



ITD Alliance

Global Alliance for
Inter- and Transdisciplinarity

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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.



Call for ITD Alliance Leadership Board and President nominations

Are you interested in:

- **Shaping the direction** of the only global professional society representing collaborative modes of research and education, especially inter- and transdisciplinarity?

- **Strengthening the visibility, capacity, and interconnectedness** of inter- and transdisciplinary communities around the world?
- **Ensuring that the priorities and perspectives of your region are represented** in the activities and policies of the ITD Alliance?

If so, nominate to stand for election to join the Leadership Board or become President of the ITD Alliance! (Self-nominations only.) [View details of the call and process](#). **Closing date: 10 September, 2025.**



ITD Alliance events

ITD Alliance General Assembly meetings (focused on reporting and elections) scheduled for 9 & 10 October 2025

The second General Assembly for 2025 will be for financial and other reporting, as well as elections to the Leadership Board (nominations open now until 10 September). Agenda papers will be sent out in mid-September and, after the meetings, there will be a two week online voting period. For more information, see: <https://itd-alliance.org/general-assembly-2025-reporting-and-elections/>.



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 23 July 2025 News Bulletin. Thank you!

New Institutional Members

- **ÉLAN - Designing Landscapes in the Anthropocene**, Technical University Berlin, Germany (<https://fg.freiraum.tu-berlin.de/>)
Landscape architecture, like urban design and architecture, is an established profession and academic discipline. Landscape architects design planetary futures: they draw, they build, they teach, and they research. The boundary between practice and academia is not important: Landscape architecture students are taught in the studio as well as in the field, and research takes place in libraries as well as in real-world laboratories. Practice, teaching and research intertwine and cross professional and disciplinary boundaries; knowledge becomes transdisciplinary.
- **The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China** (<https://www.polyu.edu.hk/>)
PolyU emphasises collaborative research and education, fostering partnerships across disciplines and industries to drive innovation. By promoting interdisciplinary cooperation and industry engagement, PolyU strategically combines academic expertise with practical applications to address real-world challenges and advance knowledge. One good example is that we have established the PolyU Academy for Interdisciplinary Research (PAIR).

- McCusker Institute, The Australian National University, Australia (<https://mccuskerinstitute.anu.edu.au/>)
The McCusker Institute at The Australian National University (ANU) was established in 2024 to bring staff and faculty together from across the university and the broader community to develop and advance transdisciplinary practice at ANU. Supported by a novel curriculum model—the SoCIETIE Initiative—the Institute offers for-credit courses and projects for students in undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, working with partners inside and outside of the university.
- School of Transdisciplinary Studies / Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Rep. of Korea (<https://sts.kaist.ac.kr/site/sts/>)
The KAIST School of Transdisciplinary Studies, established in 2019, cultivates creative, integrative thinkers by enabling students to design their own learning paths without a declared major. Its educational philosophy emphasizes broad academic foundations, student-driven customized learning, intrinsic motivation, and social responsibility. Evaluated under a Pass/No-Record system, students engage in research and problem-solving that bridges academic inquiry and real-world challenges.
- Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México (<https://susmai.sdi.unam.mx/index.php/en/>)
The Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) is the largest University in Latin America, with a total 370,000 students, and 42,708 academics, including researchers, teachers, and technicians. To generate bridges between academia and the general public in frontier topics, UNAM created 22 Seminars as multi, inter and transdisciplinary spaces to discuss various topics of public interest through courses, workshops, publications, among others. The purpose of these seminars is to interrelate disciplines, knowledges and diverse fields to give answers to collective, inclusive and sustainable phenomena and complex systems.

