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# 1. Summary

Sustainability science has become more and more important over the last years, as within times where the need for mitigation of and adaptation to climate change, the need for healthy ecosystems as well as for social cohesion and justice have become pressing issues, a sustainable transformation is of utmost urgency.

The German Sustainability Science Summit 2021 continued the series of German Future Earth Summits organized by the German Committee Future Earth (DKN). In this way, the DKN provides a platform for exchange on new scientific findings and research needs in the field of sustainability research and to foster interdisciplinary collaborations within Future Earth and beyond. Future Earth is a network of scientists, researchers and innovators designed to provide the knowledge needed to support transformations towards sustainability. The focus of the summit was explicitly dedicated to national and international interdisciplinary and integrative sustainability science, while discussing the previous and future work of the DKN.

Around 500 participants from 46 countries from all over the world registered for the German Sustainability Science Summit 2021. The conference was held as an online event on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021, with about 150 participants acting as hosts and speakers of the 29 different summit sessions. The summit was preceded by an early-career researcher workshop on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on opportunities and challenges for early-career scientists in inter- and trans-disciplinary sustainability science.

One important item on the summit program was the discussion of the DKN position paper “Research priorities for sustainability science” (Jacob, D. et al., 2022: Research priorities for sustainability science. German Committee Future Earth, Hamburg, Germany) on central focus topics and open research questions in sustainability research. The position paper was brought forward by the DKN committee members, coming from very different disciplines, and prior to the summit was provided to all participants. The paper comprises the focus topics which were discussed during several sessions of the summit, such as (1) Normativity in sustainability research, (2) Extreme events: collapse or resilience? - the role of health, well-being and social cohesion for reaching the sustainable development goals, (3) Diet, biodiversity and health - the role of sustainable diets for healthy people and healthy ecosystems, and (4) Scale challenges in climate change, risk and adaptation research in the context of sustainable development. The lively discussions and interesting comments on the position paper will be reflected in the future work of the DKN.

Most of the summit sessions were set up in response to an open call for session proposals. In addition to the various scientific sessions and science-policy sessions with presentations and lively discussions, the online conference platform enabled networking via various innovative tools including a poster and networking session with a virtual art exhibition. The sessions covered a broad range of topics, including climate change adaptation finance, the role of participation in just science and governance, water security, biodiversity, planning and construction, systemic risks, and others. Also the three active DKN working groups outlined their topics on (1) Modelling the human environmental interactions in the anthropocene, (2) Anticipating and transforming coastal futures, and (3) Sustainable, transformative and circular bioeconomy.

The diverse program was rounded up with two vivid plenary panel discussions, shedding light on the new social contract for climate change adaptation in dynamic societies and concluding the summit with perspectives of international sustainability science.

The DKN thanks all panelists, speakers, presenters and participants for joining the summit, for all their contributions and for participating in the enlightening and lively discussions. Many thanks also go to the event agency Con Gressa for the technical realization of the event and for the creation of the summit logo. And last but not least, strong thanks to the German Science Foundation (DFG), without which the summit would not have been possible.

## 2. Welcome addresses of DFG

**Dr. Christiane Joerk**, on behalf of the DFG Head Office, DFG, Bonn, Germany

Distinguished participants, ladies and gentleman,

It is a great honor to me to open this conference having a word on behalf of the German Research Foundation. Many thanks to the German Committee for organizing this insightful conference.

The key question the summit is going to address is, how we bring together the already existing rich knowledge on global change and sustainable development, making this knowledge more fruitful by combining and scaling it up, and thereby looking at the impact that science could have on the implementation of the 2030 agenda. Scientists have been warning for quite a while about the worrying status of the planet. We all know that societies currently are far off track to deliver on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with regard to the 2030 deadline. Moreover, the pandemic has made it even worse - however perhaps leading the world to more awareness and to strongly calling up for immediate drastic and dramatic actions since a success in the implementation of the SDGs and sustainability would require much more ambitious actions on all levels. In this sense, science and research offer a great opportunity to help advancing a sustainable path to recovery and becoming more resilient.

However, one might question whether the present global science system is well-positioned and organized to enable scientists to contribute effectively and comprehensively to finding solutions and responding to the global challenges. The recognition may be that there is some sort of misalignment between the scale of global challenges that are to be addressed; and, then, looking at the limited resources existing in a fragmented manner mostly at the national level partly at the supranational level. However, sustainability scientists can rely on a broad range of different institutions advocating for the importance and promotion of sustainability research. These institutions act on different levels of scope, starting with the International Science Council, or the Global Research Council, the EU research programmes and also to mention the Future Earth network.

Germany, generally speaking, may boast of a variety of funding sources. There are various programmes supporting research for societal transformation, solution and mission oriented, based on cross- and transdisciplinary research - first and foremost to mention are the BMBF facilities -, whereas the DFG typically stands for the promotion of research mostly done in its own interest, purely knowledge driven, however without losing sight of broader aims in terms of application, knowledge transfer, transdisciplinarity. The DFG is and keeps committed to research questions like for example: What is preventing us from achieving the SDGs? In this sense, the DFG issued a paper giving recommendations for the upcoming parliamentary term, altogether 13 recommendations, thereof one, again confirming the importance of science as a key to meet the great societal challenges. The DFG also realizes the critical role of international science and research collaboration and seeks to contribute wherever and whenever we are able to. We are very much convinced that the climate crisis, sustainability crisis, raging pandemics, and the legitimacy crisis in terms of equity in various dimensions can only be tackled as a joint collaborative effort. In this sense, there are a few good examples for international fruitful cooperation funded by the DFG: together with partners from the Belmont Forum, a large transdisciplinary network of funders from almost 30 countries across the world, we take part in Collaborative Research Actions whenever it is sensible and helps to accommodate the needs of our academic communities. With respect to SDGs, we are happy to be part of the currently running call "Pathways to SDGs", a multistep programme providing subsequent opportunities for international collaboration during the next years, and well suited to address the SDGs as a comprehensive and interconnected system.

This fourth German Summit is held shortly after the Sustainability and Research Innovation Congress 2021, which brought together a considerable number of researchers across the world confirming that there this a really dynamic field going on. A good number of German scientists took also part in this event. All events are still available on the SRI website to spread across communities and countries.

I also like to take the opportunity to announce the welcome speech of the General Secretary of the DFG, which is scheduled for tomorrow. With that, I wish all of us a successful and inspiring conference. Thank you very much!

Dr. Heide Ahrens, Secretary General of the DFG, DFG, Bonn, Germany

Dear colleagues, friends, and distinguished guests,

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome all of you to the second day of this conference! I am most grateful for the opportunity to speak here and exchange opinions and perspectives with all of you. I am particularly delighted to participate since this is the first time I am attending the German Sustainability Science Summit as secretary general of the DFG and I am very much looking forward to getting to know this extraordinary summit even better. This is also, why I would like to express my gratitude to the German Committee Future Earth for hosting the summit. The summit provides a platform for exchange and networking on sustainability research, it promotes its further development and intensifies the dialogue between all players.

Dialogue and informal exchange have been rare, if they took place at all, in pandemic times, which makes this summit all the more important. The time ahead certainly, holds a wealth of complex challenges and we could almost say that we are facing several crises at the same time: the pandemic is not over yet while the looming crisis of climate change and loss of biodiversity are unfolding and will not be over soon. That is why the common exchange between researchers and research administrators is of utmost importance in order to elaborate fresh solutions to long-standing problems. Of course, in the steps ahead society and politics need to be integrated as well, which was reflected also in the policy sessions this morning. After all, the pandemic has shaped our awareness for the fragility of our interconnected conditions of living showing the importance of thinking globally and acting in an integrative way. This also means building and maintaining functional research systems.

Now, research is put under pressure in these times of pandemic crises. Pressure that has to do with a more direct relationship between academia and society, affecting especially but not only the life sciences. This more direct relationship is due to the pandemic but it could be adapted in other interfaces between research dynamics and societal expectations; and the area of sustainability being a prime interface.

And strengthening those interfaces is necessary but it must not come at the expense of research dynamics. This also finds reflection in the recent amendment of our statutes, which, by the way, found a huge majority in the DFG's general assembly two days ago. Now, this amendment recognizes the extraordinary role of sustainability and affirms it in a differentiated manner, assigning it a very specific role. To put it clearly, sustainability is an overarching ethical principle. As such, it is integrated for the first time in the preamble of our statutes - with the preamble being the place where the DFG defines its general self-understanding. So sustainability is - now at least - one of the principles that will guide all our actions and the future of the DFG. Therefore, the DFG's mission is to contribute, I quote, "to prosperity and sustainable progress". A progress, hence, that we understand primarily, but not exclusively as one that takes into account the finite nature of ecological resources.

Now, having said that, it is also important to see that sustainability is central to the preamble; it is not mentioned, however, in the first paragraph of the statutes - the place where the statutes define more concretely the evolvment of our main task, namely funding research projects. As for that funding, sustainability is not a criterion with direct validity in funding activities.

Now, you might wonder, why is that so?

In fact, in many research-funding frameworks like in the European context of Horizon 2020 as well as in the global context of the SDGs, the topic of sustainability is central to funding. Such mission-oriented funding has its own right. Moreover, in order to make the topic operational it can be defined along further aspects - illustrated in the variety of the SDGs itself. As such, they contain specific problems in search of specific answers. However, the DFG's funding philosophy is complementary to that approach.

As we pointed out in a press release last year with the title "Focusing on Sustainability", the DFG

- has funded numerous research projects dealing with various aspects of sustainability for well over a decade.
- In addition, our funding follows a strong bottom-up approach, which
  - for one, is boosting the dynamics of scientific curiosity in exclusively science-led review-panels, and which



- second, is fostering the conditions that contribute to the highest quality of research.
- For an illustration, the DFG is funding the Cluster of Excellence 2037 at the University of Hamburg called Climate, Climatic Change, and Society (CLICCS) from 2019 onwards. Earlier, from 2007 to 2018, we funded that cluster's predecessor called Integrated Climate System Analysis and Prediction (ClISAP).
- Sustainability is also the current topic for the Senate Commission on Earth System Research. Here a working group was formed to address "research interests versus protection interests in relation to sustainability" and is now for the first time reporting on its work to the DFG's statutory bodies.

So, in the long run the DFG's funding approach may perfectly complement the strictly mission-oriented approach. The first emphasizes a medium-term goal and orchestrates research accordingly, the second emphasizes curiosity, leaving the highest amount of freedom to the researchers themselves. In my opinion, it is important to give room for both accounts. The reason being that we need to bear in mind that future challenges, also those related to sustainability, may need answers to questions that have not been asked yet - at least not within the frameworks of contemporary missions, yet they dwell in the often visionary projects of our funding.

