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What is Transdisciplinary? Think Jazz!

Ten years since their inception, the SSF Guidelines are now in the stage of implementation. They expect state governments to act and civil society organizations to join in, but also the academic community to do its part. They realize the relevance of research but leave it to us to figure out what knowledge should be developed. Still, the Guidelines give lots of hints between the lines. They call for research that is both holistic and bottom-up, acknowledging the role of local knowledge in science lingua: transdisciplinary research. In my presentation I will discuss what transdisciplinarity is, what characterizes it as a learning process, and what the merits and obstacles are. I argue that we should think of it as a form of jazz, requiring both skills and playfulness.



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