



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

News Bulletin
24 June 2025

Dear ITD Alliance Members and Colleagues,

This News Bulletin includes:

- 26 and 27 General Assembly (focused on Bylaws).
- ITD Alliance Events: 2 upcoming (26 & 27 June, 9 & 10 October).
- Leadership Board News.
- Member Publications.
- Opportunity for Professorship: Living Labs in Agricultural Landscapes (W3), Germany.
- Relevant Event: National Science Foundation (NSF) Growing Convergence Research (GCR) program lecture series (26 June 2025).
- About this News Bulletin.

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



26 and 27 General Assembly (focused on Bylaws)

Agenda and important information for the ITD Alliance 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly

The annual General Assembly is an important opportunity for members to participate in building a strong, effective and representative association for both institutional and individual members.

ITD Alliance members were sent an email on 4 June 2025 with the agenda and important information about the 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly (Bylaws). ***If you believe you are a member and did not receive the email, please contact Executive Secretary, Caryn Anderson (caryn.anderson@itd-alliance.org), to ensure your membership is current.***

The 26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly (Bylaws) will deal with proposed updates to the bylaws, involving both changes and clarifications. There is also an opportunity to review and discuss the procedures through which the bylaws are implemented by the Leadership Board. The procedures are being gathered together in a single public document as an aid to corporate memory and to foster clarity and transparency. These updates reflect the growth and evolution of the ITD Alliance and are designed to strengthen its foundations. They also lay necessary groundwork for the Leadership Board elections at the second General Assembly, scheduled for October.

The web page for the [26 and 27 June 2025 General Assembly \(Bylaws\)](#) meetings includes the exact meeting times, Zoom link, other key dates, agenda and papers, and voting details. Recordings and slides will also be posted on the page after the meetings.

Your voice – and vote – matter and will help shape the ITD Alliance for the future.



ITD Alliance events

ITD Alliance General Assembly meetings scheduled for 26 & 27 June and 9 & 10 October 2025

There will be two General Assemblies in 2025, each with two online meetings to accommodate global time zones. The first on 26 and 27 June is described above. The second on 9 and 10 October will be for financial and other reporting, as well as elections to the Leadership Board. There will be a two week online voting period following each set of meetings. For more information, see: <https://itd-alliance.org/general-assemblies-2025/>.



Leadership Board News

Leadership Board meetings are held every month, with two meetings covering different time zones, allowing everyone to attend at a reasonably convenient time. Since the report in the March News Bulletin, the Leadership Board has:

- extensively discussed and finalised the proposed bylaw changes and clarifications for the June General Assembly (the agenda and agenda papers have now been sent to all members)
- started a process of discussing and planning actions stemming from five regional TD training needs workshops (organized with, and funded by, the TD Training Collaboratory). The synthesis report "Advancing Engaged Research Globally – Region by Region: Assessing Training Needs" (which is the basis for these discussions) is available on the ITD Alliance website at: <https://itd-alliance.org/resources/advancing-engaged-research-globally/>
- appointed the University of Évora in Portugal as the host for ITD27, the 2027 International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity conference
- authorised the President to hold discussions with other organisations (in Latin America, China and the USA) interested in partnering with the ITD Alliance to run events

- started a process of writing welcome sentences in languages other than English for the ITD Alliance website (see <https://itd-alliance.org/>; additional contributions from ITD Alliance members are also welcome)
- organised a second successful webinar, led by Leadership Board member, Umar Ibrahim
- continued to share strategies for recruiting new members – this is a standing item on the Leadership Board meetings agenda. To date this financial year, beginning 1 September 2024, there have been 4 new institutional members and 50 new individual members, with 2 institutional members not renewing and 16 individual members not renewing.

The Leadership Board is also delighted to announce that Umar Ibrahim has joined the Executive Committee, replacing Helena Guimarães, who was an outstanding contributor for the last two or so years.

Finally, ITD Alliance President, Gabriele Bammer was interviewed by Luc Allemand from the Earth-Humanity Coalition to provide information about the ITD Alliance – see <https://earth-humanity.org/gabriele-bammer-we-develop-approaches-for-tackling-complex-problems/>. The ITD Alliance is a member of the Earth-Humanity Coalition. To stay informed about Earth-Humanity Coalition news, see <https://earth-humanity.org/news/>.



Member publications

New Member Publications

We are pleased to announce new publications by three ITD Alliance members and a special offer for ITD Alliance members and subscribers. The full list for late 2024 and 2025 publications is sortable and searchable on the [Member Publications](#) web page. Congratulations to our members.

Learning from Paulo Freire for transformative, inter- and transdisciplinary research [description for series of 3 publications]

Open access versions of all three publications were made available in June 2025.

