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Lüneburg, 19.09.2016: Between the 28th of August and the 6th of September, researcher and members of scientific and civil society organisations from all over the world had the opportunity to deepen their experiences in transdisciplinary research. For this purpose, the Centre of Methods at Leuphana University invited to the *Td Summer School 2016 – Transdisciplinary Research at the Science | Society Interface*.

Learning by one's own field of work

The Td Summer Summer School aimed at introducing the foundations and history of transdisciplinary research as well as developing a transdisciplinary research design along the specific thematic fields of the participants. In the Td Training Module the participants of this years Td Summer School were able to acquire theoretical knowledge by attending different presentations from experts on history of science, societal contextualisation and methodological implementation. During two days the participants worked on the development of transdisciplinary Case Study Designs. On Friday the compiled insights were presented to experts from Leuphana University and critically discussed afterwards.

Participants

For this years Td Summer School, 16 participants from eight different countries arrived: Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Latvia, Russia, Uganda and Costa Rica.

George William Akora and Tadeo Araali Byamukama from Uganda contributed with their experiences in transdisciplinarity from projects in their NGO *Youth and Empowerment Foundation (YAWE)* as well as with a Case Study to the Td Summer School.

The diverse origins of the participants enabled intercultural cooperation, that is an essential learning condition in the context of transdisciplinary research. This was once

again proven by the Td Summer School 2016 and gives a promising outlook for the *International Td Conference* at Leuphana University in September 2017.

Accompanying Programme

The organisation team sought to offer their guests a divers accompanying programme: Joint dinners, After-Work-Walk as well as guiding tour through the *Hafen City* in Hamburg.

Special Training Module

This year' special training module was realised in cooperation with the *Paulo Freire Center for Transdisciplinary Development Research and Dialogical Education, Vienna* and *ipsum* and dealt with the topic of *Photographic Research Practice in Transdisciplinary Projects*. Trainers were Vera Brandner and Rebecca Freeth.

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