Consequently, upholding the quality of research has become a major task for the DFG since the beginning of the pandemic. Our intention is keeping the negative effects of the pandemic for research as low as possible as well as protecting research projects from a counter-productive termination. For an illustration, together with the Federal Ministry of Research, two research vessels were sent out last year at short notice to ensure the continuation of the costly MOSAiC expedition in the Arctic Ocean.

By the way, after those researchers returned from their expedition, towards the end of last year, they reported in numerous media formats on their extraordinary day-to-day research amidst ice floes and ice bears. That occurred during the long corona-winter with extended lock-downs, hence in a societal period of slight resignation but hopefully also reflection on our general living conditions. In that moment, the researchers contributed to sensitizing a broad public to the complexities of climate change.

So, to my understanding, it is crucial in these difficult times to protect all the excellent research that is already unfolding. We need the findings of this research now and in the future. And it would be a vicious circle, if the pandemic harmed that research that can actually help us to reduce the huge load of the challenges ahead such as climate change or loss of biodiversity.

That is also why the DFG took action at an early stage and initiated appropriate support measures in order to maintain the productivity of research processes. Moreover, we have constantly monitored the progress of the pandemic to determine whether there is a need for further action and activities. In the process, we came to the decision to again significantly expand the DFG's measures.

Now, considered as a research question, it could be exciting to see what the changes in home office and social distancing have already done to us and what consequences will remain, also for the research processes themselves. I guess, that everyone here could tell a different story of his or her own and we at the DFG are determined to learn from your experiences. For some time now, the fundamental social parameters of research, such as networking and interaction, have only been able to take place in a very modified form. And when networking only takes place on the net, we realize that researchers, too, need spaces of direct, immediate, physical interaction; this insight goes as far back as the foundation of the Aristotelian academy, it prospers in the universities of the Middle Ages, and it will not find a proper conclusion in the surfaces of ever narrower screens. Thinking has always been dependent on external inspiration: an objection, a counter-question, the confrontation with the doubt of others. Meanwhile, researchers give lectures without seeing their audience, without the trace of an immediate reaction to what is presented. The peers become virtual. But what does that make of the community?

It is possible that all of these side effects go by quickly. Perhaps, however, they influence research processes deeper than we might imagine today. In addition, these changes may affect also the processes of science administration as they rely heavily on social categories such as the peers or the community. I may reveal that in order to capture those changes the deployment of a Senate commission is being planned, on the topic of Research under post-pandemic conditions.

In fact, research and academia are a part of this fragile world. We are learning this from the pandemic. And we need to safeguard and build resilient conditions not only for the world we live in generally, but also for the research that unfolds in it. In the time ahead, the area of sustainability studies has a key role to play and the DFG is supporting this role actively, the least of it being our continued support for the German Committee Future Earth itself. By the way, the DFG's annual report 2021 (yet unpublished) will hold a large feature on our various activities in the field.

As we continue to search for ways out of the pandemic, I wish you all success and the relief of sharing experiences. Enjoy the rich power of joint reflection and mutual inspiration!

Thank you and enjoy!

## 3. Panel discussions on DKN focus topics

Four parallel sessions addressed the focus topics of the DKN position paper on research priorities in sustainability science. The brief summaries of the four sessions are compiled in this report. Individual comments of the panelists are published together with the position paper (Jacob, D. et al., 2022: Research priorities for sustainability science. German Committee Future Earth, Hamburg, Germany).

### 3.1 Normativity in sustainability research

#### Hosts

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#### Session abstract

Sustainability means the future how it ought to be (“the future we want”, according to WCED 1987). Consequently, there are norms and values all the way down in Sustainability Research. Normativity in Sustainability Research can be based on environmental ethics, theories of justice, or future ethics. This can be done in interdisciplinary collaboration that includes philosophers, or based on the adaptation of ethical concepts, as in other normatively shaped areas of research (e.g., gender studies, restoration ecology, political ecology, economics, and applied ethics). The session discussed the meaning, the function and the difficulties of normativity in sustainability research, from the perspective of different disciplines, research problems, objectives and research practices.

## 3.2 Extreme events: collapse or resilience? - The role of health, well-being and social cohesion for reaching sustainable development goals

### Hosts

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### Session abstract

Reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires dynamic processes of socio-ecological transition. Extreme events and shocks can render social-ecological systems more vulnerable and brittle, or spur transitions to a better adapted, more just and sustainable future state. This is shaped by the interaction of extreme events, societal resilience, individual health/well-being and social cohesion (i.e., the relatedness, social relations and orientation towards a public good). We hypothesize that social cohesion is an essential condition to provide resilience, in terms of being able to continue on a targeted path towards the SDGs after an extreme event. Resilience is deeply rooted in the material infrastructure and the socio-cultural framing of socio-ecological systems. In the session the interlinkages, synergies and tradeoffs between extreme events, societal resilience, individual health and well-being and social cohesion for designing pathways towards the SDGs were elucidated in a broad discussion on this.

## 3.3 Diet, biodiversity and health - The role of sustainable diets for healthy people and healthy ecosystems

### Hosts

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### Session abstract

Food provision is a fundamental contribution of nature for human health and wellbeing. At the same time food production is a key driver for deterioration of biodiversity in terrestrial, aquatic and marine ecosystems, and subsequently affecting human health. Food production, human nutrition and biodiversity management are intricately linked across different local and global scales, and the recent Covid crisis highlights the serious effects of biodiversity exploitation on human health and remote responsibilities. However, the linkages of biodiversity, diet and health are little understood and management for biodiversity conservation and food production often seem decoupled. Too often, recommendations for a sustainable diet are related to single issues, such as an agricultural production system (for example organic farming versus conventional farming) or to a specific type of food. Food systems that are spatially defined across the globe, regionally or locally, cannot easily be combined with current diet recommendations. Reaching sustainability in global and local food systems and resulting diets therefore needs discussions across different scales, disciplines and sectors. It is evident that the global food system, including food production and its impact on biodiversity, water and soils, and consumption is in a crisis and transformation to sustainability is urgently needed to maintain both human health and "healthy" ecosystems.

## 3.4 Scale challenges in climate change, risk and adaptation research in the context of sustainable development

### Hosts

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### Session abstract

Spatial, temporal and functional scales have been a prominent topic in ecological and socio-ecological resilience research. However, less attention has been given to these issues as a cross-cutting topic in climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable development. There is evidence regarding the fact that present levels of greenhouse gas emissions pose a threat to human security and that increasing global warming increases climate-related risks to unique and threatened systems or to food security, health and biodiversity. But less information exists about shifts in risk, vulnerability and exposure patterns linked to different spatial and temporal scales. There is still a knowledge gap regarding the speed of potential changes at different spatial and temporal scales. Strategies to reduce risk and vulnerability as well as structures that support enabling conditions require a deeper understanding on how climate phenomena, resource challenges and development processes – including issues of human vulnerability – interact across spatial scales. More precisely, new strategies for cooperation across scales need to be developed, e.g., between cities and their hinterland in terms of water management, transport, energy and housing. A specific focus of the session was on research gaps and challenges.

## 4. Scientific sessions

### 4.1 How to distribute scarce international funding? The example of climate change adaptation finance

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#### Agenda and Process of the Session

- Introduction (C. Baatz)
- How is climate change adaptation finance currently being distributed? (C. Klöck)
- Is it fair to distribute climate change adaptation finance based on how people are governed? (A. Schulan)
- Guiding questions for the discussion (C. Baatz)
- Discussion with participants
- Summary and wrap-up (C. Baatz)

#### Most important findings

Vulnerability to climate change is relevant in the distribution of adaptation finance and there are global vulnerability metrics that provide a somewhat transparent assessment of vulnerability, such as the ND-GAIN Index. However, the correlation of vulnerability and receipt of funding only holds if physical vulnerability is considered that does not take socio-economic determinants of vulnerability into account. Overall, donors' economic interests and path dependencies play a larger role in the distribution of adaptation finance than recipients' vulnerability, poverty or governance. In the context of adaptation finance, considering recipient countries' governance in the distribution of funding is warranted - at minimum in theory - if "good governance" is understood as democratic decision-making. Then, entitlement-, legitimacy-, knowledge- and anti-corruption arguments support this claim. If using democracy as a distribution criterion is also warranted in practice remains controversial given peoples' comparatively high vulnerability in non-democratic countries.

#### Conclusion

It is unclear whether i) current democracy indices are sufficiently reliable to be used in decisions on how to distribute adaptation finance internationally and ii) its possible to combine democracy and vulnerability distribution criteria so that they compensate their respective drawbacks. In general, it would be very helpful to know more about the factors that determine whether adaptation projects are or will be effective and efficient. These could then be turned into distribution criteria.

## 4.2 Phylogenetic and genetic diversity: linking past and contemporary evolution to sustainability

### Host

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**Dr. Licia Colli**

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### Agenda and process of the session

In this session we wanted to expose the audience to and discuss with the audience on the many angles through which evolution, evolutionary insights and tools contribute to sustainability and sustainability science. The agenda involved a general introduction / tutorial to the theme, three invited talks highlighting important aspects of how evolution can contribute to sustainability, and a brief discussion.

- Introduction to the theme: Linking evolution to SDGs (Luc De Meester)
- Evolution and human health (Rees Kassen)
- Plant genetic diversity, agricultural practice, and food production (Mauricio Bellon)
- Animal genetics and agriculture (Licia Colli)
- Discussion

### Most important findings

#### Tutorial

- both past evolution (phylogenetic diversity) and contemporary evolution (“eco-evolutionary dynamics”) have far reaching consequences for the functioning of ecosystems, resilience, and responses to global change
- species and genetic diversity may buffer against the effect of environmental change
- evolutionary insights and the evolutionary toolbox are highly relevant for all SDGs

#### Health

COVID-19 provides a clear-cut illustration of how important evolutionary dynamics are in health. Communication on scientific results on COVID-19 in the mainstream media often involved evolutionary aspects.

#### Crop genetic diversity

Small-scale farming plays a crucial role in preserving genetic diversity in crops and crop-wild relatives, as they favor adaptation to local environmental conditions and environmental change. This is especially important in the Anthropocene.



### **Genomics and livestock genetic diversity**

Many local breeds have been lost or are threatened. Genomics provides an excellent tool to document global genetic diversity of domesticated organisms, and can also be used to inform breeding programs and reconstruction of lost traits.

### **Conclusion**

- Both past evolution (phylogenetic diversity) and contemporary evolution (“eco-evolutionary dynamics”) have far reaching consequences for the functioning of ecosystems, resilience, and responses to global change
- Species and genetic diversity may buffer against the effect of environmental change
- Evolutionary insights and the evolutionary toolbox are highly relevant for all SDGs
- Direct applications of evolution include improved predictions of ecological responses to global change, applications in health, agriculture and conservation, and biotechnological applications
- There is a strong need to enhance awareness on the importance of evolution, evolutionary insights and the evolutionary toolbox to sustainability science.