Renewing Institutional Members

- Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia (<https://www.ecu.edu.au/schools/science/research/strategic-centres/centre-for-people-place-and-planet/overview>)
The vision of the Centre for People, Place, & Planet is to reconnect people, ecosystems, and place-based knowledges for universal well-being. Our mission is to conduct transdisciplinary research using participatory methodologies in the context of global environmental change.
- Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany (<https://itp.h-da.de/>)
To tackle the transformative challenges of Sustainable Development, we need to take on a problem-oriented perspective, develop a shared vision beyond disciplines and create viable solutions beyond well-established patterns. To this end, the University established the “Innovation- and Transformation-Plattform for Sustainable Development” (itp:ne) with the aim of ensuring that research groups at the Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences are capable to adequately address wicked problems in the context of planetary boundaries. To this end, we are developing various formats to impart skills in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. We also support the establishment of interdisciplinary research groups for transdisciplinary projects and create the space to reflect on transdisciplinary processes and jointly develop methodological approaches. The project-related work at the itp:ne deals with complex real-world problems in close collaboration with relevant actors from the field; e.g. production and consumption systems, including the supporting infrastructure.

- Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium (<https://rega.kuleuven.be/if>)
We believe that we are in a transition period for humankind, where academia can play an essential role in the co-creation of knowledge with stakeholders for speeding up actions towards a sustainable future/society. We design and apply methodologies based on complexity, transdisciplinarity, and futures to co-create knowledge, develop new insights, and unfold potential actions to move society towards a sustainable future. We perform methodological research on how to address wicked problems. We apply these methodologies by providing consultancy services to other university projects and societal organizations. We bring training and education in these methodologies to university members and society. We create a safe space for experimentation where transdisciplinary projects can grow, and change-makers are trained with the skills to act for a sustainable future.
- Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia (<https://www.uts.edu.au/isf>)
The Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) at UTS is a transdisciplinary (TD) research institute with a higher degree research program. The ISF currently has 70 full-time researchers, and the ISF HDR program currently has 60 HDR students. Established in 1997, ISF brings together expertise from diverse disciplines to deliver practical solutions for our partners and empower our students to effect positive change toward sustainable futures. The Institute is independent of other faculties at UTS and is primarily funded through external research income and supports UTS's ambition to be a leading public university of technology recognised for global impact.
- Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan (https://www.chikyu.ac.jp/rihn_e/)
RIHN provides a platform for the development and implementation of relatively large research projects involving networks of researchers in Japan and overseas (in particular Asia and Africa). Funded by the Ministry of Education, it solicits project proposals, incubates and develops these for 2 years, before starting a 5-year implementation phase. RIHN projects are required to be interdisciplinary in conceptualization and team composition and are expected to engage directly with society in addressing sustainability problems in a transdisciplinary way. Project leaders and staff circulate in and out of RIHN with the project cycle. In this way, RIHN aims to contribute to the building of capacity for inter- and transdisciplinarity in the university community at large. Being part of the National Institutes for the Humanities, RIHN regards sustainability problems as ultimately rooted in culture and society.

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

New and Renewing Individual Members

Asia

- Tomohiro Akiyama, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Linda Chan, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China*
- Ei, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Kentaro Hayashi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Jaeseung Jeong, School of Transdisciplinary Studies / Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Rep. of Korea*
- Hyun Wook Ka, School of Transdisciplinary Studies / Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Rep. of Korea*
- Yasuhisa Kondo, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Ria Lambino, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Hein Mallee, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Nguyen Bich Ngoc, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*

- Daniel Niles, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Cheolwoo Park, School of Transdisciplinary Studies / Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Rep. of Korea*
- Andi Patiware Metaragakusuma, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Kenichi Sawazaki, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Daniel Shek, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, China*
- Nako Shigesada, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Mikitaro Shobayashi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Norie Tamura, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Makoto Taniguchi, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Christmas Uchiyama, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*
- Grace Wong, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature (RIHN), Japan*

Europe

- Nicole Aeschbach, Heidelberg University, Institute of Geography, Germany
- Tom Dedeurwaerdere, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
- Donata Dettwiler, Independent Researcher, Switzerland
- Lisa Diedrich, ÉLAN - Designing Landscapes in the Anthropocene, Technical University Berlin, Germany*
- Daniel Feser, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Martin Führ, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Dominik Gager, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Christine Hobelsberger, University for Sustainable Development Eberswalde (HNEE), Germany
- Holger Hoff, Graz University, Wegener Center, Austria
- Anna-Leena Kähkönen, University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Silke Kleihauer, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Mella Köjs, Centre for Integrated Research on Culture and Society (CIRCUS), Uppsala University, Sweden*
- Jessica Krejci, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Daniel J. Lang, Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis (ITAS), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Germany
- Roderick Lawrence, University of Geneva, Switzerland
- Gabriela Michellini, Fachhochschule Potsdam, Institut für Angewandte Forschung Urbane Zukunft, Germany
- Mahsa Motlagh, Kassel Institute for Sustainability, Germany
- Helena Müller, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- TinhTam Nguyen, Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium*
- Rebecca Niebler, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Simona Pesaresi, Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium*
- Jonas Rehn-Groenendijk, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*

