

Institute of Development Research

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What defines the Institute for Development Research?

We understand development as **change**.

We work in an inter- and transdisciplinary way.

Our focus is on

- structural determinants of **inequality, conflict, and ecological crises**;
- processes of change at the **local, regional, national, and international level**.

We create the foundation for evidence-based strategies with the aim of enabling a **good life for all**.



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Thematic fields for research and teaching

System analysis and modelling



We analyse and model socio-ecological systems in the Global South to enable change towards sustainability.

Just Agro-Food Systems



We work towards the transformation of our food systems, foregrounding the human right to adequate food and nutrition.

Science-Society Interactions



We analyse and strength the science-society interactions for transformative change.

Regionale Transformationen



We co-create knowledge on regional transformation processes with regional stakeholders.

Transformative learning



We explore and facilitate transformative learning processes in the context of sustainable development - at community level, in multi-actor settings and in higher education.

Political Ecology



We analyze social and ecological crises to support transformation.

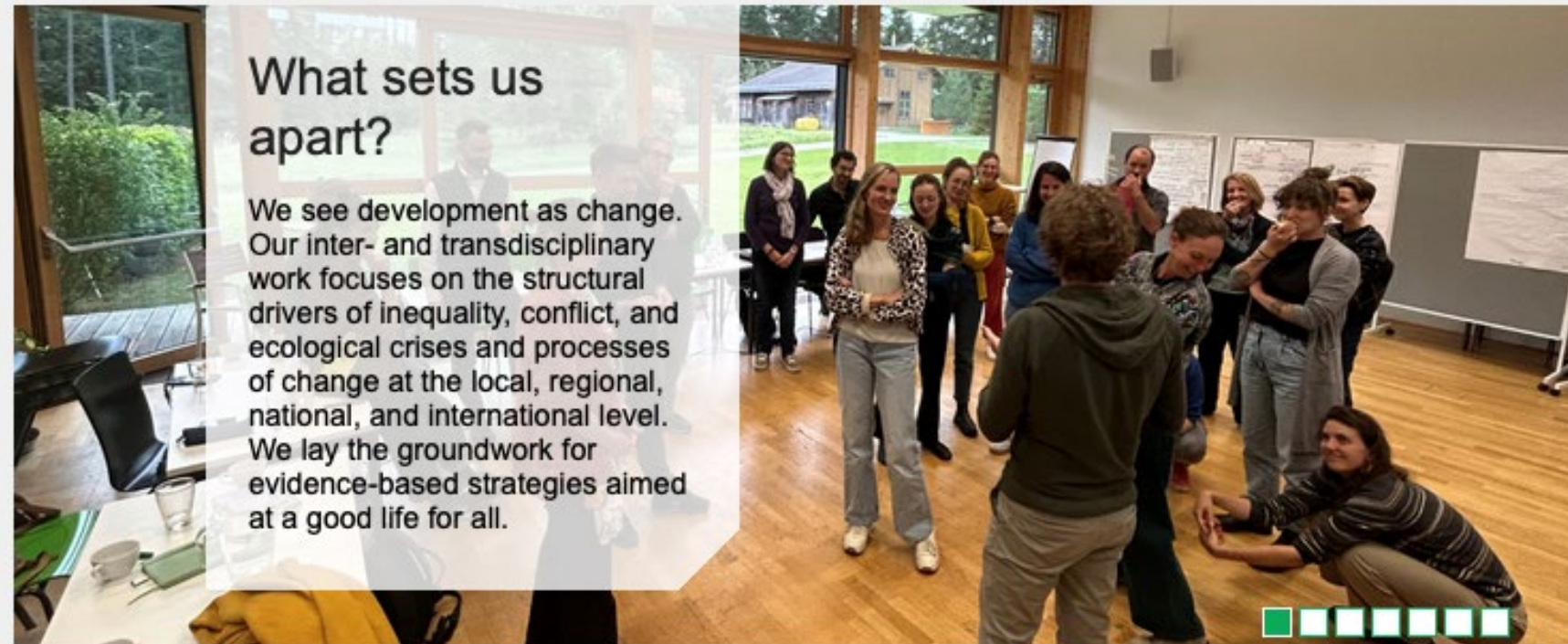
Resilience & Environmental Justice



We develop knowledge for equitable and resilient systems in the context of ecological crises

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What sets us apart?

