The ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network presents:

Transforming undergraduate learning: teaching transdisciplinarity on a university-wide scale

A dialogue between Giedre Kligyte (University of Technology Sydney) and Chris Browne (The Australian National University).

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Webinar Details

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025
Time: 1:00pm AEST, Sydney ([convert to your time zone](#))
Duration: 90 minutes comprising a 60-minute seminar followed by a 30-minute Talanoa (open discussion)
[Register at Humanitix](#) (Zoom link sent to registered participants)

Description

While a focus on transdisciplinary approaches for tackling complex social and environmental problems is well established in specialised postgraduate programs, universities are becoming increasingly interested in embedding transdisciplinary capabilities at the undergraduate level. The University of Technology Sydney and The Australian National University are pioneers of such university-wide efforts in Australia. In this session, two key people from these institutions, Giedre Kligyte and Chris Browne, will share their experiences of implementing transdisciplinary learning at scale. See biographies below.

Giedre and Chris will make brief scene-setting presentations and then engage in a dialogue, which will then be broadened out to include the audience. Moderation will be by Gabriele Bammer, President of the Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance).

This hour-long webinar will be followed by a 30-minute open discussion – a Talanoa - where you can connect with others across Oceania who are passionate about inter- and transdisciplinarity.

A recording of the seminar will be available from the ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network web page after the event.

Speakers

Dr. Giedre Kligyte is a Senior Lecturer and the Transdisciplinary Electives Program Director at the Transdisciplinary School, University of Technology Sydney, Australia. Her research focuses on transforming university education to advance more sustainable and socially just futures. In particular, she explores how different perspectives and relationships across boundaries can be leveraged to create "third spaces"—environments where difference, experimentation, and co-creation are embraced to stimulate mutual learning, new ways of thinking, and creativity. Giedre is dedicated to designing learning experiences that prepare individuals for uncertain futures, with a particular interest in developing transdisciplinary future-oriented capabilities such as systems and futures thinking, creativity, innovation, collaboration, and change-making as well as reflexive capacities. Online profile.

Dr. Chris A. Browne's research and teaching focus is on building literacy in systems approaches in transdisciplinary contexts at The Australian National University. This includes investigating conceptual models and methodology for understanding complex systems and strategies for developing intuition of dynamic systems. Chris is currently a lead on the ANU curriculum transformation project in the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) portfolio and Academic Convenor at the McCusker Institute. Chris holds a PhD, BEng (Hons) and BAsianStudies from ANU and is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. Online profile.

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Inter- and transdisciplinarians often have a hard time finding each other to share insights and experiences. The ITD Alliance Oceania Regional Network provides regular online networking opportunities (talanoa), following stimulating webinars that aim to showcase some of the best educational and research practices in the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia. We also ensure that the unique characteristics of the Oceania region are represented on the global stage. Visit the network web page and subscribe for notice of future activities.

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