



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



ITD Alliance events

Report and video from Toolkits & Methods Meet & Greet event, 17 January 2025

The 2025 Meet & Greet Initiative of the WG Toolkits & Methods brought together new and existing WG members to enhance networking, explore ongoing projects, and brainstorm potential new ideas. Members from various parts of the world participated in both asynchronous and synchronous sessions (17 January 2025), sharing their interests, exchanging contacts, and expressing a strong desire to sustain the Meet & Greet initiative through participatory quarterly events.

Video available of introduction to the Toolkits & Methods Working Group (7:47 min.):
https://itd-alliance.org/working-groups/toolkits_methods/.

Upcoming ITD Alliance events

- 5 February: Transformative Change in ITD Research Discussion
- 10 February: Quality and Rigour Discussion Session

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



Member publications

New Member Publications

We are pleased to announce two 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 authors: Sabine Hoffmann, Lisa Deutsch, Michael O'Rourke

Citation: Hoffmann, S., Deutsch, L., O'Rourke, M. (2024). **Integration experts and expertise.** In: Darbellay, F. (Ed.), Elgar Encyclopedia of Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity. ElgarOnline, eBook, pp 273-276.

<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035317967.ch60>

Description: This encyclopedia entry focuses on integration experts, who lead, administer, manage, monitor, assess, accompany and/or advise others on integration across science, policy and practice. It identifies integration experts' diverse roles and discusses their personal qualities (e.g., curiosity, sociability, creativity, reflectivity, humility) and expertise (e.g., contributory expertise, interactional expertise, referred expertise).

Member authors: Sabine Hoffmann

Citation: Hoffmann, S. (2024). **Synthesizing.** In: Darbellay, F. (Ed.), Elgar Encyclopedia of Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity. ElgarOnline, eBook, pp 505-508.

<https://doi.org/10.4337/9781035317967.ch111>

Description: This encyclopedia entry defines synthesis as an intentional and purposeful collaborative process that generates new knowledge by integrating heterogeneous contributions from different disciplines, fields and sectors across spatial or temporal scales. It introduces different synthesis stages, methods and procedures and discusses challenges inherent in such collaborative processes.

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



Member news

Congratulations to [Frédéric Darbellay](#), a founding ITD Alliance member, who has been promoted to full professor at the University of Geneva as of 1 February, where he is Head of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Unit. He is also Editor of the [Elgar Encyclopedia of Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity](#), published in 2024.



Member-organised symposium (collection of essays)

Seeking essays on “Role of transdisciplinarity as a scientific and cultural approach in the prevention of global conflicts of modern civilization”

The Institute of Transdisciplinary Technologies (ITT, Russia) (<http://www.td-science.ru>) and the International Center for Transdisciplinary Research (CIRET, France) (<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org>) are organising a symposium of collected essays to determine the readiness of modern transdisciplinarity to participate in rethinking and solving the problems of sustainable development of society, and to determine the scientific and cultural potential of modern transdisciplinarity for the prevention of global conflicts, as one of the conditions for the formation of sustainable development of society.

Participants are invited to submit responses to a series of discussion questions by email ([see symposium details and procedures](#)). The editorial committee will compile a report, including participant responses, which will be available on the ITT and CIRET websites. The symposium will also be submitted for publication by a scientific publishing house.

Deadline for submissions: **1 April 2025**

Symposium details and procedures (in English): http://www.td-science.ru/images/kart/CIRET_symposium_2025.pdf



Member-organised conferences

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

The University of Oulu and Oulu University of Applied Sciences are hosting the [47th Association for Interdisciplinary Studies Conference \(AIS25\)](#) at the Linnanmaa campus, Oulu, Finland, in June 4-6, 2025.

Keynote speakers: ITD Alliance Member Rick Szostak, Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Alberta, Canada, has been announced as a closing plenary keynote speaker. Two other ITD Alliance members are also confirmed keynote speakers: ITD Alliance President, Gabriele Bammer, and Bianca Vienni-Baptista of the Transdisciplinarity Lab, ETH Zürich – a founding institutional member.

Abstract Call for contributions is currently open until **February 14, 2025**, at 23:59 (UTC+2, Eastern European Time). See 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**. Reduced registration fees are available for members of AIS and the ITD Alliance.



Policy and funding news

New initiative aimed at increasing understanding between researchers and policy

A new initiative aimed at increasing understanding between researchers and policy makers is by the UK Economic and Social Research Council. This is a funding call for the development and expansion of UK-wide policy to research (P2R) infrastructure, facilitating direct connections between public and civil servants and research organisations. This infrastructure will enable policymakers to build skills and understanding of research, evidence and data in policy development by engaging in relevant activities in an academic setting, including professional development, training, immersive workshops, placements, and networking. See: <https://orlo.uk/ITug0>.



Relevant conferences

Call for Contributions, Special Session on Transdisciplinarity in and for Sustainability Transitions, International Sustainability Transitions (IST) Conference 2025, 24-26 June 2025, Lisbon, Portugal

In the face of pressing climate and sustainability challenges, this year's [International Sustainability Transitions \(IST\) Conference 2025](#) focuses on navigating the tensions, trade-offs, and dilemmas inherent in driving the structural changes needed for sustainability transitions. The special session "Transdisciplinarity in and for Transitions" will critically explore how transdisciplinary approaches can help address these complexities while also examining the conflicts, tensions, and trade-offs that emerge in processes of knowledge co-production for societal change. The special session welcomes theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions that go beyond additive models of knowledge integration.

Full Session Description (p.14):

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Oq2GZ0PYDiig7loe2RjRHx8O7Y9hZfsS/view>

Submission Deadline: **February 10th, 2025, 23:59 GMT**

Submit Your Abstract (Select Special Session E: Transdisciplinarity in and for Transitions):

<https://auth.oxfordabstracts.com/?redirect=/stages/77466/submitter>



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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