



# ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for  
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

News Bulletin  
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**Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,**

This News Bulletin includes:

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## ITD Alliance events

**"Transdisciplinarity for Sustainability" dialogue, INSEE (Indian Society for Ecological Economics) in collaboration with the ITD Alliance, 26 February 2025**

On 26 February 2025 (10:30 AM – 12:00 PM), a dialogue on “Transdisciplinarity and Sustainability” will be organized by the Indian Society for Ecological Economics (INSEE) in collaboration with the Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance). Gabriele Bammer from the Australian National University and President, ITD Alliance and Sharachandra Lele, Distinguished Fellow in Environmental Policy and Governance at Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and The Environment (ATREE), will be the speakers in the online event, moderated by Seema Purushothaman, President, INSEE and member of the ITD Alliance Leadership Board. This dialogue is an effort by INSEE and the ITD Alliance to create platforms for deliberating knowledge pathways towards imagining and ushering in sustainable societies.

See <https://ecoinsee.org/news/45c48cce2e2d7fbdea1afc51c7c6ad26> for details. See also the ITD Alliance [Member Events](#) web page.



## Hosting the next International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Conference (ITD26)

Are you interested in hosting the next International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD) Conference or a satellite or regional event or a co-conference?

The ITD Alliance and td-net are looking for a host Institution to partner with in running the next International ITD Conference, scheduled for 2026. We also welcome expressions of interest in running satellite or regional events linked to the main conference, as well as for potential partnerships with related conferences (co-conferences).

To find out more about the history of the conference and what's required for the next conference, see: <https://itd-alliance.org/itd-conference/> or contact Theres Paulsen through our secretariat at [info@itd-alliance.org](mailto:info@itd-alliance.org). **Expressions of interest are due on 31 March 2025.**



## Working group news

**Report on workshop to collect team science training resources, including toolkits – a collaboration with ACTS and INSciTS**

The Toolkits & Methods Working Group, with ACTS (Association for Clinical and Translational Science), continues to support an INSciTS (International Network for the Science of Team Science) effort to collect team science training resources, including toolkits. On January 10th, the INSciTS team hosted a workshop with 15-20 attendees to discuss user-friendly categorization of training resources using a Miro board. Key topics included toolkit definitions, inclusion standards, and useful tags. Next, two additional meetings will refine outcomes with global participation to develop an organized inventory. For more information and to participate in future activities, please contact Hiumin Xu ([hiuminxu@utexas.edu](mailto:hiuminxu@utexas.edu)) and Peg AtKisson ([peg@atkissontraininggroup.com](mailto:peg@atkissontraininggroup.com)).



## 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 16 December News Bulletin. Thank you!

## New Institutional Members

- University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands  
(<https://www.vhluas.com/programmes/bachelor/international-development-management/>)  
*International Development Management is a Bachelor Programme at the University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein which focuses on transition education with transdisciplinary teams. Students work on five themes: environmental justice, disaster relief and conflict prevention, social inclusion and diversity, healthy food and resilient communities, as well as equitable and sustainable value chains. The aim of the programme is to develop experts in transitions towards a more sustainable, just society.*

## Renewing Institutional Members

- ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany (<https://www.isoe.de/en/>)  
*ISOE is a leading non-profit and non-university institute for transdisciplinary sustainability research. Since 30 years, the Institute has carried out problem-oriented research providing support for decision-makers and viable concepts for the future directed at policy makers, the civil society and enterprises – both at regional and international level. Further, ISOE is actively engaged in teaching inter- and also transdisciplinary concepts and methods at different Universities.*
- Center for Ocean and Society, Kiel Marine Science (KMS), Kiel University, Germany (<https://oceanandsociety.org/en/home>)  
*The Center for Ocean and Society conducts interdisciplinary research on ocean and society and involves societal actors in transdisciplinary projects. The research at the Center for Ocean and Society is based on the understanding of seas and coasts as socio-ecological systems. Experts from economics, geology, oceanography, fisheries biology, chemistry and other disciplines work together on projects with the active involvement of societal actors. The projects work on a local, regional and global level and actively involve non-university knowledge carriers in the development of research questions. Solutions for coping with the climate and ocean crisis are to be developed through the cooperation of participants from research, politics, business and civil society. The overarching goal of the research is a science-based and independent contribution to the implementation of the sustainability goals of the UN Agenda 2030.*

For a full list of institutional members of the ITD Alliance, visit the public [Members page](#).

