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## Newsletter #01/2024

Since this is our first newsletter of the year, we think it's not too late to wish you a happy new year! The year is still young, but nevertheless we have some exciting news to report. Two new (German-speaking) working groups have been set up within the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) and would be pleased if you would join them. You can also look forward to exciting events. We want to inform you about three major conferences for the transdisciplinary community and hope to see you there! You can also find new material in our Capacity Building section and news from our "Get to know the tdAcademy team" series.



### **Report | First meeting of the GTPF working group on formats, methods and context**

On 12 January 2024, a group of 15 people met to initiate the working group 'formats, methods and context' within the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF). The kick-off online meeting was used to get to know each other and agree on expectations and goals. The organization of work in 2024 is primarily planned online in three to four meetings. In addition, content-related inputs will be provided at the GTPF General Assembly and at the ITD and PartWiss conferences, in conjunction with the results of the work in the tdAcademy. Bettina Brohmann, Melanie Mbah, and Regina Rhodius will act as interim managers until the next meeting of the working group in April. In March, the working group will be officially established by the GTPF Board.

### **Report | GTPF working group on impact is launched**

Transdisciplinary research is characterized by the fact that both social and scientific effects should be achieved. The "Impact" working group aims to further develop impact research and assessment by strengthening the exchange within this area. The group was established at the annual assembly of the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) on 22.11.2023 in Chemnitz on the initiative of the ZTG and ISOE and will be officially established by the GTPF Board in March. The group's first working meeting took place on January 29, 2024 with 36 participants from a wide range of disciplines and institutions involved in participatory, transdisciplinary and citizen science. The participants agreed on key topics that will be worked on in three subgroups: "Indicators

Two spokespersons will then be officially elected at the subsequent meeting.

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### Capacity Building | The what and how of transdisciplinary learning

On 6 December 2023, the tdAcademy fellowship group "Transdisciplinary Learning Towards Collective Transformation" hosted a webinar, sharing their experiences on transdisciplinary (TD) learning. Their discussion explores the current state of TD learning and education in the EU, the different approaches to learning in a design and engineering context, the (potential) role of games in TD learning, and an overview of some different developments among tdAcademy partners in TD learning. You couldn't join the webinar or would like to listen again? Check out our Capacity Building area and watch the recording in full length.

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and methods for measuring social impact", "Conception and measurement of scientific impact" and "Impact-oriented management". Other interested persons are warmly invited to join. For that, please contact Martina Schäfer (schaefer@ztg.tu-berlin.de).

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### Event | March 21 | Lets talk about it

More and more researchers are gaining valuable experience in inter- and transdisciplinary projects or in collaborations between society and science. This experiential knowledge about the sunny and dark sides of new research modes is a valuable asset that should be available to the community of cross-border researchers. Informal discussions about personal experiences are a fruitful form of knowledge transfer. In this episode of the networking event "Let's talk about it: Transdisciplinarity and Co-Production", we invite Laura Brings and Yvonne Siegmund. We will talk about dealing with feelings in research processes and in participatory transformative processes and explore with them how researchers can deal professionally with challenges of a non-cognitive nature - even though this task is a blind spot of academic training.

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## Event | April 11-12 | Conference on real-world laboratories | LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

The German-speaking conference on real-world laboratories, organized by the Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development in cooperation with the 'Netzwerk Reallabore der Nachhaltigkeit', aims to continue the discourse on real-world laboratory research and practice. The conference takes place in Dresden (Germany) and is dedicated to conceptual, methodological and practical questions of research and design in real-world laboratories. It fosters dialogue among researchers, practitioners, transformers, urban and regional developers, facilitating an exchange of perspectives and experiences from both research and practice. If you want to attend, you have to be quick. Registrations are possible until **February 15**.

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## Event | November 4-8 | ITD 24

This year the international transdisciplinarity (ITD) conference will take place at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. The conference aims to empower and equip individuals and groups, including researchers, educators, trainers, facilitators, and coaches, to effectively address today's polycrises. They invite contributions from all fields and research cultures, ranging from local interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary projects to projects spanning the Global North and the Global South. The conference addresses both the theory and practice of inter- and transdisciplinary research collaboration and the educational pathways to making such collaborations sustainable and available for all. The deadline for abstract submission is **February 29**.

## Event | July 16-19 | EASST-4S 2024

The quadrennial joint meeting of the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) is back and invites panels, presentations, making & doing contributions, and other contributions that explore the role of science and technology studies (STS) in an era of grand societal challenges. STS scholars are invited to curate conversations about how they relate to their topics of study, what experimental forms of normativity their work enacts and empirically explores, and how various engagements shape the positionality and reflexivity of STS scholars. The early bird registration is open **from March 25 until June 3**.

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## Get to know the tdAcademy team...

Through our series titled 'Get to know the tdAcademy team,' we provide you with the opportunity to become better acquainted with our team. Discover more about the team members who have been with us from the very beginning. Lena Theiler and Oskar Marg are research associates at the Institute for Social-Ecological Research. Since the first phase of the tdAcademy, they have been working on scientific effects as part of topic line 2. Now in phase two, together with topic line 1 focussing on societal effects, they are also investigating the interlinkages of scientific and societal effects in transdisciplinary research.

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