## 4.3 Critical reflection on power relations and the transformative role of participation in sustainability science and governance

### Hosts / Speakers

**Dr. Stephanie Domptail**

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**Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick**

Professor for Agricultural, Food and Environmental Policy, Justus-Liebig University of Giessen, Giessen, Germany

**Dr. Torsten Grothmann**

Senior scientist and project manager, Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Oldenburg, Germany

**Prof. Dr. Tobias Krueger**

Geography Department & IRI THESys, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

### Agenda and process of the session

Three short presentations by S. Domptail, T. Krüger and T. Grothmann followed by discussion in breakout rooms on two main guiding questions: a) What are unwanted consequences of power imbalances in participatory processes (e.g., reduction in fairness or legitimacy of outputs)? b) Which strategies could reduce power imbalances or unwanted consequences of imbalanced power relations in participatory processes?

### Most important findings

All participants in a participatory process bring in situated knowledge and none is objective. Thus, scientists and public agents also need to relativize and seek legitimacy for their position. Session members shared the view that scientists need to rethink the role of their research tools and methods as means for integrating participants' knowledge. The feeling of "having a fair say" among participants, triggered e.g. through contributing to the research/action design, strengthens the effectiveness of sustainability actions.

Structural challenges of participatory research:

- Time and trust consuming, requiring continuous presence on the field and corresponding funding
- Insufficiently taught/understood among junior researchers

Management of power relations:

- Difficulty to bring all relevant parties to participate
- Difficulty to manage power balances among or within non-scientist stakeholder groups
- North/South power imbalances are pervasive and participants may not be aware of them

### Conclusion

Solutions to manage power imbalances and the situatedness of all participants including researchers/public agents in participatory research or governance processes include:

- Determining the role of the researcher transparently
- Reviewing the research design and tools with main participants
- Using ethical review boards
- Evaluate research processes (including criteria such as legitimacy or fairness)
- Keeping conflict groups separated
- Working with legitimate representatives

## 4.4 Water security and climate change adaptation: Understanding the complexity of a global challenge

### Hosts/Speakers

#### Prof. Dr. Jürgen Stamm

Speaker of the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Director of the Institute of Hydraulic Engineering and Technical Hydromechanics and Chair of Hydraulic Engineering, Technische Universität Dresden, Dresden, Germany

#### Prof. Dr. Holger Schüttrumpf

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### Moderator

#### Ms. Hasmik Barseghyan

President of the European Youth Parliament for Water | UNFCCC COP16 Coordinator for Armenia | World Water Quality Alliance, member of the core team | CIPSEM Alumni of the "42 nd UNEP/UNESCO/BMU International Postgraduate Course on Environmental Management" at TU Dresden, 2019, Dresden, Germany

### Speakers

#### Prof. Dr. S.A. Sannasiraj

Department of Ocean Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), Madras, India

#### Prof. Dr. Mukand Babel

Water Engineering and Management, Chair of Climate Change Asia at AIT, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand

#### Prof. Dr. Edeltraud Guenther

Director, United Nations University, Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES), Germany

### Agenda and process of the session

- Introduction and overview about the ABCD-Centre and the underlying concept (Prof. Jürgen Stamm)
- Water Security and Water Resources Management (Prof. S.A. Sannasiraj)
- Ecosystem Resilience and Nature-Based Adaptation (Prof. Mukand Babel)
- Transfer Strategies for Climate Adaptation (Prof. Edeltraud Guenther)
- Joint Panel Discussion

### Most important findings

The partner universities, RWTH Aachen University (RWTH), Asian Institute of Technology Bangkok (AITB), Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM), United Nations University - Institute for Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES) and Technische Universität Dresden (TUD) are collaborating for the establishment of a Global Water and Climate Adaptation Center tackling global challenges of water security and adaptation to a changing climate is at the core of the Centers agenda.

Climate resilient cities, rural and forestry areas depend on safe water supply for various sectors, effective water treatment, sustainable mitigation of water risks, innovative building technologies, a healthy urban climate and an adaptation of all water related infrastructures. Other climate related issues such as sea level rise, heat waves or storms are also considered. Research will be initiated on urban water security, urban water management, innovative water and wastewater treatment and water supply technologies, sustainable coastal and flood protection and innovative building technologies. Adaptation of (mega-) cities

according to the sponge city concept is a challenging research topic. Nature based solutions can play a promising role in this due to resource-efficiency.

Nature-based solutions receive increased attention due to their capability to contribute to effective climate adaptation on different scales and especially countries of the Global South have included them into their respective Nationally Determined Contributions - but despite the undeniable potential, the according goals remain rather broad and tangible targets are lacking. The concept relies on the functioning and services of ecosystems and their resilience. Although at least 50% of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity emphasize their importance for successful adaptation and mitigation efforts, there are still gaps in the holistic understanding and challenges to overcome towards a system-scale integration and sectoral planning processes.

The complex relations between demand, resource availability and quality, as well as financial and physical constraints can be addressed by knowledge-based policies and reform of professional practice. The Nexus Approach recognizes the urgent need for this knowledge and its interpretation in a policy-relevant setting. This need derives from the understanding that there is a lack of blueprints for development based on integrated management of water and other natural resources.

## **Conclusion**

The session participants share the understanding that science-based solutions and global innovation networks have to go hand in hand with a local and global stakeholder dialogue. Hence, all efforts invested needs to act as an inter- and transdisciplinary platform for a science-based global dialogue and exchange on water security and climate adaptation. Socially inclusive event formats establish new bridges between science and local communities. This way, technological solutions have the chance to gain legitimacy amongst societal actors and climate adaptation takes place in an effective and sustainable manner.

## 4.5 Sustainability from an integrated earth system research view

### Hosts/Speakers

Prof. Dr. Jochen Schanze

Leibniz Research Network „Integrated Earth Syst. Research“

Prof. Dr. Dieter Gerten

Leibniz Research Network „Integrated Earth System Research“

### Speakers

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bathmann

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Prof. Dr. Andreas Mulch

Deputy Director General, Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, Leibniz Institution for Biodiversity and Earth System Research (SGN), Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Claas Schneiderheinze

PhD cand., Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kiel, Germany

### Agenda and process of the session

- Relevance of Integrated Earth System Research for sustainable development (Prof. Dr. Jochen Schanze)
- Challenges and scope of integrated Earth system modelling (Prof. Dr. Dieter Gerten) (Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Potsdam, Germany)
- Oceans and their use in the Earth system (Prof. Dr. Ulrich Bathmann)
- Integrated Earth system research on biodiversity (Prof. Dr. Andreas Mulch)
- Environmental migration and security in the Earth system (Claas Schneiderheinze)
- Moderated dialogue involving all session participants

### Most important findings

Accelerating impacts of human activities on the Earth system pose new scientific questions. The session took the view of the recently proposed ‘Integrated Earth System Research’ (iESR) which combines the following views: First, it analyses alterations in the Earth system triggered by human activities. Second, it assesses the societal risks from these alterations. Third, it addresses the stakeholders of the Earth system. Fourth, it explores transformation pathways of society. Fifth, it elaborates conceptual and methodological interfaces for interdisciplinary research and transdisciplinary collaboration.

The course of the session covered an introduction of iESR as well as contributions on Earth system modelling and thematic Earth system challenges related to oceans, biodiversity and environmental migration. The dialogue led to positive feedback on the iESR initiative. Participants noted the societal role in defining safe operating spaces. Moreover, the use of positive narratives for preventing Earth system degradation was recommended.

### Conclusion

It was agreed that Integrated Earth System Research (iESR) is key to (i) address the complexity of the Earth system, (ii) include humankind as pressure, receptor and actor in the Earth system and (iii) explore safe operating spaces for societal development within the Earth system. The new field provides the ecological foundation for sustainability transitions. The iESR initiative of Leibniz Association institutions joins expertise of national and international scientists from all relevant disciplines and covers collaboration with stakeholders.

## 4.6 "Fragmented ways" – Debating facets of mobility justice in sustainable transition research

### Hosts

**Prof. Dr. Antonia Graf**

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Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Muenster, Germany

**Julia Hansel**

Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Muenster, Germany

**Nils Stockmann**

Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Muenster, Germany

### Speakers

**Heather Allen**

Independent expert on sustainable transport, gender and climate change, Brussels, Belgium

**Anne Kantel**

PhD. Researcher on injustices in a global south dimension, American University, alumna, USA

**Katja Leyendecker**

PhD. Consultant and project manager for gender and mobility, alma mater, Northumbria University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK

**Prof. Dr. Karen Lucas**

Professor of human geography, School of Environment, Education and Development, University of Manchester, UK

**Lena Osswald**

Freelance consultant, speaker and activist for a radically inclusive mobility transition, Berlin, Germany

**Tanu Priya Uteng**

PhD. Senior research planner, Institute of Transport Economics, Oslo, Norway

### Agenda and process of the session

The discussion table began with a brief introduction by Antonia Graf. The session continued with three opening statements from the invited experts from science and practice (Prof. Dr. Karen Lucas, Lena Osswald, and Tanu Priya Uteng). The opening statements were followed by a first Q & A session. Afterward, two invited experts (Heather Allen and Anne Kantel) commented on the statements and the discussion so far. The session ended with a lively discussion.

### Most important findings

The discussion revolved around many interesting topics such as travel budgets and over-consumption, intersectionality, the socio-cultural dimension of mobility transitions, and the necessity of networks and exchange between science and practice.

The role of data in order to assess mobility justice and its inherent "trickiness" received particular attention. Even though data (such as trip diaries) was conceived of as biased and contingently reproducing existing injustices, it is, nonetheless, necessary to 'use it' to make power structures visible and to speak about injustices in the first place.

The discussion can be subsumed with three overarching questions:

- How do we avoid shifting disadvantages/ injustices from one group of persons to another group of persons/ from one scale to another scale?
- How can a sustainable and just transition in the mobility sector take place on a systemic level? Who is part of that system?
- How is power assessed in the debate about justice? Who is regarded to be heard? How to make power visible?

## **Conclusion**

The discussion has shown once again that mobility justice is a very relevant but often underexposed topic in science and practice about sustainability transitions. Many important research questions and open desiderates still lie ahead. The discussion table has pointed to the relevance of cutting-edge research on mobility transitions and their multi-dimensional justice aspects, which we would encourage the DKN to include in their future work and related programs.

## 4.7 Sustainability and freedom

### Host

Kira Meyer, M.A.