We see development as change. Our inter- and transdisciplinary work focuses on the structural drivers of inequality, conflict, and ecological crises and processes of change at the local, regional, national, and international level. We lay the groundwork for evidence-based strategies aimed at a good life for all.



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Inter- and transdisciplinary research



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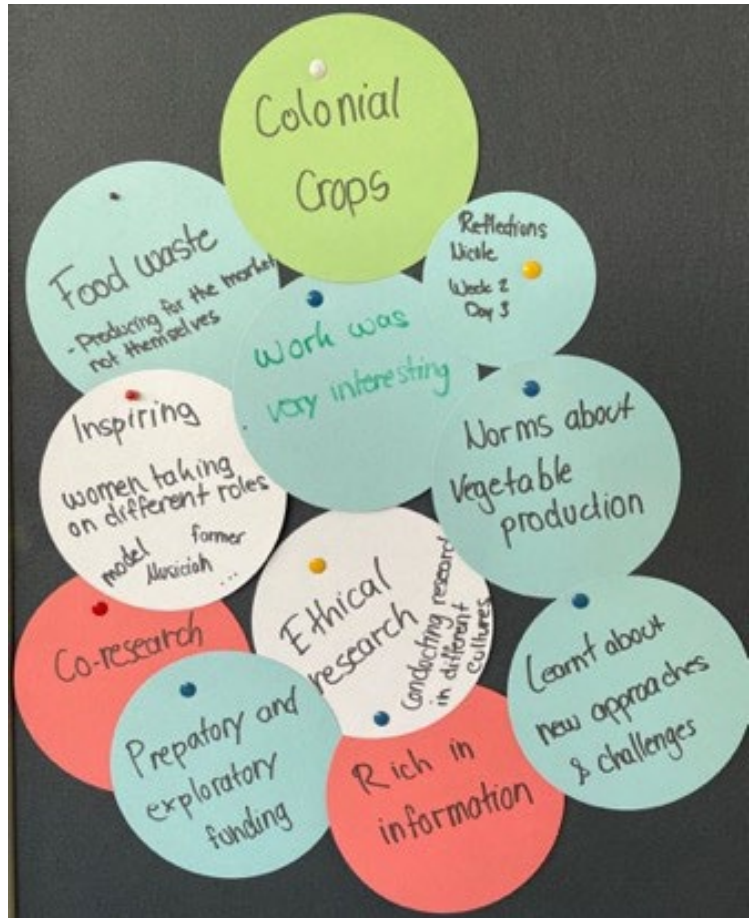


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Teaching Innovative, research-led, transformative teaching and co-learning



Gender, Food Systems, Natural Resources @ Lemke



Gender, Nutrition, Right to Food @ Lemke



Gender, Nutrition, Right to Food @ Lemke



Scientific Communication and Impacts @ Melcher



Negotiating Change, United Nations Vienna @ Probst

Sommersemester 2026

WISO002089	<u>PJ Gender and governance of natural resources in refugee-host settings (Summer School Uganda) (in Eng.)</u>	6	➔
WISO302091	<u>VS Gender, nutrition and right to food (in Eng.)</u>	6	➔
WISO302093	<u>VS Scientific communication and impacts (in Eng.)</u>	3	➔
WISO302095	<u>VS Climate scholar activism (in Eng.)</u>	6	➔
WISO302098	<u>VS Livelihood system dynamics in rural development (in Eng.)</u>	3	➔
WISO302099	<u>VS Facilitating change for sustainable development (in Eng.)</u>	6	➔
WISO302101	<u>SE Participatory methods in development research and practice (in Eng.)</u>	3	➔
WISO302102	<u>SE Systems science for participatory management of dynamic socio-ecosystems (in Eng.)</u>	3	➔

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Two weeks in Uganda (July 5th-15th, 2026)

together with students of MUNI University, Arua, Uganda

Topics covered

- Understanding of gender, intersectionality and governance of natural resources.
- Basic understanding of and experience with participatory, qualitative data collection methods
- Introduction to and use of action research and participatory methods in gender, intersectionality and governance of natural resources practice
- Contributions to scientific research (ongoing PhD research) - applying a transdisciplinary and actor-oriented approach in a field setting

Registration in BOKUonline and separate motivation letter. to be provided as a one pager in order to be admitted to this course to milena.klimek@boku.ac.at

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Call for Applications 2026 Transdisciplinary Summer School (Uganda)

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Cluster for Development Research

affiliated with the Institute of Development Research

40 Partners from all BOKU Departments coordinated by Melcher and Hauser



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