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## Newsletter #08/2024

The sun is shining, and temperatures are rising – we hope you have time to take a break and enjoy the summer. If you are not yet on vacation or have already returned, we have some interesting reports and announcements for you.

In this issue, you can expect insights into our work and an outlook on upcoming activities within the second and final funding phase of the tdAcademy. Interface 1, focusing on “Interlinkages of scientific and societal effects in transdisciplinary research,” organized a workshop in June. Meanwhile, Interface 2, which explores the “Context dependency of formats,” will hold one in October.

Additionally, we provide further insights into our work through short reports, updating you on our Fellowship Program and our planned contributions to this year’s ITD-Conference. Don’t miss our new publications, which are available open access.

Last but not least, we announce an event within the Society for Transdisciplinary and Participatory Research (GTPF): The working group on impact, initiated by members of the tdAcademy, is organizing a workshop on impact in participatory health research in August.

### Bereiche von Synergien und Trade-offs



**Report | Synergies and Trade-offs Between Social and Scientific Effects of Transdisciplinary Research**

**Event | August 30 | GTPF Working Group on Impact | Making Impact Tangible in Participatory Health Research (PGF)**

On June 12, Topic Lines 1 (societal impact) and 2 (scientific impact) of the tdAcademy project organized a digital workshop on the interlinkages of scientific and societal impact in transdisciplinary research. In the first part, Oskar Marg (ISOE), Lena Theiler (ISOE), and Emilia Nagy (ZTG/TU Berlin) presented preliminary findings from their joint work on the synergies and trade-offs of transdisciplinary research. These findings were discussed with participants from both science and practice who have experience themselves. To further expand the empirical basis for these interlinkages, three focus groups (two from science, one from practice) were conducted in the second part of the workshop. The discussions focused on strategies for managing conflicting goals and enhancing synergies. The focus groups were co-moderated by Alexandra Lux (ISOE), Martina Schäfer, and Annabell Lamberth (both ZTG/TU Berlin).

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On August 30, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM, the GTPF Working Group on Impact (AG Wirkungen) is organizing a German-speaking webinar on impact-oriented participatory health science. Stefanie Houwaart (Patient Representative in Health Research, Policy Committees, and Projects) and Theresia Krieger (University Hospital Cologne) will present their understanding of participation and, based on the PGF model, explain which sustainable effects of participation can occur and when. They will give insights in the instruments that can be used to record, evaluate and classify impacts in the cognitive process in order to make these results tangible. If you would like to participate and join the discussion, please register by August 26, by contacting Martina Schäfer ([schaefer@ztg.tu-berlin.de](mailto:schaefer@ztg.tu-berlin.de)).

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## Fellowship

### Report | Update on our Fellowship-Program

The fellowship program funded by the Robert Bosch Stiftung supports researchers in working on current and relevant topics in transdisciplinary research at one of the research institutes involved in the tdAcademy project. A total of eight fellow groups and nine individual fellowships have already been successfully realized. In this brief overview, you can learn more about the current status of our three active fellow groups and two individual fellowships, which are making exciting contributions to transdisciplinary research. The fellowship program of the tdAcademy is entering its final phase and will be



### Event | November 4-8 | tdAcademy goes ITD 24 Conference

Once a year, the Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance) organizes an international conference as a platform for the exchange of best practices, research results, and the strengthening of networks across different disciplines and sectors. This year's ITD Conference, titled "Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Beyond Buzzwords: Educational Pathways for Sustainable Research Collaborations," will take place in Utrecht, Netherlands. The conference will focus on three main topics: improving theoretical foundations, capacity

available until March 2025. It remains open to further interested candidates.

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building, and broadening and deepening education and training in inter- and transdisciplinarity. Read our update to get an overview of our contributions.

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### **Event | October 17 | On the Context-Sensitive Selection and Adaptation of Formats in Transdisciplinary Research – Towards an International Perspective**

In this tdAcademy workshop, Topic Lines 3 “Context” and 4 “New Formats” will explore the interplay between context conditions and transdisciplinary research formats and methods, with a focus on international perspectives. The workshop will discuss how transdisciplinary formats and methods can be selected according to the context and adapted to different cultural settings, aiming to develop a more inclusive and effective approach to transdisciplinary research. Researchers and practitioners of transdisciplinary research worldwide are invited to share and reflect on their experiences. Learn more about the event and register until October, 6.

[Check out](#)

**Wanner, Matthias; Augenstein, Karoline; von Wirth, Timo; Lang, Daniel J. (2024). Impacts of urban real-world labs: Insights from a co-evaluation process informed by structuration theory in Wuppertal-Mirke, *GAIA - Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society* 33(S1),102–109.**

Wanner et al. use sociological structuration theory to describe the medium and long-term effects of real-world

labs. They analyse six projects of co-productive city-making at neighbourhood level.

Learn more & read the paper

## Schäfer, Martina; Nagy, Emilia; Kny, Josefa (2024). Fostering reflective impact orientation in transdisciplinary research-A multi-method workshop format, *MethodsX*, 13, 102795, ISSN 2215-0161

During the first funding phase of the tdAcademy, Martina Schäfer and Josefa Kny developed a workshop format to strengthen impact-oriented project management as well as research activities and tested it by monitoring the impact of seven transdisciplinary projects. Together with Emilia Nagy, they describe the procedure in detail in their article.

Learn more & read the paper

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