- Aaron Rittmeier, Innovation- and Transformation- Platform for Sustainable Development (itp:ne), Germany*
- Jan-Peter Sandler, Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium*
- Martina Schäfer, Technische Universität Berlin, Center for Technology and Society, Germany
- Barbara Smetschka, Institute of Social Ecology, BOKU Vienna, Austria
- Marie Stockman, Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium*
- Keisha Taylor, Techilosophy, The Netherlands
- Ilse van de Groep, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Clinical Psychology, Netherlands
- Anne-Mieke Vandamme, Institute for the Future, KU Leuven, Belgium*

Latin America and the Caribbean

- Nadjeli Valentine Babinet Rojas, Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México*
- Patricia Pérez Belmont, Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México*
- Lakshmi Charli-Joseph, Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México*
- Paola Massyel García-Meneses, Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México*
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- Mario Jesús Siqueiros-García, Seminario Universitario de Sociedad, Medio Ambiente e Instituciones (SUSMAI), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM), México*

Middle East and North Africa

- Rashad Hegazy, Kafr El Sheikh University; Nile Delta Water Management Programme (NDWM), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH GIZ-Egypt

North America

- Caryn Anderson, ITD Alliance, USA
- Jules Rochielle Sievert, NuLawLab, Northeastern University, USA

Oceania

- Tamara Al-Obaidi, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Mindy Blaise, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Dave Blake, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*

- Chris Browne, McCusker Institute, The Australian National University, Australia*
- Naomi Carrard, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Michelle Cheah, McCusker Institute, The Australian National University, Australia*
- Jeremy Cox, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Ian Cunningham, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Justine Dandy, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Martin Egan, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Simon Fane, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Nina Frankowski, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Naomi Godden, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Melita Grant, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Qianyao Huang, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Somayeh Koohestani, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Melanie Lewis, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Lizzy Lowe, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Stuart Martin, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Erica McIntyre, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Angus Morrison Saunders, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Hannah Mullen, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Mehran Nejati, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Allan O'Connor, Adelaide University, Australia
- Seth Opoku Mensah, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Jo Pollitt, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Jason Prior, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Rumen Rachev, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Jordan Roods, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Simon Ross, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Isabel Sebastian, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Kerry Tozer, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Shonah Trescott, Centre for People, Place & Planet, Australia*
- Bridget Weston, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Stuart White, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Juliet Willetts, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*
- Sarah Wilson, Institute For Sustainable Futures, Australia*

Sub-Saharan Africa

- Kingsley Ogunne, Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria

* 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).



Working Group news

Leadership Transition for the Toolkits & Methods Working Group

Starting August 15, 2025, the [Toolkits & Methods Working Group \(WG\)](#) will have three new co-coordinators: [Christine Hobelsberger](#), [Keisha Taylor](#), and [Mahsa Motlagh](#) (alphabetical order). They can be reached through the working group's [general inquiry form](#). Bethany Laursen will transition to co-leading a new project on "[Integration Tools & Toolkits](#)" with Monique Arkesteijn. The new project will be co-sponsored by the Toolkits & Methods Working Group and the Integration Experts & Expertise Working Group. The Leadership Board expressed many thanks to everyone involved for their leadership!