Research associate and PhD student at the Department of Philosophy, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel (CAU), Kiel, Germany

### Speaker

Dr. Mike Hannis

Senior Lecturer in Ethics, Politics and Environment, School of Humanities, Bath Spa University, Bath, UK

### Agenda and process of the session

- Sustainability, freedom and 'environmental rights': reflections on Milieudefensie et al v Royal Dutch Shell. (Dr. Mike Hannis)
- Comments by Kira Meyer
- Open discussion

### Most important findings

Mike Hannis argued that sustainability and freedom can not only be reconciled, but also that sustainability is a condition for autonomy. While problematic ideas of freedom as well as a neutral state ideology can be seen as barriers to sustainability, a policy based on ecologically literate conceptions of human flourishing and 'floors and ceilings' around resource consumption are required for sustainability. Sustainability protects the capabilities for flourishing, while environmental rights guarantee the latter. The Milieudefensie court decision underlines the importance of such a rights-based argument. In her comment, Kira Meyer argued that prior to the implementation of environmental rights a change of the conceptions of nature and freedom - which are more fundamental when it comes to human conduct towards the environment - is necessary. Secondly, she asked whether the relation between freedom and sustainability might be even stronger than Hannis claimed: Are the two concepts interconnected and stand in a double-sided interdependence relationship? In the discussion, the question arose whether the state should have a mandatory concept of a flourishing life. Hannis highlighted that at least the idea of corporate freedoms or rights bodies should be challenged.

### Conclusion

Sustainability and freedom are not necessarily conflicting. Rather, they can be seen as interconnected: At least, sustainability is a condition for autonomy. Furthermore, it could be asked whether the connection between the two concepts is even stronger, that is whether they stand in a double-sided interdependence relationship. One possible and very promising approach to reconcile sustainability and freedom is an eudaimonist one which links both by their contribution to a human flourishing life.



## 4.8 MA Sustainability research: Analyse! Valuate! Shape! Educating the next generation in Passau

### Hosts

**Prof. Dr. Martina Padmanabhan**

Chair of Comparative Development and Cultural Studies, Universität Passau, Passau, Germany

**Prof. Dr. Anna Henkel**

Chair of Sociology, with a focus on Technology and Sustainable Development, Universität Passau, Passau, Germany

**Prof. Dr. Suleika Bort**

Chair of International Management and Social Entrepreneurship, Universität Passau, Passau, Germany

### Discussants

**Dr. Anna Antonova**

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**Dr. Hanna Straß-Senol**

Director of Environmental Humanities Development, Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society Coordinator IDK "Rethinking Environment", Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München, Munich, Germany

### Agenda and Process of the Session

The session brings 2 upcoming MA programs into conversation: Sustainability research at the University of Passau and Environmental Humanities at the Ludwig Maximilian Universität in Munich.

### Most important findings

The discussion took place at the interface of sustainability research and teaching and between two upcoming study programmes. The MA Environment and Society (LMU) tackles key social and environmental challenges in just, creative, and constructive ways and aims at understanding human-nature relationships with critical perspectives. The MA Sustainability Research: Analyse! Valuate! Shape! (UPAS) focuses on 1. Analysis to gain sustainable knowledge for reflexive competencies, because sustainability is complex and heterogeneous as a scientific and social discourse as well as a social-ecological phenomenon. 2. Valuation of sustainable structures for contextualizing competencies, considering that agency is always shaped by context and coordinated action takes place in socially and materially pre structured contexts. 3. Shaping sustainable imaginaries for competencies to act perceives the necessary transition as rethinking and enacting economic processes resulting in global challenges.

### Conclusion

Thus we conclude, that students require knowledge on different sustainability discourse, their genealogy and their positionality, provided by social sciences and the humanities to deal analytically and practically with heterogeneity. This enables them to drive fundamental paradigm shifts in companies and administrations towards responsible and sustainable management. Last not least, this approach incorporates and critically analyses possibilities of digitalization for innovative pathways.

## 4.9 True food pricing

### Hosts

**Prof. Dr. Susanne Stoll-Kleemann**

Geographer and Political Scientist, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Greifswald, Germany

### Speakers

**Dr. Stefan Ewert**

Political Scientist and Landscape Ecologist, Research Associate, Interdisciplinary Centre for Baltic Sea Region Research (IFZO) and Greifswald Mire Centre (GMC), University of Greifswald, Germany

**Amelie Michalke**

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**Henriette Rau**

M.Sc., Health Care Manager, Research Associate, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany

**Susanne Nicolai**

M.Sc., Psychologist, Research Associate, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany

**Lennart Stein**

B.Sc., Sustainable Geographer, Research Assistant, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany

**Rosalie Fichtner**

B.Sc., Sustainable Geographer, Research Assistant, Chair of Sustainability Science and Applied Geography, University of Greifswald, Germany

### Agenda and process of the session

The first spotlight presented by Stefan Ewert focused on the necessary differentiation in True Food Accounting (TCA) with regard to soils. Amelie Michalke introduced a framework for internalizing external costs from the production of different foods, as well as different production practices, as this session's main focus. In the following, Lennart Stein and Rosalie Fichtner highlighted the outcomes of a quantitative face-to-face study evaluating the customer's cognizance of measures taken. Based on a literature review, such intervention studies, their evidence-based success factors and, especially, barriers were analyzed and presented by Henriette Rau as the fourth spotlight. Susanne Nicolai's talk spotlighted the links between justice sensitivity, moral emotions and dietary behavior and intention.

### Most important findings

Agricultural production entails a magnitude of environmental and social impacts that are currently not reflected in the market prices of different foods. Such unpriced effects, or external costs, distort market-equilibria and lead to an increased demand of unsustainable food. The quantification and adequate economic evaluation of externalities (True Food Accounting) from food production poses an approach to manifest dietary shifts towards more holistically sustainable patterns.

### Conclusion

Supermarkets' food pricing often conceals what it really costs to produce those food items, because costs to the environment are not taken into account. Therefore, true cost accounting (TCA) is needed. Food is elemental to life and, thus, true food pricing and its potential consequences have direct influence on the Sustainable Development Goals.

## 4.10 Synergies and trade-offs for the multiple usages of land on our way to climate neutrality

### **DKN working group:** Modelling Human-EnviRonMental InTeractions In the ANthropocene (HERMITIAN)

#### **Hosts**

DKN Working Group HERMITIAN

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**Dr. Jonathan F. Donges**

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**Prof. Dr. Matthias Garschagen**

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**Prof. Dr. Mark Rounsevell**

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**Prof. Dr. Jürgen Scheffran**

Research Group Climate Change and Security, Institut für Geographie, Universität Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany

#### **Agenda and process of the session**

- Introduction of the HERMITIAN working group and session goals (Prof. Dr. V. Brovkin)
- Impulse talk: Synergies and trade-offs for the multiple usages of land on our way to climate neutrality (Prof. Dr. Julia Pongratz)
- Breakout groups discussion
- Plenary discussion

#### **Most important findings**

The goal of this session was a community dialogue to shape a future national research program (e.g., a DFG Priority Program proposal). The Breakout Groups discussed:

- **Q1** The impulse talk mentioned key topics in the field of interdisciplinary assessment of the usages of land in the context of climate goals. Which other key topics for future research in this field are relevant?  
**Answers to Q1** Coupling of social dynamics and climate modeling; role of trade and financial markets; disruptive technologies and events; path dependencies; time lags and cascades of tipping points in social and natural systems; stronger inclusion of biodiversity considerations; high-resolution model-data fusion; connection of local and global environmental change; North-South relationship w.r.t. terrestrial CDR; land use to overcome injustice issues
- **Q2** What is Germany's special role in pushing this field forward? Which related topics are covered by international initiatives?  
**Answers to Q2** Germany is a key player in developing many of the existing relevant methodologies such as IAM-ESM coupling and behavioral modeling. It has a responsibility to invest in research to provide the scientific basis to solve pressing global change issues.

## Conclusion

Investigating the multifunctionality of land in pathways of climate neutrality, where ecosystem services such as food and fibre production, living space, and biodiversity compete with possibly large needs of area for CDR and ever stronger needs for adaptation, is an emerging field. It requires a much better understanding of the multi-dimensional linkages to find sustainable solutions, including analysis of tipping points in societal and ecosystem dynamics related to landuse, and thus a dedicated research agenda. The topic is urgent (Paris Agreement) and timely (advances can feed into AR7 cycle).

## 4.11 Science narratives in policy advice – For exploring the coastal-marine science- society-policy nexus

### **DKN working group:** Anticipating and Transforming Coastal Futures

#### **Hosts**

**Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge**

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**Dr. Sebastian Ferse**

Future Earth Coast & Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research, Bremen, Germany

#### **Speakers**

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**Dr. Jacqueline Uku**

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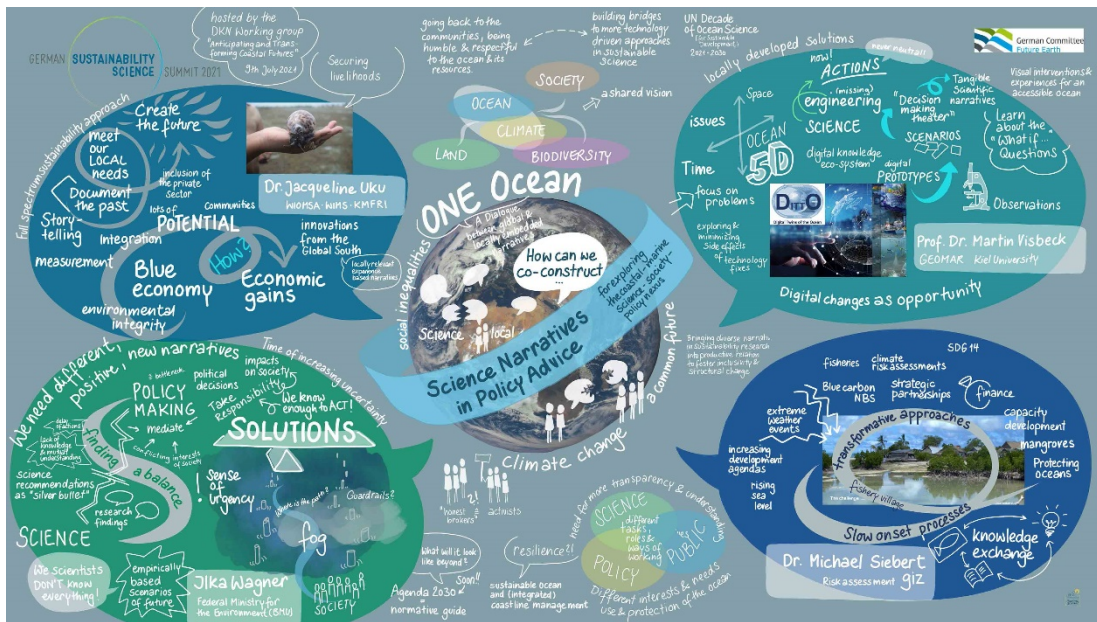
National Representative to the Wadden Sea World Heritage Board, Wilhelmshaven, Germany | Head of Division Marine Nature Conservation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Germany

#### **Agenda and process of the session**

After a short introduction by Prof. Dr. Anna-Katharina Hornidge, each of the four panelists [Dr. Jacqueline Uku (WIOMSA), Dr. Michael Siebert (GIZ), Ilka Wagner (BMU) and Prof. Dr. Martin Visbeck (GEOMAR)] gave an impulse statement. These were followed by a joint discussion, moderated by Dr. Sebastian Ferse.

