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## COUNTERPOINTS, TABOOS AND STINGS...

*“The philosophers’ task is thus to provide for ruptures and distortions and for resistance. And in order not to become inert and comfortable in the already tried and tested, the “Stachel des Fremden“ (sting of the alien) should be the guest in philosophical thinking that comes today and stays tomorrow.”*

Franz-Peter Burkard

We are pleased to share with you our activities and projects again this year! As an institute of the Munich School of Philosophy with a “Third Mission“ (in addition to the classical university tasks of teaching and research), we dedicate ourselves to social “string experiences“, want to venture out to the margins and push into taboo zones. We always ask ourselves what role philosophy plays in this and how we can have a transformative effect through our research – and not just somehow, but in a meaningful and life-serving way. I pick out a few highlights from the past year to illustrate this – you will find more information on these and other projects on the following pages.

Members of the ZGF assisted the “Global Economy and Social Ethics Expert Panel“, funded by the German Bishops Conference Commission on International Church Affairs, to write and present its study “How socio-ecological transformation can succeed“. Among other things, this study dealt with the rather rarely considered question of the role of culture as a hinderance and motor in these processes. In the FLXsynErgy project, we are looking at the environmental and socio-ethical consequences of the technological utilization of fouling, a process that tends to disgust us, but which can contribute to the important production of energy in biogas plants as well as in wastewater treatment plants.

How much we can learn from Indigenous thinkers for approaches of what is called “circular economy“ as well as for the utilization of digester gas is shown by the projects of intercultural philosophy with Indigenous people in Canada. For the dialogical book project *Indigegogy. Invitation to Learning in a Relational Way* with the Cree elder Stan Wilson, the principles of relationality and circularity were central. The practice of philosophizing with Indigenous traditions questions the self-evident aspects of Western philosophy, above all questions of objectivity and scientificity, the significance of text-based philosophy, the relationship between humans and nature – and, in connection with this, the idea of autonomy. This frequently causes fractions, upheavals and resistance.

With our new project on self-determined sexuality of people with so-called mental disabilities, we are entering social taboo zones, which at the same time confront us with ourselves. For with sexuality and disability we experience forms of multiple alienation. Who can say that he or she is completely self-determined with regards to his or her own sexuality? What does this mean for our relationship with mentally disabled people? The core question of the interdisciplinary project is how people with intellectual disabilities can be protected from assault on the one hand and experience physical intimacy on the other – and how this can be ethically reflected, legally flanked and implemented in terms of care. Methodologically, the sting of the stranger is particularly evident in the fact that we want to start from the needs of the people themselves and thus come up against linguistic and intellectual limits – also within ourselves.

How people deal with “guests“ who come today and stay tomorrow, as Georg Simmel once described “strangers,“ we were able to experience firsthand during our Summer School on Lesbos. We did not only want to reflect philosophically on migration from a safe distance, but also to expose ourselves to the events on the Greek island, to talk to NGOs, locals, activists and social workers, in order to critically examine the discourse on migration from here. For this discourse, with its supposedly “neutral“ terms and arguments, has always been shaped by different political views, ethical concepts, historical experiences and religious and cultural understandings, which need to be questioned – not least in order to unmask prejudiced and interest-driven positions and to be less reactive, but rather responsively resistant.

So, we continue to set “Kontrapunkte“ (counterpoints) – and not only in our blog of the same name (cordial invitation to it!) – in order to initiate transformation processes and to accompany them critically at the same time. To this end, we meet regularly with our international working group on transformative research and invite an exchange with a broad public on the dialogue platform DigiLog.

Furthermore, we would like to repeatedly break out of the comfortable pond (see cover photo) of what has already been tried and tested and jump into different social areas, in order to move forward both in terms of socio-ecological transformation and philosophy. We thank all of you who support and accompany us in one way or another!

Barbara Schellhammer



# THE TEAM OF THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

## Staff changes

There have been some personnel changes in the team of the ZGF in 2020. Prof. Dr. Barbara Schellhammer continues to be the director of the center, as well as holder of the Chair for Intercultural Social Transformation.

Among the scientific staff, Alice Bauer took care of the DigiLog project; with the beginning of her maternity leave in December 2021, Benedikt Ronge takes over as her replacement. He has already actively supported the development of the online platform as a student assistant. We congratulate Alice Steffen, née Bauer, on her wedding and wish her all the best for the coming months of her maternity leave.

