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## International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2017

**Transdisciplinary Research and Education – Intercultural Endeavours**  
**September 11-15, 2017, Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany**

The International Transdisciplinarity Conference in 2017 is co-organised by Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany and the Network for Transdisciplinary Research of the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences.

The overall objective of the conference is to strengthen communities of transdisciplinary research and education, and to create visibility for theoretical, empirical and transformative advances/results. The focus of the conference is on interculturality. Participants will explore transdisciplinary research and education as intercultural endeavours concerning epistemologies, world-views, practices, and place-based differences.

With this emphasis we will bring together representatives of different world regions, institutions, cultures, and communities. We envisage a space for taking a culturally sensitive look at transdisciplinarity. By doing so, we will also explore interfaces and foster the potential of transdisciplinarity to deal with heterogeneity and difference.

### CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

**Deadline for abstract submission:** March 10, 2017

We invite contributions from all fields and research cultures. We particularly welcome submissions that address interculturality and contributions from transdisciplinary teams. Please indicate how your submission aligns with the following streams, categories and formats. Choose one primary stream and indicate one or more categories relevant to your contribution.

### STREAMS

- **Theories and Epistemologies**  
Contributions that aim at advancing theoretical foundations and epistemology of transdisciplinarity, and/or elaborate on dealing with different theoretical backgrounds and epistemics in research.
- **Methodologies, Process Designs and Methods**  
Contributions that propose or discuss methodological aspects or approaches, and/or transdisciplinary process designs, and/or advances in methods and quality criteria of transdisciplinary research.
- **Case Studies**  
Contributions that provide insights into and/or trajectories of transdisciplinary case studies, including examples of success and failure with lessons learned from experience for future efforts.
- **Teaching and learning in higher education**  
Contributions that provide insights into transdisciplinary study programs and courses in higher education, discuss professional profiles of graduates, and/or that relate to teaching transdisciplinarity and training programs.

## CATEGORIES

- Culturality and interculturality
- Heterogeneity and difference
- Integration and collaboration
- Values, norms, beliefs
- Power relations and conflicts
- Interfaces and boundaries
- Institutions, communities and networks
- Social and societal learning
- Capacity development
- Models for change and transferability

## FORMATS

- **Poster**  
Posters will be on exhibit during the entire course of the ITD 2017 and presented in "speed talks" within a poster parcours. Abstracts of posters, up to a maximum of 600 words will be published in the abstract booklet.
- **Presentation**  
Presentations related to one of the above mentioned streams and categories will occur in sessions of 90 minutes. Each session will group three 15-minute presentations with 10 minutes for discussion. Provide a title and an abstract with a maximum of 600 words.
- **Session**  
Single sessions will be 90 minutes long, and double sessions 180 minutes. They should include a framing introduction of 10 minutes or in the case of double sessions 20 minutes long. To propose a session, provide a title and a short description (maximum 600 words) together with outlines of contributions (maximum 300 words each). Contributions to sessions can either be presentations (see above), panel discussions, or other formats. Please contact us if you need support in seeking potential collaborators for developing sessions.
- **Workshop**  
Activities of joint thinking and acting can form the basis of workshops of 180 minutes. The format is entirely open. The only limitation is that workshops should not exceed 30 minutes of presentation. Do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to collaborate with us in developing workshops.
- **Open Stage**  
During the conference there will be opportunities to open the stage for interventions, performances, presentations, and exhibitions that go beyond the spoken word. Such contributions may need special locations for exhibitions and performances, please contact the ITD 2017 office ([ITD\\_Conference\\_2017@leuphana.de](mailto:ITD_Conference_2017@leuphana.de)) concerning requirements for these activities.
- **Training Workshops**  
If you want to offer a training workshop, propose either a 180-minute or a full-day workshop on a particular method, tool, approach, or topic. Training workshops will be held Monday September 11 and Friday September 15, 2017. Participants must register for training

workshops prior to the conference and upon completion will receive certification.

- **Special meetings**

If you want to organise meetings of networks, associations, or other target groups (e.g. graduate students, or postdoctoral fellows, and other groups of researchers and educators), please contact the ITD 2017 office ([ITD\\_Conference\\_2017@leuphana.de](mailto:ITD_Conference_2017@leuphana.de)). Special meetings can be held Monday September 11 and Friday September 15, 2017. We will provide the infrastructure and announce your meeting in the conference programme.

- **Co-Conference**

In addition to a traditional face-to-face format we will incorporate various virtual components, including key-notes and panel discussions via live-stream. Further we encourage you to organise and contribute with Co-Conferences to discuss the conference theme without travelling to Germany. If you are interested, please contact Bianca Vienni ([vienni@leuphana.de](mailto:vienni@leuphana.de)).

#### ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

- **Title**

- **Authors**

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Author #N, Degree(s), Institution, Country

- **Keywords**

List three to five keywords.

- **Abstract**

Plain text only (for technical reasons, tables and figures cannot be included). Avoid using jargon and acronyms. Consider including the following information in the abstract, when relevant:

Objective, societal and scientific problem under investigation, scientific and societal goals  
Description of research process and methods  
Summary of findings

- **1-3 key readings** (optional)

*If you have questions about the content of the Conference or its organisation, please contact the ITD 2017 office ([ITD\\_Conference\\_2017@leuphana.de](mailto:ITD_Conference_2017@leuphana.de)).*

*For issues concerning the abstract submission, the td-net team ([itd17contributions@scnat.ch](mailto:itd17contributions@scnat.ch)) is at your disposal.*