

Transformative Knowledge Workshop 2014

17-19 November, Potsdam

Programme

Context: The ISSC's Transformations to Sustainability Programme

The aim of the Transformation to Sustainability Programme is to promote research on the innovative processes of social transformation related to some of today's most urgent global change and sustainability challenges. The vision driving this initiative is of societies all over the world having access to a global knowledge trust on social transformation that can inform the development of effective, durable and equitable solutions to such problems. The programme intends to mobilise a broad community of scientists to become involved in solutions-oriented research for global sustainability, and to make use of the best social science knowledge on social change and transformation.

Goals of the Workshop

Overarching goal:

To build a foundation for the global Transformations Knowledge Trust that is being developed through the ISSC's Transformations to Sustainability Programme.

Specific objectives:

To:

- Bring existing knowledge, theory, insights and inspiration to Transformations Programme proposals in development;
- Establish an initial basis of what we know about transformation in the context of global environmental change and sustainability, so we can assess progress in pushing forward the knowledge frontiers during the life of the Transformations Programme through internationally comparative research;
- Create a multi-disciplinary conversation among participants and provide an opportunity to explore research conducted in an inter- and trans-disciplinary way;
- Immerse participants in the interconnected challenges of transformation, global change and sustainability;
- Introduce potential and confirmed donors/funders to the Transformations Programme.

Monday, 17 November 2014

Welcome to the Transformative Knowledge Workshop and to a Site of Transformation

17:30-18.30	Registration in hotel lobby	
18:30-20:00	Welcome, followed by buffet dinner	Heide Hackmann, Alberto Martinelli, John Crowley, Alexander Müller
20:00-21:00	Witness to Transformation – The Fall of the Berlin Wall, Reunification and the Unfinished Remaking of a New Germany	Martin Klingst & Christoph Dieckmann (DIE ZEIT)
21:00	Adjourn for the night	

Tuesday, 18 November 2014

Exploring Essential Questions about Transformation

8:30-9:00	Welcome and introduction to Transformations Programme and the Workshop	Heide Hackmann
9:00-10:30	Two-Minute Participant and Project Introductions	<i>Facilitator: Andrew Kaniki</i> 38 seed grant representatives
10:30-11:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00-11:15	The Challenge – The Charge	Susi Moser
11:15-12:00	Guiding Question #1: What is transformation?	<i>Facilitator: Carolina Vera</i> <i>Synthesizer: Karen O'Brien</i> Frances Westley (by video) Joseph Tainter
12:00-13:00	Panel, followed by open discussion	Panel: Lummina Horlings, Linda Peake, Kevin St. Martin, Pamela Jagger, Uchendu Chigbu, Eleonor Faur
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:45	Guiding Question #2: What and who initiates transformations?	<i>Facilitator: Bronwyn Hayward</i> <i>Synthesizer: Kathy Jacobs</i> Sarah Cook Adam Habib
14:45-15:45	Panel, followed by open discussion	Panel: Georgeta Vidican, Robin Cox, Richard Friend, Peter Nuttall, Adriana Allen, Emma Calgaro
15:45-16:15	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:15-17:00	Guiding Question #3: How do transformations look? What are their characteristics?	<i>Facilitator: Falk Schmidt</i> <i>Synthesizer: Aditya Bahadur</i> Frans Berkhout Mary Watkins
17:00-18:00	Panel, followed by open discussion	Panel: Adrian Ely, Dana Cordell, Amanda Mason-Jones, Meg Parsons, Phillip Misselwitz, Aleh Cherp, Petra Tschakert
19:00-20:30	Dinner	
20:30-21:30	Guiding Question #4: How is art transformative?	<i>Facilitator: Heide Hackmann</i> <i>Synthesizer: Nnimmo Bassey</i> David Buckland (Cape Farewell)
21:30	Adjourn for the night	

Wednesday, 19 November 2014

Toward a Desirable Future

8:30-8:45	Brief Recap of Day 2 and intro to Day 3: The multi-dimensional outcomes of transformation and how we research them	Susi Moser
8:45-9:15	Science-Policy Perspective: The Sustainability Imperative despite Staggering and Interconnected Crises	<i>Facilitator: Mathieu Denis</i> Klaus Töpfer
9:15-9:45	Q&A	
9:45-10:15	Coffee/Tea Break	
10:15-11:00	Guiding Question #5: Transformation toward what future? Toward which ends?	<i>Facilitator: Rainier Ibana</i> <i>Synthesizer: Roberto Sanchez</i> Priming exercise involving all participants
11:00-12:00	Panel, followed by open discussion	Panel: Walter Vermeulen, Marco Armiero, Leah Temper, Tracy van Holt, Mike Mortimore, Georgina Cundill
12:00-12:45	Guiding Question #6: Can transformations toward desired futures be facilitated, steered or managed?	<i>Facilitator: Sebastian Helgenberger</i> <i>Synthesizer: Li Hanlin</i> Melissa Leach Enrique Leff
12:45-13:00	Task for participants (lunchtime assignment)	Susi Moser
13:00-14:15	Lunch	(Groupwork for all participants)
14:15-14:45	Group report-back and discussion	Rapporteurs: Kathleen Galvin, Ann Tickamy, Ivetta Gerasimchuk, Gloria Gallardo, Walter Vermeulen, Alison Blay- Palmer
14:45-15:15	Guiding Question #7: What does transformative science look like?	<i>Facilitator: Ilan Chabay</i> <i>Synthesizer: Shahra Razavi</i> Ed Hackett
15:15-16:15	Panel, followed by open discussion	Panel: Margaret Murray, Ioan Fazey, Blake Robinson, Audrey Richard-Ferroudji, Myanna Lahsen, Heila Lotz-Sisitka
16:15-16:45	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:45-17:30	Integration: Global Change, Sustainability & Transformations	<i>Facilitator: Susi Moser</i> Panel of synthesizers: Karen O'Brien, Kathy Jacobs, Aditya Bahadur, Nnimmo Bassey, Roberto Sanchez-Rodriguez, Li Hanlin, Shahra Razavi
17:30-18:00	Discussion	All
18:00-18:30	Next Steps with T2S Programme, final words	Heide Hackmann
18.30	Adjourn	