



KICK-OFF-CONFERENCE, LEUPHANA UNIVERSITY OF LÜNEBURG, APRIL 17TH, 2018



SUSTAINABILITY AND ME

POTENTIALS OF PERSONAL AND EXPERIENCE-BASED APPROACHES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

25 years after the World Summit on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, a lively debate on higher education for sustainable development has arisen. The overarching aim is to encourage the acquisition of key competences that enable students to master challenges in individual life practice, professional action and the co-determination of social changes as citizens in a self-determined, self-reliant and reflexive manner. However, the previous pedagogical discussion on the promotion of key competences has been largely reduced to the cognitive dimension of learning. More recently, within the framework of a UNESCO report, demands have been made to counteract a too narrow focus on cognitive learning processes by addressing the affective-motivational dimensions of more prominently. Particularly personal and experience-based approaches are seen as having great potential for this.

The conference explores these potentials and opens a space for an exchange of research results, practical examples and experiences with personal and experience-based teaching-learning approaches in dealing with questions of sustainable development at universities. It is aimed at university lecturers, researchers and students with an interest in the systematization, reflection and scientific development of corresponding approaches in the sense of a Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

PROGRAM (17.04.2018)

Venue: University Campus Scharnhorststraße, Building 3, Room 120 (C3.120)

10.00 Welcome and Introduction: Personal Approaches in Higher Education for Sustainable Development
(Daniel Fischer, Pascal Frank, Laura Stanzus, Leuphana University)

11.00 Mindfulness and Sustainability Science: Implications for Higher Education
(Christine Wamsler, Lund University Centre for Sustainability Studies, Sweden)

12.15 Lunch

13.30 Psychology of Sustainability Transformations: Potentials and Limitations
(Stefan Brunnhuber, Hochschule Mitweida und Club of Rome)

14.30 First-Person Approaches for Teaching in Higher Education
(Terje Sparby, Universität Witten-Herdecke)

15.30 Poster Exhibition and Open Space

16.30 Summary and Closure

17.00 End

SUBMISSION OF POSTERS

In addition to the invited impulses and discussions, the conference offers interested parties the opportunity to make an active contribution to the conference with their own research results and practical examples in the form of posters. A poster exhibition offers space to introduce approaches and get into conversation. Please send your poster in A1 or A0 format as a PDF to the organizers by March 31st, 2018 (see below for contact details). Notification of acceptance will be given by April 5th, 2018.

REGISTRATION

Participation in the conference is free of charge. However, travel and accommodation costs must be borne by the participants themselves. As the number of places is limited, we kindly ask you to send a written application by e-mail to the organisers by March 31st, 2018 (see below for contact details). Notification of registration will be sent by April 5th, 2018.

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