## New and Renewing Individual Members

### Europe

- Linar Akhmetzyanov, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*
- Matthias Bergmann, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Ghislaine Bongers, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*
- Stefanie Burkhart, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Frédéric Darbellay, University of Geneva, Switzerland\*
- Arno de Snoo, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*
- Jeanne Féaux de la Croix, University of Bern, Switzerland\*
- Stephan Flink, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*

- Fanny Frick-Trzebitzky, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Annelies Heijmans, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*
- Hanna Hilbert, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Dženeta Hodžić, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Thomas Jahn, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Michael Kress-Ludwig, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Chantal Krumm, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Alexandra Lux, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Catherine Lyall, University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- Oskar Marg, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Iris Mencke, Music Perception and Processing Lab, Department of Medical Physics and Acoustics, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, Germany
- Marianne Penker, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria
- Marie-Catherine Riekhof, Center for Ocean and Society, Kiel Marine Science (KMS), Kiel University, Germany\*
- Flurina Schneider, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Lena Theiler, ISOE - Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany\*
- Astrid Van Rooij, University of Applied Sciences Van Hall Larenstein - International Development Management, The Netherlands\*
- Christian Wagner-Ahlf, Center for Ocean and Society, Kiel Marine Science (KMS), Kiel University, Germany\*

#### *Latin America and the Caribbean*

- Ana Gretel Echazú Böschemeier, Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (Brazil), Brazil

#### *North America*

- William Acree, Washington University in St. Louis, USA
- Claire Foley, Cleveland State University, United States of America
- Susanne Moser, Susanne Moser Research & Consulting, USA
- Kitty Wooley, Senior Fellows and Friends, USA

#### *Sub-Saharan Africa*

- Adey Desta, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

\* Individual member included with institutional membership. To learn about the benefits of joining the ITD Alliance as an institutional member (including multiple complimentary individual memberships, depending on organisation size), 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 publications

### New Member Publications

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

**Member authors:** Iain Gordon

**Citation:** Cheok, J., van Velden, J., Fulton, E.A., Gordon, I.J., Lyons, I., Peterson, G.D., Wren, L, and Hill, R. (2025). Framings in Indigenous futures thinking: barriers, opportunities, and innovations. *Sustainability Science*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-024-01615-1>

**Description:** Human societies face existential challenges like climate change and social unrest. Futures thinking, especially from Indigenous perspectives, offers innovative solutions, including unique worldviews and methodologies. This study identifies patterns, highlights innovative approaches, and creates a glossary to aid further research and innovation in Indigenous futures thinking.

View the [Member Publications](#) web page, and submit your publication for announcement and inclusion online.



## Relevant conferences

### Erste GTPF-Jahrestagung „Neue Horizonte in der transdisziplinären Forschung“, Frankfurt am Main, Deutschland, 2./3. April 2025

Die Gesellschaft für transdisziplinäre und partizipative Forschung e.V. (GTPF) lädt ihre Mitglieder und alle weiteren Interessierten zu ihrer ersten Jahrestagung „Neue Horizonte in der transdisziplinären Forschung“ ein. Die Veranstaltung wird gemeinsam mit der Forschungsplattform tdAcademy organisiert und durchgeführt.

Die Tagung richtet sich an Forschende und Förderinstitutionen, die an der Weiterentwicklung exzellenter transdisziplinärer und partizipativer Forschung arbeiten. Die Konferenzsprache ist Deutsch, englischsprachige Beiträge sind willkommen.

Die Teilnahme ist kostenfrei, setzt jedoch eine verbindliche Anmeldung voraus. Aufgrund der hohen Resonanz sind derzeit alle Plätze vergeben.

Datum: 2.-3. April 2025 (Beginn 13.30 Uhr, Ende 12.30 Uhr)

Ort: Frankfurt am Main

Einzelheiten finden Sie unter: <https://td-academy.org/events/1-gtpf-jahrestagung-neue-horizonte-in-der-transdisziplinaeren-forschung-2-3-april-2025/>

## **1st GTPF Annual Meeting 2025, New Horizons in Transdisciplinary Research, Frankfurt am Main, Germany, April 2-3, 2025**

The Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) warmly invites its members and all interested individuals to its inaugural annual conference, "New Horizons in Transdisciplinary Research." Organized in collaboration with the research platform tdAcademy, this event is designed for researchers and funding institutions dedicated to advancing excellent transdisciplinary and participatory research. While the primary conference language is German, contributions in English are welcome. Join us to network and help shape the future of transdisciplinary and participatory research! Participation is free of charge but requires mandatory registration. Due to the high response, all places are currently taken. However, you are welcome to sign up for a waiting list.

Date: April 2-3, 2025 (start 1:30 p.m., end 12:30 p.m.)

Location: Frankfurt am Main

For details, see: <https://td-academy.org/events/1-gtpf-jahrestagung-neue-horizonte-in-der-transdisziplinaeren-forschung-2-3-april-2025/>



## **Other relevant news**

### **Report on the 2024 Transdisciplinarity for Early Career Researchers in Asia+ (TERRA) School of Future Earth - Asia**

What makes transdisciplinary research essential for addressing sustainability challenges? A participant shares his experience at the 2024 Transdisciplinarity for Early Career Researchers in Asia+ (TERRA) School, where he explored systems thinking, co-creation techniques, and cross-sector collaboration.

<https://asia.futureearth.org/2025/01/16/reflections-from-the-terra-school-bridging-disciplines-and-sectors-for-a-sustainable-future/>



## **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](mailto: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.

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