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## Newsletter #02/2025

We hope you've been enjoying the first signs of spring and feel energized as we move toward the warmer months. The inaugural annual conference of the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) is approaching soon, and we are delighted by the great interest it has generated. Registration is still open for the waiting list. We are also pleased to introduce our three newest fellows—who will be the last in our fellowship program. It's a bittersweet milestone, but we're excited about the upcoming webinar on Arts-Based Approaches, hosted by one of them this April. Additionally, we invite you to explore the thought-provoking blog post "What is a 'Good' Transformation and Who Gets to Define It?" by former tdAcademy fellows.

Since the tdAcademy project is coming to an end in May, we won't be able to update our website [td-academy.org](http://td-academy.org) after that. However, the content and research results will remain available and important functions will be taken over by the GTPF.

We will inform you further in the last newsletter which is still ahead of us.



**Event | April 2-3, 2025 | 1st GTPF Annual Conference | Programme Out Now - Waiting List Still Open!**

The [Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research \(GTPF\)](http://www.gtpf.org) is excited to host its first annual conference, *"New Horizons in Transdisciplinary*



**Blog | What is a 'Good' Transformation and Who Gets to Define It? Insights on how to Refine Transdisciplinary Research Tools**

In this blog post, two fellow groups share their jointly elaborated insights from the critical Social Science perspective on how to strengthen and refine TRD tools.

*Research,"* organized in collaboration with [tdAcademy](#). The event will build on insights from the tdAcademy project and provide a platform to discuss shared challenges, as well as the interplay of contexts, formats, and impacts in transdisciplinary research.

The [full conference programme](#) is now available, offering a diverse range of sessions, discussions, and networking opportunities (the conference language is German). Due to high demand, all places are currently taken—but you can still join the waiting list! If there are available places because people withdraw, we will notify you via email.

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The blog post highlights the importance of power and agency in transdisciplinary research (TDR) and the need to critically assess existing tools to address power asymmetries. In a webinar and workshop, participants explored four TDR methods to evaluate their effectiveness in fostering reflexivity and inclusivity. The authors propose ways to improve these tools for more inclusive and transformative sustainability changes. Read the full post for more insights and join the discussion!

[Read the post](#)



## Fellowship | Introducing Our Final Fellows

**Iris Mencke** investigates the role of arts-based approaches in inter- and transdisciplinary research projects. In collaboration with ISOE – Institute for Social-Ecological Research – and the Oeko-Institute, she explores how artistic approaches can unlock transformative potential in ITD research from a psychological perspective.

**Luis Antonio Bojórquez-Tapia** from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) was a guest at ITAS – Institute for Technology Assessment and Systems Analysis – in February 2025. His research focuses on digital and institutional infrastructures that enhance the impact of transdisciplinary research and knowledge transfer.

**Julia Backhaus** visits the Oeko-Institute in March 2025 to advance spatial literacy through a mapping of key methods for transdisciplinary research. We look forward to the insights they will bring to the tdAcademy community!

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## Capacity Building | April 10 | The Role of Arts-Based Approaches in Transformative Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research

How can arts-based methods enrich inter- and transdisciplinary research collaborations? Which of these methods have already been systematically documented, and which hold the greatest transformative potential?

In this webinar, tdAcademy fellow Dr. Iris Mencke will explore current research on the application and impact of arts-based approaches in inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations. Drawing on a comprehensive analysis of existing method collections as well as theoretical insights from transformative learning, this session will highlight key findings and discuss their implications.

For more information and to register, please click the button below. We would be delighted to have you join us!

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