

Title

The Ecological Nexus in Southeast Asia: Science & Humanities

Convener

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Description

In the past decades the scientific community expressed the need to use both sciences and humanities, especially when studying environmental issues. Calls for inter- and transdisciplinary research projects abound. The real challenges arise when research projects explicitly using both approaches are implemented and thus transdisciplinary research is realized. How to connect and gain meaningful outcomes from those research projects? How do we arrange dialogues in a way that different data formats can speak meaningfully to each other? Which aspects of natural science approaches are really needed to analyze social ecological issues? This roundtable discussion will elaborate into the advantages and challenges that are experienced in such truly transdisciplinary projects. For a start we will look at environmental issues in South East Asian contexts. How can both science and humanities enrich each other in the future, empirically as well as relating to theory?

Suggested discussants

Mandar Trivedi (ZSL – Zoological Society London) (tbc.)

Background: *Co-authors of the Little REDD book and extensive experience on developing REDD projects on the ground working with local NGOs*

Susan M. Cheyne BSc (Hons) PhD CBiol CSci MRSB FRGS FLS (tbc.)

Co-Director, Borneo Nature Foundation

Associate Lecturer, Oxford Brookes University, Honorary Research Fellow, Durrell

Institute of Conservation Ecology, University of Kent

Background: *Long term experience in conservation in Indonesia, Outrop and now BNF always tried to address local peoples' needs*

PD Dr. Matthias Waltert (tbc.)

Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen

Conservation Biology/Workgroup on Endangered Species

Background: *Conservation and development, experience in a wide range of countries*

Prof. Dr. Heiko Faust (tbc.)

Geografisches Institut, Human Geografie

Georg-August-Universität-Göttingen

Background: CRC 900 (Sonderforschungsbereich Jambi, Indonesia) & new working group under the umbrella of the German Committee Future Earth "Positive impacts through land use change".

Prof. Dr. Padmanabhan (tbc.)
Chair of Development and Cultural Studies
Passau University

Background: Leader of BioDIVA a trans- and interdisciplinary research project in India, new project in Indonesia in the start phase.

Prof. Dr. Marion Glaser (tbc.)
Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology
Bremen

Background: Many years experience in working in Southeast Asia in interdisciplinary research projects on social ecological issues.