

Humboldt Forum, Berlin, Germany
October 3-4, 2019

Interdisciplinarity Revisited International Symposium

Interdisciplinarity seems to have become a buzzword in research and university life. It is used to describe research designs, projects, subjects, degrees, and even the researcher, the institute or the university itself. But quite often the term remains unquestioned. Despite a wide range of research on this topic during the last 15 years there are still many blind spots and open questions in the realm of interdisciplinary collaboration and cooperation. We would like to take a closer look at different concepts and definitions of interdisciplinarity and their application in every day university life in a joint symposium, "Interdisciplinarity Revisited", organized by Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the foundation Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss and the Volkswagen Foundation. The symposium will discuss the impact of the concept of interdisciplinarity on university education and research. Which definitions lie behind the term and do they still match the rapid evolution the university system has undergone during the last decade? In a second step the contributions go beyond these theoretical reflections and explore which potential interdisciplinary research can actually release. Which types of cooperation have proven to be particularly productive in recent years? Where and how have structural projects shifted subject boundaries, created new fields of research or even new subjects? How much interdisciplinarity is required? Where interdisciplinary research can help to solve urgent questions in contemporary society, such as "To whom does culture belong?", a topic that is central to the Humboldt Forum? Where are the boundaries and which are the risks? How can grantmakers respond to the demands and challenges of research and institutional practice? In addition, the future implementation of interdisciplinarity in university education and teaching and the ongoing digitization of science and humanities will be addressed.

This symposium is the first academic meeting, which will be held in the newly built Humboldt Forum in Berlin. With the Humboldt Forum, a whole new cultural district is being created in the very heart of the city. It brings together diverse cultures and perspectives and seeks new insights into topical issues such as migration, religion and globalization.

Registration via <https://www.volkswagenstiftung.de/en/events>

Program draft

October 3, 2019	
09:00 a.m.	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
10:00 a.m.	<p><i>Words of Welcome and Introductory Remarks</i> Hartmut Dorgerloh, Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss, Germany Sabine Kunst, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany Wilhelm Krull, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany</p>
<p>Session I: Interdisciplinarity and Transdisciplinarity under the Magnifying Glass – a Critical Inventory Chair: Jürgen Osterhammel, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany</p>	
10:30 a.m.	<p><i>Keynotes (25 minutes)</i> Cathryn Carson, Department of History, UC Berkeley, USA Michael Crow, Arizona State University, USA</p> <p><i>Comments (10 minutes)</i> Uskali Mäki, Centre for Philosophy of Social Science, University of Helsinki Rudolf Stichweh, Forum Internationale Wissenschaft, University of Bonn, Germany</p> <p><i>Discussion with the Audience</i></p>
12:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 p.m.	Lightning Talks by Early Career Researchers – Part 1
<p>Session II: Mapping Interdisciplinarity and Research – Frameworks and Structures Chair: Ulrich Dirnagl, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin</p>	
2:00 p.m.	<p><i>Short interventions (8 minutes) with best or worse practice examples and panel discussion</i></p> <p>Simon Chaplin, The Wellcome Trust, London, UK Andrej Janko Zwitter, Governance and Innovation, University of Groningen Christine Musselin, Sciences Po, Paris, France Marijk van der Wende, Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands</p> <p><i>Discussion with the Audience</i></p>
3:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>

Session III: Interdisciplinarity in Academic Learning – Who Benefits? Chair: Michael Pauen , Berlin School of Mind and Brain, Humboldt-University of Berlin	
4:00 p.m.	<p><i>Roundtable</i></p> <p>Hanne Andersen, Professor of Philosophy of Science, Department of Science Education, University of Copenhagen, Denmark Celia Lury, Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, University of Warwick, UK Catherine Lyall, School of Social and Political Science, The University of Edinburgh Connie Nshemereirwe, Global Young Academy, Uganda Manfred Stöckler, University of Bremen, Germany</p> <p><i>Discussion with the Audience</i></p>
5:00 p.m.	Lightning Talks by Early Career Researchers – Part 2
5:30 p.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
Evening Session: Interactive Exchange and Contemporary Reflections on the Question “To Whom Does Culture Belong”? Chair: Hartmut Dorgerloh , Stiftung Humboldt Forum im Berliner Schloss, Germany	
6:00 p.m.	<i>Interaction with artists, researchers, curators and experts who are involved in plans and projects of the Humboldt Forum</i>
8:00 p.m.	<i>Reception</i>

October 4, 2019	
Session V: Global Issues as Challenges for Interdisciplinary Research Chair: Hartmut Rosa , University of Jena, Germany	
9:00 a.m.	<p><i>Short Inputs (8 Minutes) and Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Digitalisation</i> Christine L. Borgman, UCLA, USA Frédérique Lisacek, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p><i>Gender Equality</i> Karin Steen, Director of Studies for LUMES, University of Lund, Sweden Ulrike Lembke, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany</p> <p><i>Environmental Studies</i> Christof Mauch, founding Director, Rachel Carson Center, Munich, Germany Sandra Bell, Department of Anthropology, University of Durham, UK</p>

	<p><i>Re-Cycling and New Materials</i> Delphine Pasche, Max Planck Institute of Colloids and Interfaces, Germany Patricia Ribault, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany</p>
11:00 a.m.	<i>Coffee Break and Poster Session</i>
<p>Session VI: Bridging the Gap between Distant Knowledge Domains – Epistemologic Challenges and Research Practices <u>Chair:</u> Jürgen Osterhammel, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany</p>	
11:30 a.m.	<p><i>Lecture</i> Vincent Larivière, Canada Research Chair on the Transformations of Scholarly Communication, University of Montreal, Canada</p> <p><i>Comments</i> Jan-Michael Rost, Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems, Dresden, Germany Steven Hartman, School of Education, Culture and Communication, Mälardalen University, Sweden Joanna Pfaff-Czarnecka, University of Bielefeld, Germany</p> <p><i>Discussion with the Audience</i></p>
1:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
<p>Session VII: Interdisciplinarity and Universities – Future Perspectives <u>Chair:</u> Wilhelm Krull, Volkswagen Foundation, Hanover, Germany</p>	
2:30 p.m.	<p><i>Roundtable</i> Ulrik Brandes, Professor for Social Networks, ETH Zurich, Switzerland Marika Hedin, The Swedish Foundation for Humanities and the Social Sciences, Sweden Cheryl Regehr, Vice President & Provost, University of Toronto, Canada Bernd Kortmann, Freiburg Institute for Advanced Studies, Germany Mariët Westermann, Mellon Foundation, USA</p>
3:45 p.m.	<p>Closing Remarks Sabine Kunst, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany</p>
4:00 p.m.	<i>End of Conference</i>