

Programme

Wednesday 5 June

- pm Participants arrive at Motel One Berlin-Tiergarten, An der Urania
12/14, 10787 Berlin
- 19:00 Welcome Barbecue (DGAP)

Thursday 6 June

- 09.00 – 09.15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 09.15 – 10.30 Introductions
- 10.30 – 11.00 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.15 Exploratory Roundtable Discussion Session I
- 12.15 – 13.15 Lunch
- 13.15 – 13.45 Presentation of programmes (British Academy & Alexander von Humboldt Foundation)
- 13.45 – 14.45 Works-in-progress I
- 14.45 – 15.15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.15 Impacting Society through your Research
- 16.15 – 16.30 Break
- 16.30 – 18.00 Board Game
- 18.15 Dinner (DGAP)

Friday 7 June

- 10.00 – 11.00 Ideas for Collaboration
- 11.00 – 11.15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11.15 - 12.30 Exploratory Roundtable Discussion Session II
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.45 Exploratory Roundtable Discussion Session III
- 14.45 – 15.15 Tea/Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.15 Works-in-progress II

16.15 - 16.45	Tea/Coffee Break
16.45 – 18.00	Preparation of Seed Funding Proposals
18.00	Closing Remarks

Saturday 8 June

9.00	Seed Funding Proposals Deadline
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Symposium sessions

There are different session types over the course of the symposium. The key session types are outlined below:

Introductions

In order to provide an opportunity for each participant to introduce themselves, each participant will have one minute to say a few words about themselves, such as their research priorities, personal interests, and professional background (you are welcome to throw in a joke or two!). Participants will be divided into three groups for this exercise. Each member of the group will have one minute to introduce themselves to the rest of the participants. After this, there are five minutes when people are free to approach those who have just spoken to discuss further. This is repeated until each participant and group has had a chance to introduce themselves.

Impacting Society Through Your Research

This session will consist of a small panel speaking for around 30 minutes followed by Q&A. The panel will discuss ways to communicate research for societal impact with representatives from a range of experiences. We expect the session will provide an opportunity to learn methods and approaches to policy engagement and discuss what skills early career researchers think they need to do this work.

Board Games

This session will divide participants into small groups to play a board game that is aimed to foster conversations around interdisciplinarity.

Works-in-progress

These will be discussions of works-in-progress submitted in advance by participants and circulated for discussion and comments. The author will give a three to four minute introduction (with no formal presentation) to the piece of work which will then lead directly into a free-flowing discussion with comments from other participants. The objective of these sessions is to familiarise participants with others' works, discuss the pieces from outside normal disciplinary boundaries and learn from one another through constructive feedback and different disciplinary perspectives.

Ideas for Collaboration

These will be discussions of pre-circulated ideas for collaboration, as well as providing opportunities for participants to put forward new ideas for collaboration that have arisen over the course of the symposium. Through these we aim to encourage attendees to consider ways in which they can engage with others' ideas for collaboration or incorporate other perspectives into their own ideas for collaboration, be that formal or informal.

Exploratory Workshop Discussions Sessions

Each session, linked to the 'Natures, Cultures and Communities' theme, will begin with a couple of participants speaking for around five minutes to kick off the discussion. The discussion will then be opened for a free-flowing exchange among participants. We hope and expect that everyone will have an opportunity to participate fully in each session.

Exploratory roundtable sessions

How are natures, cultures and communities understood and represented? (I)

Human activities, beliefs, values and imaginations shape and are shaped by understandings and expressions of natures, cultures and communities. Our current (and future) environmental and social challenges raise new dilemmas around, and ways of understanding, human-human and human-non-human natures, including how these could be re-theorised and what moral, ethical, political and practical implications might flow from such rethinking. This session will explore how natures, cultures and communities have been understood and represented historically, how these understandings and representations have driven, evolved and responded to changes in natures, cultures and communities across time, and how they might continue to interact with changes and challenges to natures, cultures and communities in future.

How are natures, cultures and communities experienced? (II)

Through the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the world has committed to undertake one of the most profound social and environmental transformations in human history. This has the potential to have a significant impact on how we live and the environment in which we experience our daily lives. And yet, social and environmental challenges have been and continue to be experienced differently across and within cultures, communities and geographies. This session will invite participants to think of natures, cultures and communities across a range of times and contexts to explore the diverse and shared experiences of human-environment interactions, social and environmental crises and associated interventions, explore how communities in the past and today have/are managing (or otherwise) rapid social and natural upheaval and technological change, and think about what we can learn from this in pursuit of creative interventions for the future.

How are natures, cultures and communities governed: past, present and future? (III)

Responding to current and future social and environmental challenges will require new forms of collaborative knowledge-making and political action, leading to potentially radical alterations in the relationships between natures, cultures and communities. This session will invite participants to explore past, present and future models and experiences of leadership, governance, adaptation and adoption, as it relates to social, environmental and technological change, across different geographical, political and socioeconomic contexts; and think about how communities, traditions, mindsets and hierarchies have altered previously in the face of natural and cultural change and how they might do so in future looking ahead to the transformations before us?