Dr. Thomas Steinforth was on board since the reorganization of the ZGF and supported the successful implementation of several projects such as the socio-ecological study and the research project FLXsynErgy. At the end of the year, he moves to a large diocesan educational institution, the Domberg Akademie. We thank him very much for the many years of good cooperation and we look forward to continuing to work with him in the fields of environmental and adult education.

New to the team is Dr. Tobias Skuban-Eiseler, who, as a specialist in psychiatry and psychotherapy, and as a sexual therapist, is ideally suited for the research project "Sexual self-determination of people with mental disabilities".

Lena Schützle continues to be responsible for project coordination at the ZGF, Dr. Stefan Einsiedel coordinates our projects in the fields of environmental protection and sustainability. After the departure of Thomas Steinforth, he will take over his tasks in the FLXsynErgy research project, in which Christina Müller also worked as a research associate at the beginning of 2021. A very big thank you goes to Jochanah Mahnke and Benedikt Ronge, who have also provided us with excellent support in 2021.

We are pleased that in January 2022 the newly founded ZGF Advisory Board, whose members have been providing the ZGF with expert advice for a long time, will meet for the first time: Peter Balleis SJ (Executive Director JWL), Dr. Philip Geister SJ (Director Newman Institute, President Kircher Network), Ulrike Gentner (Deputy Director Heinrich-Pesch-Haus, ZIP), Tobias Karcher SJ (Director Lassalle Haus), Prof. Tanja Kleibl (University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurt), Gudrun Lux (Member of the Munich City Council), Klaus Vähröder SJ (Delegate for Social Affairs and Ecology), Prof. Johannes Wallacher (President HFPH).

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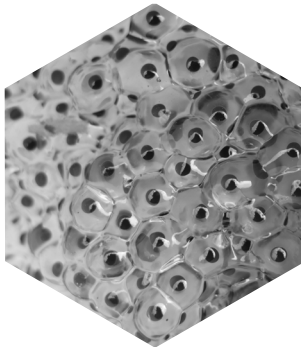
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# ETHICS OF TRANSFORMATION

One of the tasks of the ZGF is to critically accompany transformation processes. This is not “only” about an ethical reflection, but first of all about a deeper, philosophically informed understanding of the phenomena. What, for example, do seemingly self-evident terms such as “society” or “social” mean? What exactly are we talking about when we speak of “culture”? And what do we mean when we refer to processes as “transformation” and not just as “change”?

To really understand phenomena of this kind, to clarify the corresponding terms, to question apparent self-evident facts, and to clarify preconceptions – all of this is not just inconsequential mind games, but is ethically relevant: Our understanding of how things (also “social things”) behave, pre-shapes our beliefs, how they should behave (and, if necessary, “transform”), and how we should create and shape the transformation.

On this basis, explicit ethical questions can and must be asked. After all, every transformation goes hand in hand with a (re)distribution of opportunities, resources, positions and goods. This raises not least complex questions of: Who has a legitimate claim to what? And how must the transformation be designed so that existing injustices are not exacerbated, but rather reduced?



The following questions are particularly important to us as the ZGF (we do not claim to be exhaustive!):

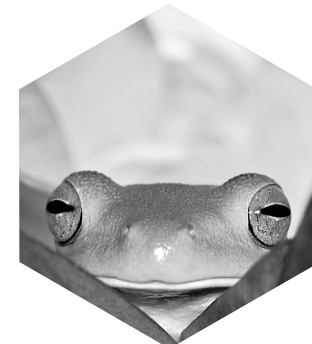
**What is the target perspective guiding the transformation?** Where shall the journey go – and is the desired “where to” of the transformation justified in terms of the legitimate demands of all those affected? Thus, in the study “How socio-ecological transformation can succeed“, we tried to describe a positive target perspective: Such a transformation should enable all (now and in the future) to lead a life in dignity within the planetary boundaries. We must discuss and sometimes even argue which claims and duties can be derived from that.

**Do we have all those affected in mind?** Pope Francis repeatedly urges to “go to the margins” – meaning not least the margins of social and political perception. As a center for “Global Issues” (dt.: Globale Fragen), it is particularly important for us to bring in the perspective of people from the global South, who suffer particularly from the consequences of our economic system but are often forgotten. But also “here”, in Germany, there are many people who are socially and economically disadvantaged, but whose needs are not even noticed. How should transformation be designed from their perspective?

