

Trainer



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Ulli Vilsmaier is an international expert in inter- and transdisciplinary research. She is specialized in designing, accompanying, and implementing inter- and transdisciplinary research and develops methods for interface design and boundary work. She has a lot of experience with research developments worldwide and has been supervising PhD and Master thesis of social and cultural scientists, artists and designers in Sustainability Science, Geography, Education and the Humanities.

Tackle Complex Research Processes: Tools to Navigate Inter- and Transdisciplinary Research

Objective

This online workshop provides you with tools and guidance to

- systematize complex inter- or transdisciplinary research fields,
- familiarize with different forms and concepts of boundary crossing research,
- integrate different knowledge fields, theories and methods,
- map outcome spaces of your research,
- navigate different expectations related to your research,
- take decisions in prioritizing next steps.

Description

- Do you feel overwhelmed with the complexity of your current research process?
- Did you lose track of the multiplicity of knowledge fields that you try to weave together? Or did you get in trouble mixing methods or merging results?
- Are there too many expectations from different actors related to your research? Or are you desperate with too many objectives that you try to meet at the same time?

Researching complex problems that require inter- or transdisciplinary approaches can quickly become challenging. Whether you work individually or in an inter- or transdisciplinary team, it is often necessary to pause and systematize your research process.

This workshop gives you the opportunity to gain a fresh look at your research process, supported by an experienced supervisor of inter- and transdisciplinary research.

Methodology

We will apply a topological and chronological approach to systematize your research field and process:

- You will be supported in creating visibility and systematizing different dimension of your research.
- You will be guided to look at the timeline of your research process, exploring
 - where you are (temporally speaking),
 - how you envision to reach your goals in time, and
 - what or whom you depend upon to achieve your goals.

Conditions

- You are currently conducting or planning an inter- or transdisciplinary research project. Upon registration, please submit a short exposé (max. 2 pages) and any questions you would like to discuss in the workshop.
- You will receive a self-study reflection assignment requiring approx. 4 hours to be completed on **7 July**; please reserve this time to fully benefit from the second day.

Organizational Information

Language / Format	English / Online
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs (R2/R3) from all faculties
Date	Online-Workshop: Monday, 6 July 2026, 14:00 – 18:00 Wednesday, 8 July 2026, 14:00 – 18:00 Individual tasks: Tuesday, 7 July 2026 - approx. 4 hours
Registration	Click here for registration