



Call for Inputs

"Discussing Resources. Towards a multidisciplinary dialogue on diverse empirical and methodological realities"

24th & 25th of April 2014

CARBIOCIAL/SP14 invites to a symposium at the Latin American Institute in Berlin ☺

At the symposium we aim to discuss frame-conditions of access to and use of land and natural resources from truly different perspectives emerging from diverse disciplinary, methodological, regional and institutional mindsets.

- How do societal power relations and correspondent policies transform access and use of land and natural resources?
- Which opportunities for resource use and management can be derived from the precise knowledge of natural conditions and accordant scenarios?
- To what extent does the composition of knowledge resources influence the imagination of our research and of the researched actors?
- Does the inclusion of non-scientific research-partners influence the scientific process? How does it impact on the distribution of results?

These and other questions will be debated in open formats, including a field excursion to Berlin's suburb Friedrichshagen where a local organization (<http://www.fbi-berlin.org>) fights since years against the new Berlin Airport and its local implications. Discussing our findings and listening to them will help to experience commonalities and differences and thus provide a vivid case of what we aim to understand.

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In order to structure a fruitful transdisciplinary debate we ask for the short drafting of discussion inputs (100 words) from your background regarding the following two topics:

- Frame-conditions of access to and use of land and natural resources, e.g.: In how far does or could your discipline contribute to the regulation of access to and use of land and natural resources? Give a current example from your ongoing work.
- Methodological and disciplinary perspectives and their influence on knowledge production, e.g.: In how far does your way of looking at things shape the outcomes of your work? Please, give an example from your ongoing work.



We plan to structure our common working process in groups with approximated perspectives on resources and their use - such as legal frameworks, agronomy, value-added chains, ecological systems, political-institutional-cultural views etc., to provide a wide range of perspectives on access to natural resources and on knowledge production. Practically, we look for one major input from each perspective of arguing and related, well-prepared inputs from each group-member in order to plan structured discussions within each smaller group and within the plenum.

Please, let us know your perspective of arguing and confirm your participation with a short abstract till the end of February to birthe.bretthauer@fu-berlin.de. We are looking forward to two days of interesting and controversial discussions with you!

Best Regards

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