**Do we take sufficient account of the cultural dimension of human life and living together?** Do we take people seriously in their cultural (and often religious and spiritual) approaches to reality and value orientations? If the cultural dimension is neglected, transformation will not only lack motivation and orientation. Above all, people risk losing the cultural support and stability they urgently need, especially in times of change and upheaval – and that, too, is profoundly unjust!

Anyone who wants to critically accompany transformation, as the ZGF does, must ask questions of this kind. Without this ethical perspective, the same applies to transformation processes: “The winner takes it all“.

Thomas Steinforth





## KONTRAPUNKTE – GLOBAL. SOLIDARY. TRANSFORMATIVE.

Monthly the blog attracts up to 2600 and on average 1700 different visitors. Do you already count among them? In 2021, 67 articles were published by the ZGF-team, Funzel-authors and our valued guest authors. In total there are now 125 contributions freely accessible on Kontrapunkte, which have reached over 20,000 readers. Some of these contributions can also be listened to as podcasts [podcast](#).

In May 2021, the editorial team celebrated the first anniversary of the blog. To mark the occasion, we presented a selection of popular articles and were presented with a Skribbeli specially developed for Kontrapunkte. On the [homepage](#) you can still view them retrospectively.

Kontrapunkte is not a place for navel-gazing, we want to shake up established opinions, to question the tried and to dare to think outside the box. There is a diversity of content and form in the articles, which come from e.g. philosophical, political, theological, historical, artistic, practical, and sociological perspectives in the form of essays, interviews or embedded videos.

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## SEXUALITY AND SELF-DETERMINATION

In our Western societies in particular, self-determination has become a central good that is demanded with regard to numerous aspects of human life, not least in relation to sexuality. But are we humans sexually self-determined at all? Intuitively, we would like to answer this question in the affirmative, but first of all one should think about what we mean by sexual self-determination at all. It is probably generally agreeable that sexual self-determination cannot mean biological sex or any conceivable gender identity or sexual orientation. Nor can it mean that we can feel sexual pleasure at any time or that we can freely serve ourselves of the market of available sexual activities at any given time. Obviously, it is preconditions which form the background against which we can determine our sexuality. Neither our biological nor our psychological and thus also sexual constitution is subject to our control. Sexual self-determination can obviously only begin when we recognize and acknowledge these biological and psychological preconditions; It thus presupposes a certain process of cognition with regard to ourselves. Only when we have sufficient clarity about ourselves and the constitution of our own sexuality, we can determine for ourselves how this sexuality of ours is to be lived and expressed. Only here does sexual self-determination begin. Sexual self-determination is the process by which it is determined which of our numerous (sexual) dispositions are to be translated into action and which are not. By means of sexual self-determination we do not help ourselves in a metaphorical store of unlimited sexual possibilities, but we choose from already limited options, which already determine our own sexuality a priori. Sexual self-determination properly understood has nothing to do with a subtle claim to omnipotence, as is so often misinterpreted, but arises from a humble acceptance of one's own being.

Tobias Skuban

Information in German on our research project „On Sexual Self-Determination in People with Mental Disabilities“ and on the specialist conference in September in Halle can be found [here](#).



# TRANSFORMATION UND MITGEFÜHL

*The Center for Social and Development Studies collaborates closely with the chair of Intercultural Social Transformation. This makes sense, because global issues of sustainability or injustice are always to be considered in the cultural context of transformation processes. In this context I am working on different understandings of compassion and the question: To which extent can compassion be a political stance that can contribute to transformation towards a more just society?*

*By design or by disaster.* This is a well-known saying that is meant to motivate people to do something about the climate crisis before a catastrophe occurs. But doesn't that imply the wrong notion that we can still act and plan from a safe and unaffected position? In fact, we have already reached the point of disaster in many parts of the world: Inhumane regimes, floods and droughts, and the global scale of the pandemic, which in turn reflects economic and colonial structures. So, it is not surprising that also individually the three reactions of *fight, flight or freeze* arise.

Physical or emotional paralyzation, escape into the private sphere of the desire to fight and destroy real or perceived opponents – this phenomena can be seen everywhere, especially in the so-called social media, these phenomena seem to come to a head. A fourth stress reaction has been underrepresented in research so far: *tend and befriend*. This human ability – without which human life would simply not be possible – is reflected in compassion with oneself and others. It is the reflex to turn to what is currently hurting and to draw new strength from that.



