

May 30 - Friday, 1:00PM-3:00PM

Making Sustainability Research Work: Challenges and Pitfalls for Conducting Transdisciplinary Science

While one of the objectives of transdisciplinary science is to develop novel approaches to effectively address pressing societal and environmental problems, limited emphasis has been placed on the human dimensions of collaborative research. By drawing from empirical studies, focus groups, and several recent experiences of conducting collaborative research, this discussion explores institutional barriers and opportunities for making transdisciplinary sustainability research work.

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Vivek Shandas' research and education focuses on the intersections between ecology, community, and pedagogy. As the first graduate of an Integrated Graduate Education and Research and Traineeship (IGERT) doctoral program in urban ecology at the University of Washington, his scholarship emphasizes the need for integrating humans into the study of ecosystems, and how to create mechanisms for conducting effective cross-disciplinary sustainability research.

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