within institutions to support ITD. A working group focused on education and training is also in development. If you are interested in engaging with any of these new topics or others, please email Caryn Anderson, Interim Executive Secretary, at info@itd-alliance.org and she will put you in touch with the other interested members.

The Leadership Board recently approved new Procedures for Establishing New Working Groups, which can be found on the main [Working Groups](#) web page.



Upcoming ITD Alliance events

Transformative Change in ITD Research Discussion, 5 February 2025, 1500h - 1630h, CET, online

During the ITD Conference 2024 in Utrecht participants talked about the relevance of transformative change for ITD research.

Interested members would like to further these exchanges by inviting you to an informal discussion on ITD and the topic of transformative change on February 5th 2025 (15h - 16h30, GMT+1). At the end, we would like to talk about the relevance and general interest in creating an ITD Alliance working group specifically dedicated to these issues. What are you particularly interested when it comes to transformative change? What are topics you are passionate about in this thematic area? What would be your needs for this potential working group and what would you like to contribute? Who do you think would be interested in taking part? (actors from academia, policy, practice, etc.)

Agenda

- 15h Welcome and ice-breaker
- 15h10 - 16h Brief input from Sierra Deutsch on transformative change, ITD, and justice, followed by discussion
- 16h - 16h30 Discuss working group creation
- 16h30 Closing

Date & Time: February 5, 2025, 1500 – 1630 (CET/GMT+1). ([convert to your time zone](#))

Location: Online, Open to all

Registration: Email Minea Mader (minea.maeder@scnat.ch) to receive calendar invite and meeting link

See also the ITD Alliance [Member Events](#) web page.

Open Call: Quality and Rigour Discussion Sessions 2025

The sessions provide an open platform for dialogue and reflection on the quality and scientific rigour of ITD toolkits and methods. They offer a space for both theorists and practitioners interested in leading and facilitating exchange in this field. Anyone is welcome to propose and host a discussion. Sign-up is now available on our website: https://itd-alliance.org/working-groups/toolkits_methods/rigour-project/.

The Quality and Rigour Discussion Sessions are activities of the [Quality and Rigour Project](#) within the ITD Alliance Working Group on [Toolkits and Methods](#). The first session of 2025 is scheduled for 10 February (see below).

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

Date & Time: February 10, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM CET. (convert to your time zone)

Location: Online, Open to all, Register to receive link

Registration: [Register online](#) by January 24

All are welcome. See the ITD Alliance [Member Events](#) web page for details.



Member news

Call for Contributions, Tour d'Horizon 2024 compilation of most important ITD publications, td-net

Your recommendation counts! Which publications from 2024 do you consider to be the most relevant, innovative, and/or provocative in the field of inter- and transdisciplinarity?

As experts in inter- and transdisciplinarity, ITD Alliance members are invited to contribute to a compilation of the most important publications of 2024 in the fields of inter- and transdisciplinary research, education, and practice. This network initiative, named "Tour d'Horizon 2024", will be published on the website of td-net (ITD Alliance member).

Recommend your 1-3 favorite readings through the [Tour d'Horizon survey \(submission form\)](#) till **March 31, 2025**.

Submissions of literature in Spanish, French, German, and Portuguese are encouraged, in addition to English. However, comments which expost your decisions should be in English.

Review [previous editions of Tour d'Horizon](#), and please share this survey with your networks. Contact td-net (assistenz_tdnet@scnat.ch), with any questions.



Relevant conferences and events

Call for papers, Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching Conference, ‘Interdisciplinary Integration: Engaging students with Interdisciplinary Thinking and Doing’, 10 April 2025, London, UK

This year’s Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching Conference conference is scheduled for 10 April 2025 and will be hosted by the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). It explores how to engage students in interdisciplinary thinking, focusing on methods that challenge traditional subject-focused education. It invites practical approaches to making interdisciplinary activities meaningful and valuable for students in today’s marketised educational context.

Themes include:

- Creating opportunities for interdisciplinary activities
- Places for interdisciplinary learning and teaching
- Outcomes from interdisciplinary opportunities and engagement

Formats: Short papers (15 minutes), lightning talks (5 minutes), and problem-focused workshops.

See [here](#) for more information. Call for papers deadline extended to **28 January 2025**.

Early bird registration, 2025 International Action Learning Conference, 7-9 April 2025, Manchester, UK

The [2025 International Action Learning Conference](#) will be hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS), University of Manchester from 7-9 April 2025 in Manchester, UK. The theme is “Creating the conditions for developing people and organisations” with a focus on two areas in particular:

- Collective capability – action learning has a tradition of people interacting and working together to achieve ‘something’. Collective capability describes those ‘somethings’ as being delivered through a process of collective agency. Papers are welcomed on action learning and how it supports that focus of collective capability/agency/leadership.
- Action learning as an agent in leadership development – action learning is used throughout many industries as an agent for development of leaders. Please share papers on how action learning supports or is the key component of leadership development within programmes or as one-off activities.

Early bird rates for [conference tickets](#) are available until **24 January 2025**.

Call for contributions, SSH Energy Workshop 2025: Futuring Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research, for Whom, by Whom?, 16 and 17 June 2025, Zurich, Switzerland

We are pleased to announce the [Call for Contributions](#) is open for the SSH Energy Workshop 2025: Futuring Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research, for Whom, by Whom?, taking place on 16 and 17 June 2025 at ETH Zurich.

You can find the information on the call and the link to submit your abstract on the [SSH Energy 2025 web page](#). You can also go directly to the [abstract submission form](#).

Important dates:

- **20.01.25 - 21.03.25:** Abstract submission
- **04.04.25:** Notice of acceptance
- **04.04.25 - 30.05.25:** Registration
- **16.06.25 - 17.06.25:** SSH Energy 2025



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 and we will send weekly if volume of news is high.

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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