So, does compassion also have political – even transformative – potential? Yes and no. Compassion towards ourselves and others can change our relationships, can give new strength and broaden our horizons. Thus, a compassionate attitude contributes to my ability to advocate for the needs of my fellow human beings, animals, and minerals. However, compassion, in the sense of empathy or sympathy with only a certain group of people, can also lead to burnout and isolation. Empathic stress is the result of lived empathy that is not sustained by hope and equanimity (in a positive sense).



A specific challenge in the midst of the above-mentioned crises, is that our horizons are becoming narrower and narrower. We find ourselves in filter bubbles, dividing society into supposed camps and missing the opportunity to practice dealing with the omnipresent complexity of human existence. How can I find my standpoint when complex contexts of pandemic events, political conflicts or structural oppression cannot be divided into “good“ and “evil“? How can we succeed in remaining in the in-between without tilting into indifference?

Let us inspire each other to look beyond our own perceptions – to find our path in the simultaneity of uncertainty and the urgency of change, and rediscover our curiosity for each other.

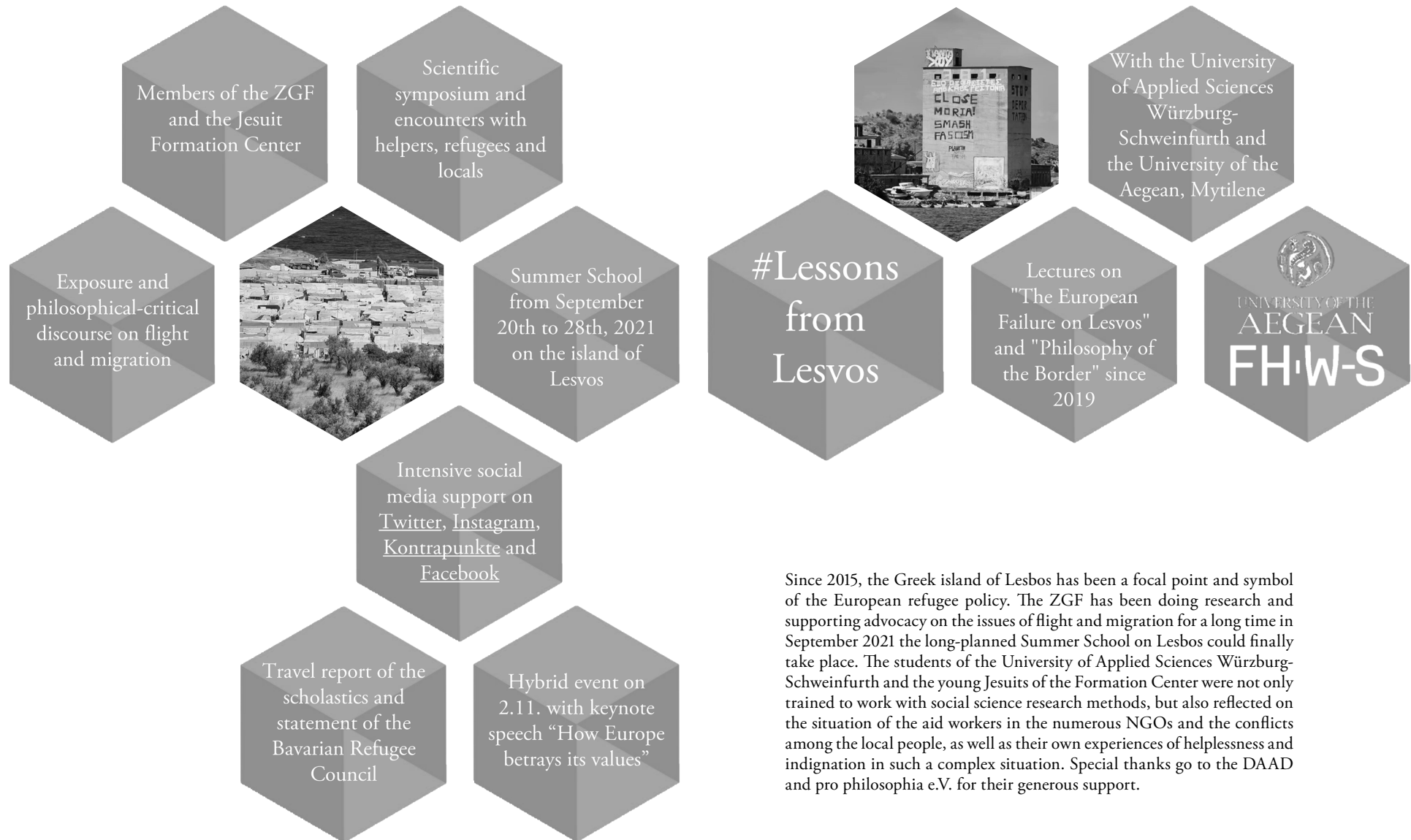
Lena Schützle

Perhaps you would like to write a guest contribution on these questions for the blog [Kontrapunkte – global. solidarisch. transformativ.?](#) [Feel free to contact us!](#)

You can read  
Lena Schützle's blog article  
on the topic  
[„Radical compassion  
as a political stance?“](#)  
on Kontrapunkte  
in a german version.



# #LESSONS FROM LESVOS



Since 2015, the Greek island of Lesbos has been a focal point and symbol of the European refugee policy. The ZGF has been doing research and supporting advocacy on the issues of flight and migration for a long time in September 2021 the long-planned Summer School on Lesbos could finally take place. The students of the University of Applied Sciences Würzburg-Schweinfurth and the young Jesuits of the Formation Center