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With this newsletter, the tdAcademy concludes an exciting and insightful year in the transdisciplinary research community. We embarked on the second phase of the tdAcademy project, welcomed fantastic new colleagues and fellows, organized engaging events and discussions with you, and were thrilled to participate in the foundation of the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF).

In this final newsletter issue for the year 2023, we bring you interesting news and reports on our latest events and research activities, providing ample reading material for the chilly days ahead. We wish you a restful winter holiday and a joyous New Year. We look forward to reconnecting with you in 2024!



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Report | tdAcademy at PartWiss 23

The 'Second Conference on Networking and Strengthening Participation in Science - PartWiss 23,' held at Chemnitz University of Technology from 22 to 24 November 2023, drew substantial participation with over 200 attendees. The conference successfully united researchers engaged in participatory and transdisciplinary work across diverse fields, including citizen science, public health, participatory technology research, and problem-oriented transdisciplinary research.

The tdAcademy organized several panels that facilitated discussions on the outcomes of the tdAcademy research as innovative formats and impact and monitoring of transdisciplinary research. Additional to the tdAcademy team, inputs of scientists from

Report | First general assembly of the GTPF

On November 22, 2023, the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF) hosted its inaugural major general assembly in Chemnitz ahead of PartWiss 23. The GTPF now boasts nearly 200 members, including 22 institutional supporting members. Approximately 50 percent of them were physically present in Chemnitz, while others joined online. The founding board was replaced during the board election. The significant interest in the organization underscores the growing need for transdisciplinary and participatory researchers to network and collaborate. This collaboration spans from developing quality standards to pooling efforts in the direction of research policy. The association reaches

participatory research were integrated in these panels. We extend our gratitude to all participants for their contributions to this productive exchange.

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Report | We talked about...the proposed „Reallabor act“ with Regina Rhodius

At the latest event of our well-established discussion series 'Let's talk about it: Transdisciplinarity & Co-Production,' Nadin Gaasch (Science and Society Department, TU Berlin) and Emilia Nagy (ZTG, TU Berlin) welcomed Regina Rhodius from the Öko Institut. Regina Rhodius is a scientist with extensive expertise in the implementation and research of real-world laboratories. Together with her, we discussed the ongoing consultation process of the German Federal Ministry of Economy and Climate Protection (BMWK) regarding the 'Reallabor act.' We thank Regina Rhodius for providing valuable insights into the topic, and all participants for the lively discussion.

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out to all those interested in transdisciplinary and participatory research residing in German-speaking regions. Register now via the new GTPF website (www.gtpf.science).

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Report | Schader Forum Darmstadt: Workshop "Everyone has culture"

On October 18, tdAcademy, in collaboration with Hoernemann & Walbrodt, conducted a workshop exploring the applicability of artistic formats in various contexts. The workshop was an integral part of the conference 'WE have culture - experiences, research, and exchange' at the Schader Forum Darmstadt. The conference attracted a diverse audience, including practitioners, project coordinators, and academics, fostering a rich exchange of ideas. Bettina Brohmann and Melanie Mbah (both from the Öko-Institut) presented three distinct participatory approaches to art and culture. Their goal was to collaboratively identify the unique characteristics and commonalities of local and regional art and culture formats with the workshop participants.

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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 the 'new additions' who joined us since the commencement of our second funding phase in June 2023. Discover more about our new team members associated with topic

line 3, 'Contexts': Nina Frölich (ITAS) and Annika Weiser (ITAS). Additionally, meet our new colleagues at ZTG, TU Berlin: Emilia Nagy is working on societal effects in topic line 1 and Jasmin Wiefek is responsible for the editorial work at tdAcademy.

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Marg, O., & Theiler, L. (2023): Effects of transdisciplinary research on scientific knowledge and reflexivity. *Research Evaluation*, rvad033.

Transdisciplinary research (TDR) is conceptualized as not only providing societal effects but also benefiting academia. However, recent literature on the evaluation of TDR has focused almost entirely on the societal effects of TDR. A discussion of the scientific effects of TDR is needed to do justice to the potential of this research mode. In their explorative study Oskar Marg and Lena Theiler (Topic Line 2, tdAcademy) are addressing this research gap, by focusing on the effects of TDR on science.

[Learn more & read the paper](#)

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