

Towards Integrative Research on Natural Resources

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Overview

The growing global population and its demand on food, energy and material supply puts increasing pressure on the natural resource basis. Scientific domains approach *the doing with (Umgang mit)* natural resources with different intensity and perspectives, often in a compartmentalised way.

What forms of scientific organisation meet the complexity and challenges of issues related to the doing with natural resources?



Approaches and Results

A cooperation project (2013-2014) of currently three Swiss academic societies deals with these questions by focusing inter alia on:

- the role of natural and technical sciences, social sciences and humanities in research on natural resources; and on
- their rationales, concepts and definitions regarding sustainable use of and the doing with natural resources.

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Organisation of Interdisciplinary Collaborations

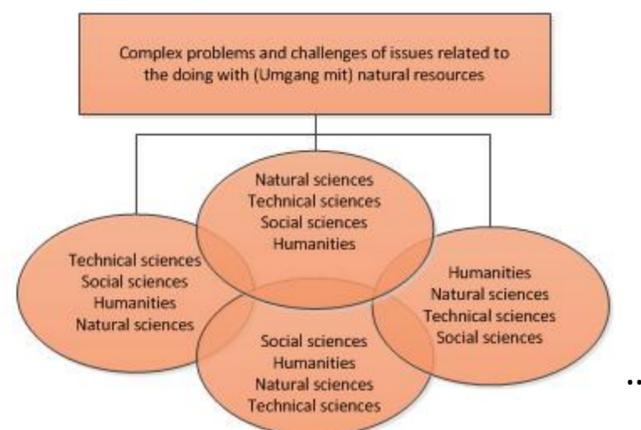
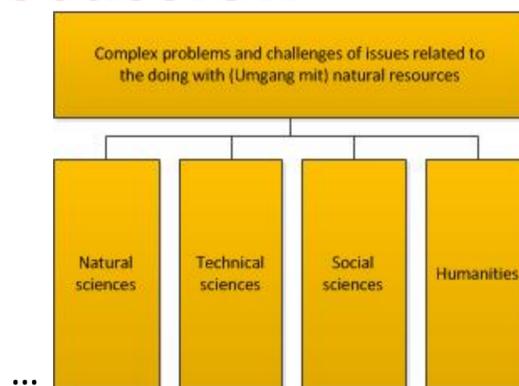
In 2012 saguf started a collaboration process with an interdisciplinary and institutionally diverse group of people engaged in questions regarding the doing with (Umgang mit) natural resources. It organises networking events and conference sessions on the topic (e.g. at Sociology Congress, WRF, or saguf annual conference) in order to stimulate thematic discussions and interdisciplinary exposure and exchange. With its attitude of openness the group collects and benefits from contributions and approaches stemming from different scientific domains and traditions.



Integration is not only about amalgamation or synthesis; it is about openness and interdisciplinary co-production of knowledge.

Which of these organisational charts is more likely to contribute to integrative research and interdisciplinary collaboration?

Discussion



References

We welcome you to join the discussion!

Please visit <http://www.irf.saguf.ch> for further information on the cooperation project, the networking and collaboration events, the study on the Swiss research landscape on natural resources, and the activities of the interdisciplinary working group.

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