#### **Most important findings**

How can we foster inclusivity and structural change in the discourse on the ocean-climate nexus between the spheres of science, society and policy? Lack of knowledge and mutual understanding of the inner workings and respective logics lead in many cases to delayed action or are even used against ambitious measures. While strategic partnerships and international development agendas with the aim to protect the ocean are increasing, they are still facing slow onset processes. Since policy-makers need to mediate conflicting interests and are held accountable for the impacts on society, they strive to find balanced solutions. Here, the potential of concepts such as „blue economy“ or „blue carbon“ is often highlighted, however the concrete ways to unfold it are seldom elaborated. One exemplary way to make scientific narratives more tangible, discussed in this session, are visual interventions as „decision-making theaters“, creating digital knowledge eco-systems for an accessible ocean.



### Conclusion

In a time shaped by increasing uncertainty, social inequalities and a changing climate, we urgently need a shared vision for a common future - one that goes beyond the normative guide of the Agenda 2030. Co-constructing different and positive ideas on empirically based scenarios can only work through transformative, sustainable approaches along with a dialogue between global and locally embedded narratives. In this regard, the momentum of the UN Decade of Ocean Science is a promising opportunity.

## 4.12 Sustainable, transformative and circular bioeconomy

### DKN working group: Sustainable, transformative, and circular bioeconomy

#### Hosts

Prof. Dr. Daniela Thrän

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Prof. Dr. Ulrich Schurr

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#### Speakers

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Uwe R. Fritsche

Scientific Director, IINAS - International Institute for Sustainability Analysis & Strategy, Darmstadt, Germany

Dr. Steffi Ober

Team leader Economics Research Policy|NABU-Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V., Berlin, Germany

#### Agenda and process of the session

- Welcome & Intro
- WG overview & WG Team
- Breakout Groups
  - Towards a sustainable transformation? The blind spots of the current research agenda Dr. Steffi Ober, Team leader Economics and Research Policy Policy, NABU - Naturschutzbund Deutschland e.V., Berlin, Germany
  - Bioeconomy in a net zero world - possible contributions and trade-offs Uwe R. Fritsche, Scientific Director, IINAS-International Institute for Sustainability Analysis & Strategy, Darmstadt, Germany
- Plenary - highlights of breakout groups
- Towards a BioWEconomy: The cultural dimension of bioeconomy and societal change
- Q&A and Summary

#### Most important findings

Current research does not adequately reflect the transformation required for a sustainable bioeconomy but encouraging projects have started and should be enlarged, especially in international formats. Transdisciplinary approaches are seen as required in this.

There are important trade-offs between the bioeconomy, climate, and biodiversity, and positive (synergistic) options exist which need more substantiation (by research), and implementation (by policy).

Participants indicated that the social dimension, especially inclusiveness, should become more prominent in the research. The presented "BioWEconomy" is conceptually part of this, and the respective potential role of culture and arts should be explored further.

#### Conclusion

Participants expressed their interest to continue discussion in a physical meeting later this year, and the organizers indicated to prepare for this. Interested parties should contact Daniela Thrän/Uwe Fritsche.

## 4.13 Spatiality in sustainability science: Contrasting perspectives to accelerate transformation

### Host

Prof. Dr. Marc Wolfram

Director, Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development, Dresden, Germany | Spokesperson, Leibniz Research Network Knowledge for Sustainable Development

### Speakers

Prof. Dr. Christine Fürst

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Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes

Professorship for Organisation and Innovation, CvO-Universität Oldenburg, Oldenburg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Richard Cowell

School of Geography and Planning, Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK

### Agenda and process of the session

- Introduction (Prof. Dr. Marc Wolfram)
- Speed talk 1: How can conceptions of spatiality contribute to leverage and accelerate sustainability transformations? (Prof. Dr. Christine Fürst)
- Speed talk 2: A geography of innovation perspective on regions in sustainability transitions (Prof. Dr. Jannika Mattes)
- Speed talk 3: 'Place' concepts in sustainability transformations (Prof. Dr. Richard Cowell)
- Joint discussion question: How can different conceptions of spatiality in Sustainability Science contribute to leverage and accelerate sustainability transformations?

### Most important findings

Spatial research approaches are a constitutive feature of sustainability sciences (SuSc). Especially implications of spatial ecosystem limits and interactions (Earth system) and the conditions for change in particular locations (places) have played a prominent role in the field from the outset.

Over the past two decades, however, a wider range of spatial ontologies has been deployed to unpack the conditions for and dynamics of social-ecological as well as socio-technical and political-economic transformations and their sustainability implications. This involves different understandings of space as

- Physical-material (ecosystems, built environs, etc.)
- Socially constructed (institutions, discourses, etc.)
- Experienced (lived, practiced, etc.)
- Relational (networked, assembled, etc.)

Major inter- and also transdisciplinary (TD) strands emerging along these lines include:

- Landscape research / Land system science
- Urban transformation research (incl. STS and SES)
- Innovation geography

### Conclusion

In order to enhance their contribution to understanding and accelerating sustainability transformations, sustainability sciences should:



- Draw on the above variety of spatial lenses purposively to elucidate stakes, options, conflicts and trade-offs linked to alternative pathways
- Develop research strategies that focus on emerging transformation conflicts unfolding in places (regions, cities, neighborhoods), linked to complex interactions between multiple sectoral processes
- Ensure meaningful and equitable representation in TD research, despite spatiotemporal constraints

Corresponding research policy and -instruments are needed that support the spatial requirements of SuSc and thereby enhance sustainability transformations, considering:

- Place as a condition for trusted TD research collaborations and longer-term social learning processes (and thus, sustainability impacts)
- Strategic TD learning based on co-creation approaches needs to draw on spatial and place-based disparities, similarities and diversity

## 4.14 Zero Carbon City Munich, Germany, through Water-Energy-Food (WEF) nexus-based infrastructure development

### Hosts

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Dr. Nandani Lynton

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In collaboration with BMW Foundation Responsible Leaders Network and Scientists for Future (S4F)

### Agenda and process of the session

The session started with 2-minute inputs from selected experts to set the stage to jointly identify key enablers and barriers to decarbonization, taking Munich City in Germany as a case study and was conducted in collaboration with BMW Foundation Responsible Leaders Network and Scientists for Future.

Then, a debating game allowing all participants to join the discussion using a MIRO board and web polling. This enabled an open talk about the key solutions, enablers and barriers for urban climate change mitigation and resource use efficiency.

### Most important findings

The open discussion enabled the identification of various suitable, impactful, and implementable solutions for promoting urban decarbonization in Munich. The participants also located their inputs regarding enablers, barriers, and potential solutions within four different areas which overlapped in the MIRO working board, namely: economy, civil society, science and technology, and politics. The mentioned solutions included urban gardening and greening, recycling and waste management, water reclamation with resource recovery, use of smart grids, and the implementation of novel energy generation technologies such as green hydrogen. Several enablers were also identified, which included governance elements such as energy partnerships, tax incentives for industry on research and development, the

promotion of urban co-creation spaces for new ideas and solutions, policy creation for integrated resource efficiency, and cooperation at different geographical scales. The identified barriers included the lack of political will and intersectoral integration, the increase in high-consumption patterns, and lack of funding directed towards decarbonization.

## **Conclusion**

Most of the identified solutions, enablers and barriers were located within the interface of all sectors (economy, civil society, science and technology, and politics). This indicates an awareness that integrated solutions and coordinated efforts are required for enabling decarbonization within cities. Additionally, far from purely technical and scientific solutions, several inputs involved political, economic, and social improvements. This gives hints on which practices can be hindering the implementation of solutions for decarbonization. Addressing this within the policy agenda for urban planning can support resource security, enhance climate change resilience, and promote intersectoral synergies for a more sustainable urban living.

## 4.15 Capacity building for monitoring and fostering sustainable use of biological diversity.

### Hosts

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**Prof. Dr. Anne-Kathrin Lindau**

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**Dr. Taukondjo Sem Shikongo**

UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada

### Agenda and process of the session

- Competing interest in Majang biocultural diversity. (Dr. Million Belay)
- Piloting community-based monitoring in the Kavango- Zambezi TFCA. (Prof. Dr. Christo Fabricius, B. Reicheldt-Zolho)
- Capacity building on ESD for academic staff at universities with a focus on biodiversity loss. (Prof. Dr. Ingrid Hemmer, Prof. Dr. Anne-Kathrin Lindau)
- Benefit sharing as an incentive for conservation and sustainable resource use. (Dr. Taukondjo Sem Shikongo)

### Most important findings

In SSII6 four impulse talks presented ideas on how to promote biological diversity, while simultaneously ensuring sustainable socio-economic development, particularly in the global south. The key findings of the talks and the subsequent discussions were:

- Competing interests and the current mechanisms of global markets are promoting biocultural diversity loss

- Successful nature conservation goes hand in hand with a resilient and inclusive societal development
- Culture plays a pivotal part in building up capacities with respect to biodiversity monitoring and biocultural diversity conservation
- Participatory learning and mapping, polycentric governance and the promotion of social connections for learning are efficient tools to build up capacities
- Socio-ecological monitoring is a multi-stakeholder and thus multi-cultural endeavor; capacity building needs to involve different knowledge systems and the private sector

## **Conclusion**

In order to promote sustainable development, future biodiversity research should:

- Investigate how monitoring data can be more efficiently integrated into policy-making processes
- Identify cultural aspects that go along with successful capacity building and more efficient ways to communicate research results to all stakeholders including stakeholders from different knowledge systems
- Establish methods to assess the “footprint” of internationally traded products on local biocultural diversity

## 4.16 Sustainable planning and construction

### Hosts

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### Agenda and process of the session

The session was subdivided into two sections:

- Four brief presentations as listed below and
- A discussion involving both invited panelists and session attendees.

### Most important findings

In his talk “21st Century Building – Towards a Climate and Resource Neutral Construction” Prof. Manfred Curbach highlighted the huge impact of the construction sector on climate relevant emissions by providing facts and figures. He discussed technical solutions, in particular related to construction materials, for reducing embodied energy.