were not only trained to work with social science research methods, but also reflected on the situation of the aid workers in the numerous NGOs and the conflicts among the local people, as well as their own experiences of helplessness and indignation in such a complex situation. Special thanks go to the DAAD and pro philosophia e.V. for their generous support.



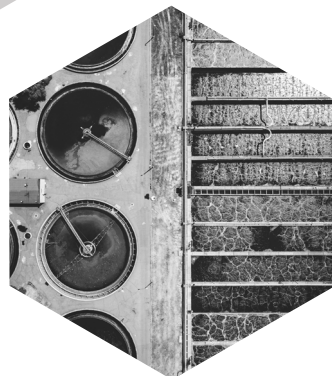
# FLXSYNERGY

The joint research project FLXsynErgy aims to enable wastewater treatment plants to contribute to our society's grand – without neglecting their traditional task to protect our water and public health.

The aim is to make wastewater treatment plants more flexible (hence the name “FLX”) so that the energetic utilization of the sewage sludge can be increased by the addition of biogenic residual and waste materials. The ZGF accompanies this project from an environmental and social ethical perspective.

It may not be immediately obvious that such an ethical reflection is required: The project pursues an objective that is obviously positive and can make a contribution to dealing with two problems at once: On the one hand, it strengthens the urgently needed energy transition; on the other hand, it promotes the sensible and ecologically beneficial handling of biogenic residual and waste materials, including overstocked food and food waste. Nevertheless, as with any complex project, there is the question of unintended, but nevertheless possible negative consequences.

In the project work to date, the main aim has been to identify social and environmental challenges and the need for ethical reflection.



Some questions may be mentioned:

## **What are the possible consequential effects to be considered...?**

- for the central water protection function of wastewater treatment plants (e.g. by plastics from food packaging)?
- for individual organisms and entire ecosystems?
- for various cycles of materials?

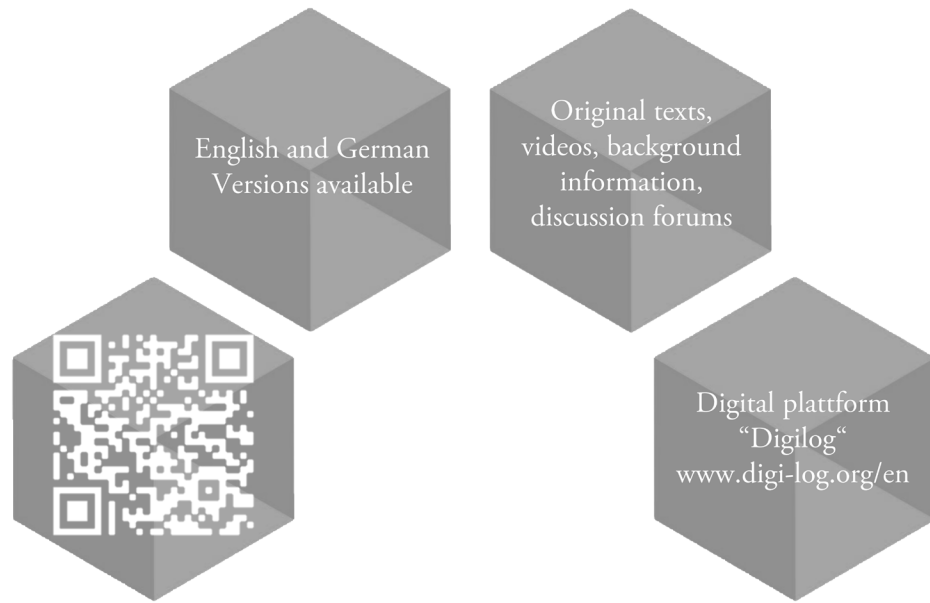
## **Might the planned energetic utilization of biogenic materials in the wastewater treatment plant prevent better options with a greater ecological benefit, e.g.**

