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## Newsletter #06/2024

Summer is coming and vacation time is just around the corner. The transdisciplinary community is not going on summer break yet but is already in the process of preparing events that will take place in the fall and winter. So save the date and contribute! Interesting activities also await you over the summer. Are you a Master's or PhD student? We still have a few last places available for our transdisciplinary Summer School in Spain and look forward to your application. There is also a lot going on in the GTPF and we ensure that you keep up to date. Members of the tdAcademy have initiated several AGs, and are coordinating activities, to ensure that the research topics of tdAcademy are pursued and discussed with other communities.

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### Capacity Building | September 14-20 | **LAST FREE PLACES: International Summer School on Transdisciplinarity in Spain**

This year, we are offering a Summer School focusing on land use conflicts in the region of Alt Empordà, Spain. It provides Master's and PhD students from various disciplines with a great opportunity to gain insights into the fundamentals and challenges of transdisciplinary research and practice. Participants will acquire essential knowledge on planning a



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### **GTPF Working Groups: Working together for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research**

Since the founding of the German-speaking Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) already six working groups (AGs) have been established and four more are in progress. They are central places for discourse and content development in the new professional society and all GTPF members are warmly invited to participate. Members of the tdAcademy have initiated several AGs, and are

transdisciplinary project, gain experience in the use of methods for transdisciplinary research, and gather insights for their own thesis. The event is organized by the "Center for Technology and Society" at TU Berlin (Martina Schäfer) and the "Institute für Sustainability Studies and Technology at UPC Barcelona" (Gemma Tejedor) as part of the tdAcademy. Don't miss your chance – apply by June 23rd, reduced fee available till 30th of June.

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# FONA

Research for Sustainability

## Event | October 9-11 | FONA-FORUM 2024

How can sustainability stabilize and unite a society under pressure? And what role does research play in this? Instead of traditional stage formats, this year's forum will place particular emphasis on interaction between all participants - with a variety of formats for networking and content exchange. From October 9 to 11, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) would like to discuss how research for sustainability contributes to social transformation and what role cooperation with partners from other disciplines or areas of society plays in this. Ideas will be developed together on how the results of the various discussions at the FONA Forum 2024 (German-speaking) can be used to initiate concrete positive changes.

coordinating activities, to ensure that the research topics of tdAcademy are pursued and discussed with other communities. The Institute for Social-Ecological Research (ISOE) has initiated the AG "Assessing the Qualities of Transdisciplinary Research," the AG "Formats, Methods & Context" is coordinated by the Öko-Institut, the Center for Technology and Society (ZTG) at TU Berlin and ISOE coordinate the AG "Impact" and the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) is involved in the establishment of the AG "Institutionalization of Participatory Research Approaches". Please visit the [GTPF-website](#) for further information.

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## Event | July 16-19 | tdAcademy goes EASST-4S 2024 | Formative Evaluation of Real-World Laboratories

In July 2024, the tdAcademy will be represented with a panel contribution at the EASST-4S conference in Amsterdam. Jasmin Wiefek, Emilia Nagy, and Martina Schäfer will present their approach to formative evaluation of transdisciplinary research. Using practical examples from two research projects, they will illustrate the application of their evaluation approach. The panel "Impact assessment and formative evaluation as a core element of transformative research in real-world labs", featuring our contribution, will take place on Tuesday, July 16, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

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## Event | Call for Abstracts: PartWiss 24 in Berlin | Call for Contribution: OpenLab Conference Brussels

Are you interested in participatory research? Then we have two exciting announcements for you. From November 12 to 15 the OpenLab.brussels is organizing an international conference on *Creating Knowledge Through Participatory Research*. Abstract submissions written in English, Dutch, or French can be submitted by July 7th. For the German-speaking participatory research community, we recommend the *Third Conference on Networking and Strengthening Participation in Science*. The collaborative project PartWiss invites all interested parties from December 04 to 06 to come together in Berlin. The central topic of this year's conference is "Guidelines for Participation in Research". Abstracts can be submitted by July 8th.

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## Capacity Building | July 4 | Transdisciplinary Sustainability Research and Impactful Career Opportunities

The FRIAS Lunch Lecture Series *SustainAbilities: Research Perspectives beyond Disciplines* aims to address opportunities and challenges of inter- and transdisciplinary research in the field of sustainability. In the session that takes place on July 4, Dr. Katja Brundiers (University of Freiburg, Co-director Transformative Sustainability Science) and Chantal Krumm (ISOE – Institute for Social-Ecological Research), introduce the role of transacademic interface management and explain why it is needed in transdisciplinary sustainability research, what it looks like and what benefits it brings to various stakeholders. The session takes place at the FRIAS Lecture Hall (Freiburg) and is followed by snacks and drinks and the opportunity for networking in the FRIAS lounge.

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**Kreß-Ludwig, M.; Marg, O.; Schneider, R.; Lux, A. (2024): Lessons from transdisciplinary urban research to promote sustainability transformation in real-world labs. Categories, pathways, and key principles for generating societal impact, *GAIA*, 33(1), 10–17.**

Real-world labs aim to enhance societal impacts and advance sustainability transformations. Based on the empirical analysis of 48 urban research projects and six in-depth case studies, the authors present a

systematization of these impacts and their connections, and provide key principles on how to design real-world laboratory projects to encourage sustainability transformations.

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**Bernert, P.; Weiser, A.; Kampfmann, T.; Lang, D.J. (2024): Impacts beyond experimentation – Conceptualising emergent impacts from long-term real-world laboratory processes, *GAIA*, 33(1), 18–25.**

Real-world laboratories are settings for joint experimentation on sustainability challenges, through the transdisciplinary collaboration of diverse actor groups. By approaching a real-world laboratory from three perspectives, this paper uncovers the emergent impacts of a long-term collaborative process.

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