Prof. Werner Lang (TU München) indicated possibilities of how to build with a positive ecological footprint by means of digitalization, life cycle assessment as well as involving occupant behavior.

In her presentation “Designing the City under Climate Change” Prof. Andrea Benze (Hochschule München) reflected aspects of sustainable planning from the perspective of architecture and urban planning.

Prof. Dierk Raabe talked about sustainable metallurgy and metals. Specifically, steel, aluminum, nickel, and titanium require a lot of energy when extracted and manufactured. He showcased carbon-lean primary production, recycling, scrap-compatible alloys, and circular economy as possibilities for more sustainable solutions.

In the following, the appropriate quantification of climate impact, particularly including the aspect of embodied energy and grey emissions, was controversially discussed. Carbon neutral cement (concrete) has been identified as a key technology and important subject of future research.

## Conclusion

The Paris climate goals require a radical transformation in the construction sector. The session revealed three crucial aspects:

- It is not appropriate to assess the environmental impact of buildings via operational energy only. The complete life cycle and grey emissions have to be included.
- Research is required for new materials, recycling and digitalization.
- Architecture and urban planning should plan and construct in existing contexts instead of demolition and replacement.

## 4.17 Securing the living quality of urban regions under heat and water stress

### Hosts

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### Agenda and process of the session

The aim of the session was to identify specific challenges in how to secure the living quality in urban regions and formulate research needs.

- Welcome and Introduction (Prof. Dr. Philip Leistner)
- Global Content (Prof. Dr. William Solecki)
- Regional Content in South Germany (Prof. Dr. Jörn Birkmann)
- Integrating climate and vulnerability information at the city-regional scale (Joanna McMillan)
- Interaction between Microclimate and Indoor climate (Pia Krause)
- Summary - Challenges need to be addressed (Prof. Dr. Philip Leistner)

### Most important findings

Securing quality of life in urban regions exposed to extreme heat and water stress requires a multi-dimensional assessment. Up to now, most studies examine future climate change on the residential population, and therewith do not sufficiently acknowledge dynamics of exposure and vulnerability.

Many cities prepare adaptation strategies only for their own area, and therewith do not acknowledge the city-regional interactions.

In order to represent models of heat and water stress, a more differentiated assessment of urban and regional structure is required. Such models are fed with demographic and socio-economic data in order to factor multi-scale levels of vulnerability and adaptive capacity.

Under extreme heat and water stress, green structures in the outside help to improve the indoor climate significantly. To ensure a comfortable indoor climate, the living quality of (sub)urban regions must be considered and planned not only for humans but also for the urban flora and fauna.



## **Conclusion**

Adaptation strategies for (sub)urban regions and their multi-scale interdependence must be examined holistically. Planning tools and models must be able to cover the requirements and interdependencies between different (multi-)scales. In particular, the tools must represent the potential of green structures across scales. The knowledge of experts must be networked in order to be able to map the interdependencies of macro-, meso-, micro- and indoor climate in (sub)urban regions holistically.

## **Follow Up**

Interested in a DFG roundtable on new methodological approaches of multi-scale assessments for urban sustainability and living quality in the context of heat and water stress.

## 4.18 Climate change and systemic risk

### Hosts

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**Prof. Dr. Dann Mitchell**  
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### Agenda and process of the session

- Introduction (Prof. Dr. Markus Reichstein)
- Short talks:
- Climate Change and Systemic Risk (Dr. Kai Kornhuber)
- From Systemic Risk to Systemic Resilience (Prof. Dr. Reinhard Mechler)
- Examining systemic risk in the global food system (Prof. Dr. Michael J. Puma)
- Heat related mortality in a warmer world (Prof. Dr. Dann Mitchell)
- Panel discussion with speakers and audience

### Most important findings

Climate change is affecting weather extremes globally. Recent extremes suggest that climate models underestimate the magnitude of certain types of extremes, as e.g. the 2021 Western North American-Canadian heatwave.

Food systems are especially vulnerable to climate extremes, supply networks rely on (national) critical infrastructures and international shipping route chokepoints.

Identified needs are

- Good data (an issue in parts of the world) and solid predictors (e.g. for “heat & humidity”)
- (Better) climate knowledge to accurately evaluate model uncertainties and associated future risk
- Complement physical science work on global tipping points (existential climate risk and urgency)
- Platform for qualitative and quantitative evidence on adaptation limits and transformation that may help to overcome soft limits
- Improved knowledge of markets, geopolitics, trade relationships, and other socioeconomic factors to understand impacts of extremes and options for mitigating those risks

## **Conclusion**

- Climate change is projected to lead to increasing extreme events, which, when interacting with socio-economic drivers, will increase systemic climate-related risk
- We assume that current model projections provide a conservative estimate of their future risk
- Systemic risk research to further develop evidence on soft and hard climate adaptation limits in socio-ecological systems at scale
- New / improved theories and institutions to address the challenges and options for mitigating multi-scale systemic risks within countries and internationally

## 4.19 Climate change and human mobility in the anthropocene

### Hosts

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**Prof. Dr. Andreas Neef**

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### Speakers

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**Prof. Björn Vollan**

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**Dr. Lucy Szaboova**

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**Prof. Andreas Neef**

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### Agenda and process of the session

Four Presentations

- Climate Mobility and Climate Justice (Prof. Dr. Petra Tschakert)
- Determinants of climate induced migration (Prof. Dr. Björn Vollan)
- Urban sustainability and the subjective wellbeing of migrants: the role of risks, place attachment and aspirations (Dr. Lucy Szaboova)
- Ambiguous Role of New Zealand in Climate Migration and Climate Mobility Justice in the Pacific (Prof. Andreas Neef)
- Discussion

### Most important findings

Migration is increasingly seen as an adaptation measure to climate change, often in addition to other drivers, wrapped up in positive and negative narratives

The decision to move and its consequences for climate migrants, as well as receiving and sending communities, are multifaceted

Examining the diverse mobility experiences across the three categories, namely embodiment, climate influence, and impacts, can help understand the dynamics and complexities of climate (im)mobility

An analysis of the lived experiences of rural-urban migrants in BGD suggests that the subjective wellbeing of migrants is shaped by affinity to new urban residences, the achievement of migration aspirations, and perceived social and environmental risks at the new place (new urban precarity)

On the other hand, many people endangered by climate hazards prefer to adapt in-situ over moving away even when facing extremely high hazard risks

An empirical analysis of survey and experimental data from BGD, SOI, VET, and PHI suggests that the willingness to move is explained by social cohesion, risk aversion, place attachment and migration aspiration

Treating climate migration as an adaptation strategy poses the danger of shifting the burden to those most affected by climate change

As those countries mainly contributing to climate change – such as NZ – restrict legal pathways for climate-related migration, climate migrants face a combination of climate and mobility injustice

### **Conclusion**

- Climate migration decisions and consequences are complex and need to be further scrutinized in empirical analyses
- Multiple dimensions are to be recognized when analyzing the effect of climate mobilities on various actors and hence the environment and conditions to be provided for successful migration
- Many of those affected by climate-related hazards prefer to adapt in-situ, yet interesting dimensions of inequalities drive the extent to which such preferences are shaped by culture, norms, and dominant values (e.g. patriarchy)

The insight that many of those affected do not want to move paired with the fact that in many cases it is other countries causing climate change. This calls for a reconsideration of moral duties and resulting laws and obligations

## 4.20 A new social contract for climate change adaptation in dynamic societies?!

### Hosts

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### Agenda and process of the session

The session aimed to take stock of the emerging debate around (new?) social contracts needed for climate change adaptation. In doing so, it reviewed and discussed the current knowledge on existing as well as envisioned social contracts in different world regions and across scales. It also debated a future agenda for transdisciplinary research on social contracts for adaptation.

Panelists working at the interface of academia, adaptation practice and civil society were invited to contribute to the discussion in flash talks and panel contributions. The audience contributed heavily through questions and comments.

After an introductory presentation by Prof. Garschagen and input statements by the panelists, the discussion focused in particular on the following three sets of questions:

- Which science and knowledge is needed to inform (shifting) social contracts for climate change adaptation? Where do you see the biggest knowledge gaps? How are different types of knowledge important?
- Are social contracts an issue for all societies – or more so for some?
- Is there a difference in the debate of social contracts for CCA within and between countries?

### Most important findings

The session generated a number of key findings:

- The panelists and the audience emphasized a strong need to consolidate research on the social negotiations surrounding the roles and responsibilities for climate change adaptation between different actors. In principle, this need applies to all world regions.
- The participants likewise considered the “social contract” lens a very fitting and potentially powerful one. It allows for addressing normative and empirical dimensions, which the panelists highlighted in their contributions.
- The panelists stressed that science on social contracts for adaptation needs to be inter- and transdisciplinary as it needs to provide theoretically grounded, empirically robust and actionable results.

- Knowledge gaps that need to be addressed do not only relate to future responsibilities but also to the current state of adaptation and the expectations – often mutually conflicting – different actors have towards each other.

## **Conclusion**

As climate change research has strongly shifted towards adaptation and its governance, science needs to engage more explicitly with the existing – and maybe shifting – social contracts for conceiving, planning, implementing and financing adaptation. Current and implicit “contracts” might soon reach their limits under intensifying climate impacts and adaptation needs. New social contracts are not yet clear and need to be co-developed through transdisciplinary approaches.

## **Session abstract**

Climate change research has slowly been moving from a focus on impacts and risks to a focus on responses. Transdisciplinary concepts such as the “solution space” receive a groundswell of attention, ranging from detailed local case studies all the way to global assessments. However, much of the scientific discourse on adaptation applies a rather technocratic view to the reshaping of human-environment-relations. Only slowly emerging at best is a deeper understanding of the social contracts needed to deliver on the massive adaptation efforts required. The transformation debate that starts to engage with this question often remains on a normative level, bypassing the empirical analysis of how responsibilities for adaptation are perceived and assigned. New empirical research, however, suggests growing gaps in mutual expectations and ascribed responsibilities between, e.g., state actors, citizens and private sectors. Increased scientific efforts to unpack and reassemble these often tacit conceptions are therefore urgently needed.

## 5. Science policy sessions

### 5.1 Science as a transformative lever for sustainable development – Science policy as a game changer

#### Hosts

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#### Discussant

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#### Agenda and process of the session

- Panel discussion with input statements as opportunity to share observations/perceptions on the science-policy interface in Germany and Europe.
- Interventions from the audience by Dr. Jorge Vasconcelos and Dr. Marianne Beisheim
- Mutual commenting
- Final statements.

