



Transdisciplinary Conference 2017

Co-conference Program

Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro

**“Challenges and opportunities of transdisciplinary agendas in Latin American contexts”**

In a two-day program of activities hosted by the Lab for Multidimensional Problems (Laboratorio de Problemas Multidimensionales) at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research (Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias), Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro (UAQ), México, different spaces for academic and social reflection will be opened to share experiences and insights on transdisciplinary, interdisciplinary and intersectoral projects.

The main objective of the activity is to link different universities, researchers and organizations through a deep questioning of the barriers found in the development of transdisciplinary agendas in Latin America and to share strategies towards urgent socioecological problems in this region.

The strategic questions of the activity are:

- How can we balance the unstable and precarious conditions and the strong desire to change the Latin-American academic institutions?
- How do cultural processes in those regions modify transdisciplinary processes?
- Is it possible to overcome corruption and neoliberal practices in these contexts? How?

We will discuss these issues in order to identify the difficulties and barriers that hinder the development of transdisciplinary process. Our starting point are the Latin-American institutions that are in a very vulnerable situation caused by neoliberal mechanisms and reforms where strong deprivation of natural resources threatens all basic fulfillment of needs. From a participatory perspective, we aim to study current initiatives; which address crucial socioecological conflicts in the region. At the end, we will dedicate a whole day to build alternatives in our current practices linking universities and communities. After the event, some of the conclusions and reflections will be presented virtually at the International Td Conference in Germany.

The activities include participants from different universities and will hold virtual conferences and real-time workshops to address these topics.

**Day 1:**

- Critical emergents: social pathologies, ravaging neoliberalism and socioecological disaster in Latin America.
- Reflecting on the problem: interdisciplinary knowledge production and the poor impact of universities in social problem solving.
- Workshop: Action research on current crisis, setting the strategic questions and revisiting community organizations and experiences.

**Day 2**

- Alternatives: Is there a feasible role of the university towards a common good in Latin America?
- Resilient practices: experiences from the field dealing with community recovery.
- Workshop: Frictions, self-organization and re-institutionalization of care.

**Dates:** August 31<sup>st</sup> & September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Place:** Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias, Facultad de Filosofía, Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Querétaro, México.

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