Member publications

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

Member author(s): Gabriele Bammer, Chris Browne

Citation: Bammer, G., Foley, T., Chitravas, N., Richardson, A.P., Valter, K., Nabavi, E., Johns-Boast, L., Browne, C., Nurmikko-Fuller, T., Jones, J. (2025). Advancing transdisciplinarity through library – academic collaboration. *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications* 12: article 1326. [open access] <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-025-05492-6>

Description: The potential of academic libraries and the field of information science to support transdisciplinarity is largely unrealised. The reasons for this are explored and a case study of how a library – academic collaboration produced a world-first library guide for transdisciplinary problem solving is described, along with lessons for how other libraries can help move transdisciplinarity forward in their institutions and with suggestions for how the field of information science can support such advances.

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



Member news

Report, Pacific Asia Summit on Transdisciplinary Education (PASTE) 2025, Hong Kong Baptist University

ITD Alliance member Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), successfully held the "Pacific Asia Summit on Transdisciplinary Education (PASTE) 2025" in June, bringing together more than 150 educators from 9 countries and regions. Through keynote speeches, student poster presentations and special seminars, it promoted the exchange of innovative inter- and transdisciplinary teaching concepts and experience sharing, explored cooperation opportunities, and promoted educational cooperation in the Asia-

Pacific region. Keynote speakers included ITD Alliance members Professor William Kwok-wai Cheung, Professor Jaeseung Jeong, Professor Seema Purushothaman and Associate Professor Chris Browne. More information about the summit is available at <https://transdisciplinary.hkbu.edu.hk/paste2025/>.



Relevant events

Analyzing Knowledge Integration in Convergence Research, Online, 27 August 2025

This event is part of the U.S. [National Science Foundation's Growing Convergence Research](#) Lecture Series. Join Shalini Misra, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia Tech, USA for her discussion of how researchers charged with leading convergence research might better plan, design, implement, and evaluate the integrative processes and products of their research. She will: (1) present an analytical framework to examine knowledge integration processes and products; (2) describe how they applied the framework to assess knowledge integration processes and products during the first two years of a five-year National Science Foundation Growing Convergence Research (GCR) project using a self-evaluation approach; and (3) consider the efficacy of the various knowledge integration approaches used in their GCR project and share empirically derived recommendations for designing, implementing, and evaluating convergence research.

Date: Wednesday, 27 August 2025
Time: 3:30-4:30 ET (Washington, DC)
[Zoom Link](#), Passcode: GCR

Peer-Coaching for the 'sticky-bits' in Transdisciplinary Research Collaborations, Online, 9 September and 6 November 2025

The Enjust working group on [Environmental Justice in Transdisciplinary Contexts](#) warmly invites participants to online peer-coaching on 'sticky-bits' in research collaboration. Working between academic and non-academic worlds is so important. It can be very rewarding – and very difficult. People curious about, or involved in such processes are welcome to join this safe sharing and learning format on transdisciplinary practice! You are invited to either present your own 'sticky' moment in a collaboration for peer-coaching input. Or you can choose to support the coaching process or participate as an active listener. With Judith Bopp of the Rachel Carson Centre, Juneseo Hwang of University of Hamburg and Jeanne Féaux de la Croix of University of Bern (ITD Alliance member).

Sessions are limited to 20 participants. [View the details](#) and contact the organisers to participate.

Dates: September 9 and November 6 2025
Times: 3-5 pm CET/4-6 pm MSK /9-11 am CE
[Zoom link](#)



Call for papers

Call for Papers, Special Collection on the Politics of Inter- and Transdisciplinarity, *Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies*

Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies, published by the Association of Interdisciplinary Studies (an ITD Alliance founding member), has announced a call for a special collection of articles that explore the politics of inter- and transdisciplinarity, with particular attention to current challenges and future prospects in universities and research systems worldwide. Contributions may include historical perspectives when they provide insights for understanding current issues and informing visions for the future, but the main emphasis is on analyzing present dynamics and imagining possible futures for ITD research, teaching, and academic careers. Guest Editors Frédéric Darbellay, (University of Geneva) and Rick Szostak (University of Alberta), ITD Alliance members.

Deadline for abstracts: 31 October 2025

[View details on the call](#) and submission procedures.



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 (these do not appear in every issue):

- 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 employment, grants and prizes or visiting fellowships
- Policy news in education, funding and research
- Conference calls and reports
- Journal 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.

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.

Explore past newsletters on our website: <https://itd-alliance.org/newsletter/>.