#### Most important findings

Recommendations for making science into an important lever for sustainability:

- Stronger focus on real world problems and solutions; need to adapt incentive system in scientific system.
- Stronger focus on the social sciences, inter-, trans- and multidisciplinary research.
- More flexibility in terms of approaches, methods and respective funding schemes to make sustainability research more effective and outcome-oriented.



- Need for speed: faster approval and implementation processes; quicker publication of scientific findings.
- Learn from EU approach to science funding: policy-relevant research for mobilising existing knowledge for practical application in policy-making.
- Avoid politicisation of science as this undermines its credibility but keep in mind that transformative research is always political research.
- Strengthen science-society-policy interface, involve civil society stakeholders as society needs to understand urgency of action so co-design, co-production, co-interpretation and co-implementation become possible.
- Strengthen science diplomacy.

## **Conclusion**

Much remains to be done so science can become an effective lever for sustainable development. The responsibility lies both with the political system that needs to acknowledge the special nature and specific needs of transformative research and with the scientific/academic system that needs to overcome its frequently rigid and conservative structures that impede effective advice for political decision-makers and meaningful exchange with society.

## 5.2 Knowledge production around the SDGs: Rewards and recognition in a global context

### Host / Moderator

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### Agenda and process of the session

The session took place as a panel discussion. To provide input at the beginning of the session, Rachel Martin presented new and different ways of thinking about “impact”, followed by the discussion.

### Most important findings

Scientific “excellence” as measured in publications and citations has been the central unit of measurement for the past decades, and this has generally been the primary measure of “impact”. If the scientific community would like to produce knowledge and advance the sustainable development goals, it must rethink how it evaluates and incentivizes the production of knowledge.

By looking at scientific output through an SDG “lense”, it becomes possible to redefine the way institutions view what excellence means. Re-thinking impact can also lead to a more nuanced view of how technologies and innovation develop in a given field, such as energy research.

Rethinking impact also requires knowledge to be placed in different contexts in order to evaluate research impact: diversity, for example, should apply both to the question of who participates in the production of knowledge, and also where that knowledge is produced and where it is applied.

### Conclusion

The panel discussed and proposed several ways in which our understanding of “impact” should be redefined in light of the SDGs: one idea was to require submitted papers to have an “SDG impact statement” so that authors have thought about how their work contributes to global sustainability research. A second idea focused on re-thinking “impact” as including the accessibility of knowledge – Open Access is part of this, but just as important is the question of how the scientific community can apply SDG 17 (partnerships) to encourage the localization of knowledge. An important caveat to this is also to think about “diversity” not just in terms of people, but also in terms of geography and to make sure that the development and application of knowledge occur with the same ease in the global south as in the global north. As one panelist said: “excellence is everywhere”.

## 5.3 The lack of rationality in the debates on climate policies: An attempt to shed light on this puzzle

### Hosts

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Prof. Dr. Joachim Weimann

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### Agenda and process of the session

The three panelists (Dr. Fritz Reusswig, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research; Prof. Dr. Uwe Schneidewind, Mayor of Wuppertal and Club of Rome; Prof. Dr. Joachim Weinmann, Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg) opened the discussion with a 5-minutes introductory statement, followed by a 30-minutes discussion. The last 15 minutes of our session were devoted to questions from the audience.

### Most important findings

The debate about climate change and policies to prevent a further increase in global temperature and rising sea levels in Western democracies, e.g. in Germany, takes place on several levels, of which at least three can easily be distinguished: (1) science, (2) policy, and (3) public. Needless to say that these levels are interrelated and feedback mechanisms are at play.

Both theoretical reasoning and empirical evidence suggest that climate change cannot be prevented against the enormous innovative potential of – a socially well-balanced – capitalist system; in socialist regimes, environmental policies were and are almost non-existing. The session asked the question of why this opposition to effective and efficient policy strategies is so persistent. For discussing this puzzle, we invited social scientists and policymakers. We wanted to understand the causes of this opposition and learn how it might be overcome so that both the climate and an open democratic market economy can be safeguarded.

### Conclusion

The entire discussion centered on the role of narratives. It thereby became clear that all panelists had a different perspective on the respective roles the state, enterprises and individuals should play in the climate policy setting – ranging from a rather passive role of the state towards a very active role. These differences were worked out during the discussion. It became clear that an economic perspective – implying to meet a generally accepted objective with the lowest costs – is difficult to agree on. The topic climate change has received a relatively strong morale component, which makes rational arguments less likely to succeed, partially explaining the aforementioned puzzle.

## 5.4 “Biodiversity Mainstreaming” and its relevance for a more sustainable conservation and utilization of nature

### Hosts

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### Agenda and process of the session

Together with climate change, the dramatic loss of biodiversity is one of the greatest challenges facing humankind. However, despite the existential value of biodiversity, biodiversity loss has only played a subordinate role in the political and societal debate about how sustainability can be achieved.

In a discussion moderated by Prof. Dr. Volker Mosbrugger with Agnes Becker (Ecological Democratic Party - ÖDP), Ralf Schulte (NABU e.V.), Dr. Sonja Geiger (Justus-Liebig-University Gießen) and Prof. Dr. Aletta Bonn (Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research - UFZ; Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena; German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research - iDiv) as panelists (Figure 1), we explored which role “biodiversity mainstreaming”, i.e. the consideration of biodiversity in all political and economic decisions, but also in private lifestyles, can have on our way to a sustainable conservation and use of natural capital.

The discussion was roughly structured along four key questions:

- How important and successful is the mainstreaming approach in democratic processes? What are best practice examples?
- What characterizes fair, science-based mainstreaming as opposed to “populist manipulation”? How effective are positive, solution-based vs. disaster scenarios?
- Why is climate mainstreaming more successful than biodiversity mainstreaming? What are the lessons learnt?
- How can biodiversity mainstreaming, biodiversity research, and sustainability science mutually support each other to promote the transition towards sustainability? Do we need common narratives, and if so, which ones?

Towards the end of the discussion, the audience was asked to answer the question “What is the key to successful biodiversity mainstreaming?” via “Mentimeter”, resulting in a word cloud representing a collection of key factors (Figure 2).

### **Most important findings**

Successful biodiversity mainstreaming requires awareness. Yet, in society, there is ignorance and/or a lack of knowledge. We need to evaluate our education and find solutions to create awareness, e.g. through action portfolios, citizen science and better communication strategies. However, awareness can only be a first step towards transition. We need more research from social sciences to explore which personal and social norms can certainly change collective behaviors. Combining emotions and personal experiences with scientific facts, can be a key to reach more people with conservation topics.

Catastrophe framing can induce short-term behavioral changes, but to promote a long-term effect toward changes in people's attitudes, we need positive framing.

For mitigating climate change, CO2 emissions can be quantified and charged with taxes. For biodiversity, such quantifications are more complex. The concept of ecosystem services provides opportunities to give biodiversity an economic value.

### **Conclusion**

There is a need for cross-sectoral cooperation to achieve true biodiversity mainstreaming and to link biodiversity, climate and health. For systemic changes in political decisions, it needs pressure from the society. Mixing bottom-up and top-down approaches seems promising to induce behavioral changes. A more general environmental awareness and a positive common motive such as a “healthy and green planet” can promote transformation towards a sustainable lifestyle within the planetary boundaries.

## 6. Early Career Researchers Workshop

### Inter- and transdisciplinarity in sustainability science - opportunities and challenges for early career scientists perspectives from different fields

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#### Agenda and process of the session

- Network and workshop introductions
- Panelist presentation
- Open discussion

#### Most important findings

- Increasing third-party funding is contributing to precariousness career development in working conditions of ECRs.
- Excellence is disciplinary driven and does not give sufficient room to transdisciplinary approaches, despite the necessity for transdisciplinarity on the discursive level.
- Right now, 85 % of ECS are on a fixed-term contract. The average contract of a PhD is 22 months, the avg. for Postdoc contracts is 28 months.
- Real, inter- and transdisciplinarity, not just by label, is more complex, therefore time - and expertise - relevant and these extra time is not structurally added for ECS
- Knowledge integration and coproduction has been implemented in Germany since few years. However, Global South - Global North knowledge interaction is still a missing task.
- Applied Sciences universities in Germany have been more efficient to implement transdisciplinary approaches in their study programs.
- Practitioners are not always open to implement solutions coming from research.
- Knowledge management / sharing ideas is very important to booster inter- and transdisciplinarity.

#### Conclusions

Early career researchers in sustainability science face different challenges to implement inter- and transdisciplinary approaches. The challenges comprise, for example, monodisciplinary study programs, career evaluation mechanisms with disciplinary focus, difficulties to plan long-term careers given the contracting conditions (WissZeitVG)

## 7. Summit conclusions and outlook

The German Sustainability Science Summit 2021 provided an international platform to exchange about new scientific findings and research needs, for discussions of the future of sustainability research and to foster interdisciplinary collaborations within Future Earth and beyond. The focus of the summit was explicitly dedicated to national and international interdisciplinary and integrative sustainability science, while discussing the previous and future work of the DKN along the DKN position paper on research priorities in sustainability research.

### Concluding panel discussion: Perspectives of international sustainability science

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The concluding panel discussion raised the overarching question about perspectives of international sustainability science. The discussion revealed that sustainability science has become an established field of research. It is now stated in the statutes of the DFG that science contributes to sustainable progress, a big achievement which was unimaginable 30 years ago. The panelists emphasized that it should be asked self critically, how far research can and should move beyond the more traditional idea of conventional science. The transition of science was discussed throughout the summit: science has stepped up to interdisciplinary science, transdisciplinary science and leading to transformative science, which is more engaged, more concerned, more active, blurring the lines between science, campaigning and political engagement. In this light, the scope of sustainability science was discussed broadly. On the one hand sustainability science was perceived as an established and mature field of research in the classical sense, whereas another perception was that it is a still young and immature science that is not clearly defined. It is a crosscutting field to which many single disciplines can and should contribute. As sustainability science is looking beyond the classic definitions of science, it became obvious from the discussions that

the combination of basic and applied research is needed in order to provide a scientific basis for solutions to large societal problems within a reasonable time frame.

The panelists concluded that, to accomplish a redefinition of science, sustainability has to be anchored across all areas of academia and education while at the same time faculties dedicated to sustainability science need to serve as nuclei within the institutions to allow for a holistic view in education.

It was also discussed that sustainability science needs to bridge several fault lines to enable transdisciplinary and transformative science, such as between the different national funding structures and science systems, between science and policy, between science and society, and between academia and engineering. In order to achieve these ambitious goals, the panelists acknowledged that an international platform is of importance for partnerships and collaborations, with contributions from all fields, from the different parts of the world to build bridges and fill gaps to overcome the rifts between different contexts and different regions and to set a joint agenda to shape sustainability research collectively. It was concluded that sustainable living on our planet is a global challenge in a cross-cultural dialogue as key element of equity, fairness and justice.