In a series of publications – two special issues (in English) and a volume (in Spanish) – 16 authors from Latin America and Europe revisit the work of Brazilian educator Paulo Freire to mobilise it for inter- and transdisciplinary research and learning today. What can we learn from a Brazilian educator who dedicated his life to the liberation from oppression? Paulo Freire's approach to research and learning incorporates ground-breaking principles for individual and social transformation. The idea of learning 'to read and to write the world' that is at the bottom of his literacy approach offers a fresh perspective on inter- and transdisciplinary research. Freire's approach also challenges techno-scientific discourses with its profound ethical-political claim.

Member author(s): Ulli Vilsmaier, Juliana Merçon

Citation: Vilsmaier, U., Hensler, L., Merçon, J., & Faschingeder, G. (Eds.). (2024).

Aprendiendo de Paulo Freire para la investigación transdisciplinaria. Principios, Métodos y Experiencias. Conahcyt y Fondo de Cultura Económica. <https://secihti.mx/difusion-y-promocion/libros/> [English: Vilsmaier, U., Hensler, L., Merçon, J., & Faschingeder, G.

(Eds.). (2024). *Learning from Paulo Freire for Transdisciplinary Research: Principles, Methods, and Experiences*. National Council of Humanities, Sciences and Technologies (CONAHCyT) and Economic Culture Fund (FCE).]

Member author(s): Ulli Vilsmaier, Juliana Merçon

Citation: Faschingeder, G., Vilsmaier, U. & Merçon, J. (Eds.). (2024) The Praxis of Transformative Research: Revisiting Paulo Freire [Special issue]. *Journal of Development Studies XXXX*(4). <https://doi.org/10.20446/JEP-2414-3197-40-4-4> ([Special issue home page](#))

Member author(s): Ulli Vilsmaier, Juliana Merçon

Citation: Vilsmaier, U., Faschingeder, G., & Merçon, J. (Eds.). (2020). Methods for Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research and Learning based on Paulo Freire [Special issue]. *Journal of Development Studies XXXVI*(3). <https://doi.org/10.20446/JEP-2414-3197-36-3-4> ([Special issue home page](#))

50% discount for the ITD Alliance on pre-orders of *Key Texts on Interdisciplinary Higher Education*

ITD Alliance members and subscribers can pre-order the hardback or eBook at 50% off via the [publisher's website](#) by using the code **BUP06** at checkout, by 1 July 2025. The book is scheduled for release on 26 August 2025.

Member author(s): Iris van der Tuin

Citation: van der Tuin, I. (Ed.). (2025). *Key Texts on Interdisciplinary Higher Education*. Policy Press. <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/key-texts-on-interdisciplinary-higher-education>

Description: Created to support course developers, this reader offers essential guidance for designing interdisciplinary higher education courses. It offers foundational extracts and practical advice to save time, gain expert insights and create impactful courses that meet today's challenges.

View the [Member Publications](#) web page and submit your publication to share with the community.



Opportunity for professorship

Professorship, "Living Labs in Agricultural Landscapes (W3)", School of Sustainability at Leuphana University Lüneburg and the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), Germany

The professorship is a joint appointment between Leuphana University and the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF). ZALF will establish a new Innovation Center for Agricultural Systems Transformation (IAT) in 2026. The IAT is a comprehensive strategic extension of ZALF for living lab research in a co-design mode. At Leuphana, the professorship will form part of the Sustainability Education and Transdisciplinary Research Institute (SETRI) at the School of Sustainability. **Applications are due by 13 July 2025.**

For position details, call package and application form, see:

<https://www.leuphana.de/universitaet/jobs-und-karriere/professuren/ausschreibungen-und-laufende-verfahren/ansicht-professuren/2025/05/28/professorship-living-labs-in-agricultural-landscapes-w3.html>.



Relevant event

Lessons from the Field 2025: Perspectives on Catalyzing Convergence, National Science Foundation (NSF) Growing Convergence Research (GCR) program lecture series, Online, 26 June 2025

The Growing Convergence Research Lecture Series provides discussion of some of the challenges and benefits of working on deeply integrated cross-disciplinary projects. The next in the series assembles a panel of investigators who have led successful projects funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) Growing Convergence Research program to share their insights on convergence and how it has manifested in their own projects.

The panel is:

- Marcus B. Foston of Washington University in St. Louis (Project title: Accelerated Discovery of Synthetic Biological Materials)
- Matthew Libera of Stevens Institute of Technology (Project title: Infection-Resisting Resorbable Scaffolds for Engineering Human Tissue)
- Ron Weiss of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Project title: Micro-bio-genetics for Programmable Organoid Formation)

Date and time: Thursday, June 26, 2025 ~ 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM (EDT)

Join online: [Zoom](#), with passcode: GCR

For more about the Growing Convergence Research program, including videos of previous lectures, see: <https://www.nsf.gov/od/oia/ia/growing-convergence-research-nsf>



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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