- the consistent avoidance of biogenic residual and waste materials?
- a more sensible (e.g. material) use of biogenic residual and waste materials?
- energetic utilization of biogenic residual and waste materials in other, possibly more suitable locations?

## **How must regulations and incentive structures be designed so that the best option from the point of view of environmental ethics actually comes into play and that the interaction between all parties involved is fair?**

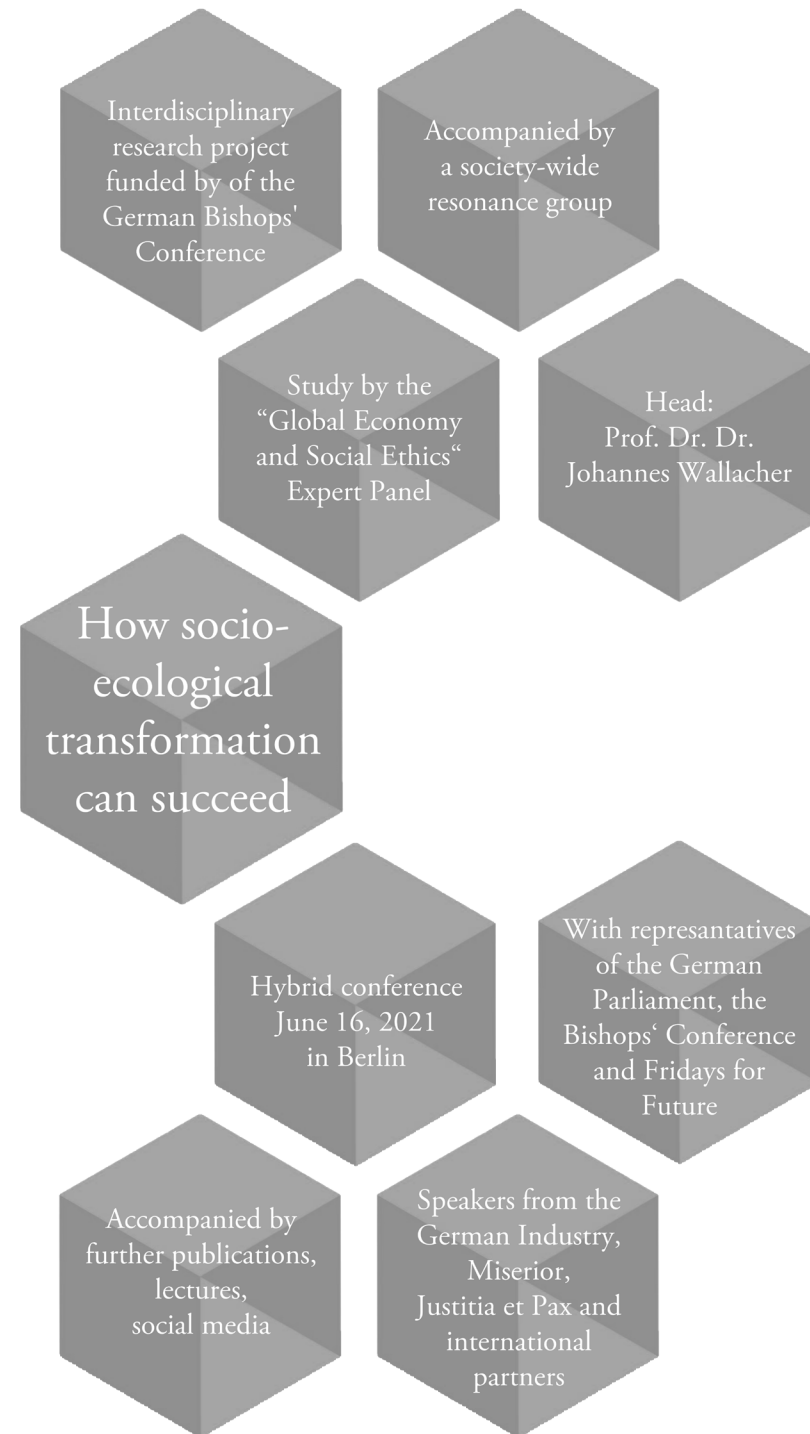
Questions of this kind are to be discussed in expert workshops and also via DigiLog in such a way that action-guiding criteria for the project can be derived from them.

