

Lecture Series of the Department of Development Studies

Students of the Research Seminar 'Transdisciplinary Research'

(Department of Development Studies, University of Vienna)

Doing Transdisciplinarity?

Insights from the Field

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Seminar room, IE, Department of African Studies
Spitalgasse 2, Courtyard 5, 1090 Vienna

Chair:

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The KNOTS (Fostering multi-lateral knowledge networks of transdisciplinary studies to tackle global challenges) project links partners from five countries to address new challenges in a changing world. KNOTS evolve around the topics of social inequality, climate change and migration – issues that cannot be treated any longer in a disciplinary way. To tackle these challenges, transdisciplinary research gains in importance. Not only academic but also non-academic actors should participate in producing socially relevant knowledge to solve these problems. By including different perspectives, transdisciplinarity can be understood as a 'new' framework for the production and exchange of knowledge.

Apart from establishing knowledge networks on TDR, the focus of the Summer School and Field Trips in Chiang Mai 2018 was the participant's learning experience. In this ie.talk students from the research seminar on Transdisciplinary Research will share insights on their research projects in Thailand and Vienna, as well as their impressions and experiences in applying transdisciplinary research. As this new approach is still in progress, challenges were faced and now have to be discussed.