



TIAS

WEBINAR ANNOUNCEMENT

“Dialogues on knowledge co-production”

MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2016
15.00 – 16.30 GMT
(17.00 – 18.30 CEST, 11.00-12.30 EDT, 8.00 – 9.30 PDT)

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Background and Goals

The co-production of knowledge has received a lot of attention lately in various policy and scientific arenas. Defined by Armitage et al. 2011 as the process of bringing a plurality of knowledge sources and types together, the co-production of knowledge is promoted as a more inclusive way of generating relevant, robust and actionable knowledge. As such, knowledge co-production is becoming pivotal to research initiatives like Future Earth and the European Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) for Climate, among others, whose focus of attention is policy-science interactions.

In this dialogue we will address the topic of knowledge co-production from both a conceptual (Part 1) and a practical perspective (Part 2), followed by a discussion on barriers, bridges and ways to improve co-production processes (Part 3).

Part 1. Concepts of knowledge co-production (topics pre-selected by participants): what knowledge co-production is and what it means for Integrated Assessment; what the limitations/constraints of co-production processes are; what institutional arrangements are needed to support co-production; in what ways knowledge co-production is different from concepts such as social learning, collaboration and participation.

Part 2. Knowledge co-production in practice: The experiences in Future Earth.

Part 3. Barriers, bridges and ways to improve co-production processes. Group discussion.

This Webinar will be organized as a dialogue comprising ‘Question and Answer’ rounds in which participants will have the opportunity to inquire, respond and contribute. Through this interaction, the Webinar will focus on what participants are most interested in. To this end, registrants for the webinar will be asked to complete a form indicating the questions/topics that are the most relevant to them, and also to share their experiences with co-production during the Webinar. We will devote the last 15 minutes of the Webinar to exploring future actions together, for example, in creating a community of people interested in the topic where there can be exchange of ideas and opportunities.

Armitage D., Berkes F., Dale A., Kocho-Schellenberg E. and E. Patton, 2011. Co-management and the co-production of knowledge: Learning to adapt in Canada's Arctic, *Global Environmental Change*, Volume 21, Issue 3, Pages 995-1004

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AGENDA

	Activity
0.00 (15 mins)	Introduction to the Webinar –topic and objectives Introduction round of participants and presenters
0.15 (60 mins)	Dialogue on the topic (Questions and Answers): Part1 Definitions and state of the art (20 mins) Part2 Knowledge co-production in Future Earth (20 mins) Part3 Shortcomings, opportunities and ways forward (20 mins)
1.15 (15 mins)	Closing round Follow up and next steps

About our Presenters

Silke Beck is a senior researcher in the Department of Environmental Politics, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research, Leipzig, Germany, and the chair of the interdisciplinary working group, “governance and institutions.” Her research focuses on the relationship between science and governance in global environmental politics. Beck has contributed to set up the *UFZ Science-Policy Expert Group*. This interdisciplinary group has contributed to the IPCC and Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Beck is Senior Editor for the Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Climate Science and member of the Governing Council of the Science & Democracy Network, Harvard University."

Susi Moser is Director of Susanne Moser Research & Consulting, an independent research firm in Santa Cruz, California and a Social Science Research Fellow at Stanford’s Woods Institute for the Environment. She is an internationally recognized expert, working in the US, Europe, Canada and Australia with researchers, non-profits, and local, state and federal agencies on adaptation, communication, and science-policy interactions. Dr. Moser has contributed to IPCC, US national, and regional assessments. She has been recognized as a fellow of the Aldo Leopold Leadership, Kavli Frontiers of Science, UCAR Leadership, Donella Meadows Leadership, Google Science Communication, and Walton Sustainability Solutions Programs. She also is a member of the Future Earth Science Committee, and serves as Senior Advisor to the International Social Science Council's Social Transformations to Sustainability Program.

Marcela Brugnach is Assistant Professor in the Water Engineering and Management group in the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Twente (Netherlands) and is a member of TIAS' Advisory Board. Her research focuses on issues of uncertainty and ambiguity in collective decision making processes in water management, paying particularly attention to processes of knowledge co-production and policy-science interactions. She has an extensive record of publications addressing this theme from both theory and practice. At the University of Twente she lectures on collaborative processes for integrated and adaptive water resources management. She has acted as a reviewer for the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

Registration

Space is limited. Therefore, registration is encouraged as soon as possible. To register, please follow the link: <http://www.tias-web.info/webinar-registration/> **Registration closes on Friday June 03.**

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