

Making Hope Possible: Announcement of an Open access publication

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1. Objectives

- Incentive for high quality contributions
- Positioning of the conference in the scientific discourse
- Launch and support of knowledge transfer to academia (lecture at the Munich School of Philosophy, i.a.) and to practice partners (Lassalle-Community, i.a.)
- Visible impact to convince future funding partners

2. Publishing body

- Members of the task group and the Academic Committee of the Biennial Transdisciplinary Conference on Environmental Justice
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3. Draft of the call for publication (*expected to be published shortly after the conference*)

Making Hope Possible

Proceedings of the Biennial International Transdisciplinary Conference on Environmental Justice, supplemented by an Introduction

How can hope be made possible by action oriented transdisciplinary collaboration? This question is highly relevant considering the aggravating climate crisis and biodiversity loss, as well as the justice and migration issues that become more and more serious. Scientific answers should meet the expectations of decision-makers in politics and industries. But they cannot ignore cultural, and thus spiritual conditions for good decisions and the change of human behaviour.

This volume marks the interfaces between life, social and spiritual sciences on the one hand and real-worlds problems on the other. It presents the contributions to the 3rd Biennial International Transdisciplinary Conference on Environmental Justice that took place in 2024 in Switzerland. Following the invitation of the worldwide operating Jesuit Order (“Societas Jesu”), representatives of more than 10 academic institutions of 4 continents present their second to none research on “Making Hope Possible”. The all follow transdisciplinary methodologies that aim at describing, analyzing and reconstructing interconnected, interdependent, dynamically interacting, and evolving complex systems in our reality. And they explore how system knowledge can be interlinked with target knowledge and practical knowhow, both in a deeply humanistic perspective.

The volume consists of four parts, each of it introduced by a KeyNote of eminent international and transdisciplinary scholars.

KeyNotes

PD Dr. Bianaca Vienni Baptista, Department of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zürich, Switzerland: Transdisciplinarity. Making hope possible across cultures and communities

Roberto Jaramillo SJ, Director of the Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology (SJES), Jesuit Curia, Rome, Italy: Making hope possible. Promoting justice and reconciliation. The secretariate for social and ecological justice

Prof. Amar KJR Nayak, Xavier Institute of Management, XIM University Bhubaneswar, India: From anthropocentric to ecosystemic transdisciplinary methodologies: science, philosophy, and methods

Prof. Chinwe Ifejika Speranza, University of Berne, Switzerland: Bridging Theory and Practice in Transdisciplinary Research of Social-Ecological Systems

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- from 3-6 contributions

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Linking hope and practices through transdisciplinary work

- from 3-6 contributions

D Stories of Practice

Change of perspective through the encounter with practitioners

- from 3-6 contributions