

# Interdisciplinarity

## Collegium generale

**Münchenwiler Seminar Spring 2021**  
 Virtual meeting, May 7-8, 2021

### Friday, May 7th 2021

- 14.00-14.15 **Introduction**
- 14.15–15.00 **Interdisciplinarity and the challenge of diversity**  
 Dr. Machiel Keestra, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Amsterdam
- 15.00–16.15 **Three Case Studies**  
**Interdisciplinarity Evolution in MedTech: Eye to eye with AI**  
 Prof. Dr. Raphael Sznitman, ARTORG, Universität Bern  
**ERC Synergy EXPLO: Exploring the dynamics and causes of prehistoric land use change in the cradle of European farming**  
 Dr. Ariane Ballmer, Institut für Archäologische Wissenschaften & Oeschger-Zentrum für Klimaforschung, Universität Bern  
**Global Politics and Religion: Theoretically found, conceptually lost**  
 Dr. Maria Birnbaum, IFK Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies, Universität Bern
- 16.15–16.45 Coffee Break
- 16.45–17.30 **Added-value and factors leading to the success of interdisciplinary research: Some empirical evidence**  
 Dr. Antonietta Di Giulio, Programm MGU, Universität Basel
- 19.00 – 20.00 **Roundtable**  
**Careers: «falling between the cracks»?**  
 Prof. Dr. Catherine Lyall, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

### Saturday, May 8th, 2021

- 9.00-9.45 **Travelling concepts: Intelligent Systems on the Move**  
 Prof. Dr. Sibylle Baumbach, Institut für Literaturwissenschaft, Universität Stuttgart
- 9.45–10.30 **Funding Interdisciplinary Research**  
 Prof. Dr. Andrew Barry, Ecological Engineering Laboratory, EPFL; Vice-president, SNF committee on interdisciplinarity
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00–11.45 **Workshop**  
**Methods matter! How to apply**  
**a) Travelling concepts**  
**b) The Toolbox Dialogue Approach**  
 Dr. Sibylle Studer, Theres Paulsen, td-net
- 11.45–12.30 **Future Vision: Towards Postdisciplinarity? Think the Unthinkable**  
 Prof. Dr. Frédéric Darbellay, Inter- and Transdisciplinarity Unit, Centre interfacultaire en droits de l'enfant, Université de Genève

### **Collegium generale**

The Collegium generale promotes the interdisciplinary dialogue and networking within the university through events and seminars for faculty members and students from all fields of study. Our events are aimed at audiences from all faculties and the general public.

### **Münchenwiler Seminar**

In the spring semester, a weekend seminar is held in the Münchenwiler castle. The seminar provides members of the university with an opportunity of continuing education and self reflection and also provides a platform for developing interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary questioning and skills in teaching and research.

### **Interdisciplinarity**

In universities and beyond, "interdisciplinarity" has become a buzzword: Interfaculty centers are founded to foster interdisciplinary exchange; funding institutions increase their budgets for interdisciplinary research; and study programs that integrate contributions from several disciplines are trending. But is the hype about interdisciplinarity well placed? What is interdisciplinary research, to begin with? What are its chances and possible pitfalls? How can interdisciplinary research be promoted in an effective way? The Münchenwiler seminar invites researchers to step back from their daily engagement in interdisciplinary research and to reflect on the future of scholarly disciplines as well as of interdisciplinary approaches.

### **Registration**

The seminar is open to all members of the teaching and research staff and intermediate staff at the University of Bern. Participation is free of charge.

**To participate, please register here by April 21, 2021.**

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