The discussions also highlighted sustainability science as a crosscutting topic connecting all generations with a need to engage early-career researchers and professionals more than before, along with the need to address challenges in career development in sustainability science, as the future belongs to the young generations.

It was also highlighted that science must uphold its integrity, credibility and persistence. In this context it was noted that interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary and transformative science must presuppose high disciplinary standards and measures for excellence, while at the same time being able to react fast to anticipate problems.

The summit concluded with the remark that sustainability has to become the new normal and that it is now to create a manageable earth system for all future generations.



## 8. Appendix

### 8.1 Poster session

#### 8.1.1 DKN Focus Topics

##### **Engineering Machine Learning Solutions for Climate Adaptation: Remote Sensing for Disaster Recovery**

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##### **Sustainable extreme event management - The event perception evaluation for sustainable well-being**

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##### **Land-use change effects on biodiversity through mechanistic simulations: A case study with South-Asian mammals**

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#### 8.1.2 Science Policy

##### **“Biodiversity Mainstreaming” and its relevance for a more sustainable conservation and utilization of nature**

##### **The rationality paradox of climate populism. Non-intended rational effects of populist climate policy narratives**

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## 8.1.3 Scientific Session

### Sustainable planning and construction

#### **Adaptive Skins and Structures for the Built Environment of Tomorrow**

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#### **Low-waste construction with quality-assured, serial prefabrication**

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#### **Design Strategies for Material-Minimised Carbon Reinforced Concrete Structures – Principles of a New Approach to Construction**

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#### **The future of healthy living and working in the face of sustainability and crisis management - Resilient transformation of urban spaces**

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## 8.1.4 Scientific Session

### Securing the living quality of urban regions under heat and water stress

#### **An integrative spatial approach to developing adaptation strategies for the growing polycentric region of Stuttgart**

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## 8.1.5 Belmont Forum CRA projects

### Transdisciplinary research for pathways to sustainability

#### **DREAMS - Developing Resilient African cities and their urban environment facing the provision of essential urban SDGs**

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#### **Eco2Health - Health and agriculture sustainability through interdisciplinary surveillance and risk assessment platform of global emerging zoonotic diseases**

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#### **PACPATH - Pacific Ocean Pathways in Support of Sustainable Development: an Integrated Approach**

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#### **RREFlood - Residual Risk of Extreme Floods - A Challenge for Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals**

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#### **UComNetSus Africa - Building Urban Community Networks for Sustainable Cities in Africa**

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## 8.1.6 WPN2030 (Science Platform Sustainability 2030)

### **How to advance sustainable consumption in Germany in the context of the 2030 Agenda and the German Sustainability Strategy? Integrating diverse perspectives and generating policy recommendations by means of a transdisciplinary lab approach**

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## 8.2 Virtual Exhibition “Climate Action in Arts”

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Art can show us the disaster caused by anthropogenic climate change, but also takes us out of the apocalyptic lethargy and challenges humanity to become active and visionary.

Climate Action in Arts reflects this movement in 4 virtual spaces starting with the photographer Daniel Beltrá who works on human impacts on the environment such as deforestation or melting ice. In the background of his Amazon Series, you can hear “The sound of underground stones. Who sings? Stones”, an audio piece by Barbara Santos and Carlos Gomez, who work with indigenous people in the Amazon.

After the frontal call from Craig S. Altemose “All art should be climate art - otherwise in 30 years, all art will be about grief”, some video clips show what we might do and what our future could look like, such as “Plan”, a participatory eco-art project by Xavier Cortada, “Unmoored”, by Mel Chin, which allows to explore a submerged Times Square in mixed reality or the trailer of the promising “2040. Join the regeneration” by Damon Gameau.

Access link to the exhibition: <https://spatial.chat/s/g3s21?room=208494>

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The overarching frame of my research interests is understanding and facilitating collective behavior change toward just, equitable, and sustainable futures at community and regional scales. I am especially interested in narratives, which have the potential and often the intent to mobilize individual and collective decisions and actions. I am looking to deepen understanding of the social processes and underlying concerns that form the basis of narrative creation, propagation, evolution, and receptivity to them. Understanding narratives in digital media is especially important to assess the impact on supporting or opposing movements towards sustainability and societal resilience, because of the increasingly widespread use of digital media and rapidity of response to information from multiple sources. This is also the mission of the international research and action alliance on Knowledge, Learning, and Societal Change (KLASICA), which I have led since 2008. Identifying and understanding motivations and incentives of actors in moving toward or rejecting pathways to sustainable futures will provide new insights and data and will populate computational models and games that can support stakeholders in making informed and effective decisions on their futures.

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We have several international cooperation, including the collaborative study of the spatio-temporal risk factors of Malaysia Plasmodium knowlesi working with the research team from National University of Malaysia. Also, with researchers from Costa Rica, we cooperatively study on the impact of climate change has on the incidence rate of poisonous snake bites. In 2015, we are honored to accept the trust from CHAI and the financial support from Global Fund to help evaluate the climate vulnerability for the National Center for Malaria Control in Eswatini regarding climate change. This program also includes building up an early warning weather system to help Swaziland prevent serious malaria outbreaks and may eradicate malaria in the country.

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The research of my team is about the impacts of human interventions on processes and pattern and in consequence on functions and services of nature for humanity. We are working on systemic models that reflect the interactions between humans and nature and that help to understand - based on scenarios - how these will coincide and develop in the future. My specialization is on spatially explicit models, using cellular automata as a mathematical basis, more recent models that we develop within my group are using Bayesian (Belief) Network Modelling to understand complex system processes and responses.

In our context, we use quite a number of participatory forms of engaging actors in land use in modelling and impact assessment. Most recently, we could obtain one of the Pathways to Sustainability projects, DREAMS (Developing REsilient African cities and their urban environment facing rural-urban Migration, Climate and Global Change) to address how urban land use will develop and could be managed sustainably to ensure the provision of essential urban ecosystem services. We rely on larger scale participation formats such as open space conferences, formats that particularly address local hot spots such as Charettes, and forms that include votes and active engagement of actors to develop solutions, such as planning cells or focus groups.

Another aspect of our research is the further development of multicriteria assessment approaches that help to translate ecosystem services provision capacities and underlying biodiversity features into tangible information for consulting policy and decision making. We introduced approaches such as mathematical normalization, expert consultation, benefit transfer and others to ensure that often only partially available knowledge sources for evaluation are completed. We are still working on how to integrate uncertainties from missing / incomplete data, invalid knowledge sources and other constraints.

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MA Sustainability Research: Analyse! Valuate! Shape!

1. Analysing sustainable knowledge for reflexive competencies

Sustainability is complex and heterogenous – As a scientific and social discourse as well as a social-ecological phenomenon. This calls for a reflective competence to actively shape sustainable practices. This requires knowledge on different voices in the sustainability discourse, their genealogy and their positionality. social sciences and the humanities provide analytical and practical tools to deal in a constructive way with this heterogeneity. To shape the digital society in a sustainable fashion, we critically reflect on phenomena of digitalisation.

2. Valuating sustainable structures for contextualising competencies

Agency is always shaped by context – In modern societies coordinated action takes place in socially and materially prestructured contexts. Acting is embedded in institutions like the legal or tax systems, while organisations operate under specific social-ecological conditions like public works, services or water availability. Beyond these classical dimensions is digitalisation an increasingly relevant structural condition as material infrastructure and communication patterns are changing. Social and material contexts are framework conditions for organisations and equally shaped by them. Valuating sustainable structures requires to contextualise and reflect on criteria, values and trade-offs.

3. Shaping sustainable imaginaries for competencies to act

Transition is rethinking and enacting. Global challenges like negative external effects of economic processes result in climate change. This asks for a fundamental paradigm shift in companies and administrations towards responsible and sustainable management. A reflection of economic and management ethics and concepts like corporate social responsibility, degrowth and community economies highlight alternative imaginaries. Incorporating and critically analysing possibilities.

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In my recent work I have focused on quantifying the future impacts of heat stress on human health based on physical climate models. In this context, adaptation plays an important role as it can change very strongly the extent to which hazards related to high heat threaten human health. Including social and political dynamics is thus crucial to project the future risk from heat stress.

In my current position I am analysing how vegetation and land use affect the carbon cycle, which has important implications for nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change. The competition for land use (e.g., usage for agriculture, storage for carbon, habitat for vegetation and animals,...) requires integrating the social and political dimension for developing sustainable ways of land use.

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I am a PhD candidate as part of a transdisciplinary BMBF-funded research project which investigates groundwater management challenges across Europe against the background of the institutional framework of the Water Framework Directive (regulate: <http://regulate-project.eu/>). In an interdisciplinary research approach, the disciplines aquatic ecology, hydrology (that's my position), political ecology and social anthropology will collectively study several case studies in Europe to support sustainable groundwater management. In collaboration with local stakeholders, we aim to develop methods and solutions to groundwater problems such as pollution or over-extraction, considering power inequalities and everyday groundwater use practices – neither of which the WFD addresses so far. Due to my disciplinary background in global water modelling, I realized that decision-making processes under uncertainties are a key challenge in groundwater management. For instance, uncertainties exist not only pertaining to the effects of climate change on groundwater resources but also related to the development of future societal water demand. These factors of uncertainty are not going to decrease in the near future. Therefore, in the scope of my PhD research, my aim is to investigate decision-making processes under uncertainties using participatory modeling techniques in a comparative research setting for cases in Germany (Saxony-Anhalt) and the Balkans (Adriatic Coast).

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This was followed by project work, e.g. on optimising water reservoir management strategies, hydraulic structural design, dike protection by means of gel injection, influence of riparian vegetation on hydromorphological conditions (In\_StröHmunG), urban flood risk management (FloRiCiMo), habitat modelling, optimisation of land use with regard to the influence on water bodies (OLGA), ethohydraulic issues for the optimisation of fishways, fish tracking experiments in the laboratory for the development of a robotic fish (RETERO), nature conservation assessment of the use of open-cast mining lakes, studies on recreational navigation, investigation of the slope stability of lakes under wind-induced wave impact, etc. I am member of DIN, DWA, DTK, HTG, PIANC and FTBGU.

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My current research field involves the control of land subsidence caused by mining activities and the comprehensive utilization of solid waste. Specifically, the Backfilling mining technology. As we all know, in the process of mineral resources being mined from the ground and in the later mineral processing process, a large amount of harmful solid matter will be produced. How to properly dispose of these wastes that accompany human production activities is a challenge and also the only way to achieve sustainable development for us. Backfilling mining method is a promising technology that can simultaneously solve the two problems of surface subsidence and waste disposal.

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