# HOW SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION CAN SUCCEED



The socio-ecological transformation of the economy and society can only succeed if new alliances are forged across a wide range of social groups. To support this, the preparation of the study, the DigiLog dialog platform and the communication of the research results were closely linked.

The ZGF team was involved in all of the individual projects, and after the presentation of the study in June 2021, the discussions on individual fields of action of the transformation will be intensified, always with the aim of facilitating the broadest possible discussion among as many possible.



# ON THE WAY TO A SOCIETY FREE FROM RACISM

## IN OUR HEADS AND THE HALLS OF OUR UNIVERSITY

In an effort to stand up together against racism, the student initiative “Anti-Racism – Critical Examination of the Backgrounds and Implications of Racist Practices” was born. The initiative is based on the assumption that it is a privilege of students to have access to social theories that enable them to understand racism in a differentiated way. This, in turn, obligates us to bring our knowledge into the world around us in a constructive way and to incorporate it into our lives. By this I mean that we, who have invested a lot of time in sharpening our minds, should also apply and bring them to bear on practical problems in everyday life.



### The first anti-racism workshop at the Munich School of Philosophy

During a workshop, we opened a space of exchange. Students and post-docs were able to give insight into their research and engagement with philosophy and racism. The point was to exchange and learn from each other. Thus, each person came as a learner. Talks included “race” from a medical/scientific perspective as well as racism and the opportunities and dangers of ethnic humor. Liberation and identity struggles were introduced to the participants with Frantz Fanon and Achille Mbembe, and lastly, a critical look was taken at the colonial-influenced aesthetics of bureaucracy.

Diversity trainer Lorenz Narku Laing led the students through a multifaceted workshop the next day with music videos, texts, images, and exercises. He brought exactly what we needed: Lightness. For him, it's about allowing diversity to come alive. We all have prejudices. We all tend to structure our environment by inferences we make from first impressions of people. That's why it's so important not to always believe your own thoughts and impulses or follow them with actions. So, we need to stay informed and advocate for diversity in our environment, which also means disrupting well-worn routines and being uncomfortable.



The workshop was a prelude to doing more for a diverse university where plurality can truly be rethought. The initiative fell on fertile ground at MSP and received great support. The Center for Social and Development Studies, the Women's Representative, the Chair of Media Ethics, the Chair of Practical Philosophy, as well as the chancellor supported the project from the beginning. With the focus on interculturality, international understanding, and the international background of the Jesuits, the structures are in place for an educational institution that not only addresses discrimination theoretically, but also goes beyond that to work against racism and for diversity. Wouldn't the MSP even be the right place for the first professorship for racism research in Germany or the first German philosophy professor *of colour*?

Sabrina Kofahl

## IGNATIAN NETWORK

The statutory tasks of the ZGF also include the cultivation of the Ignatian network, i.e. the cooperation with educational institutions of the Jesuit Order, the support of the Formation Center and the international exchange with the various institutions of the Order, especially in the thematic areas of sustainability and global justice.

The thematic area of **sustainability** was mainly supervised by Dr. Stefan Einsiedel. Particularly noteworthy here is the participation in the Eco-Cluster of the joint project of European Jesuit universities **HEST** (Higher Education for Social Transformation), a subgroup of the Kircher Network, which have now found a common topic “**Foodwaste**“ for research and advocacy. Many lectures on sustainability topics took place online due to the pandemic; among the catholic cooperation partners were the Heinrich-Pesch-Haus, various dioceses and the CLC; a special highlight was the “**Eco Summer Camp for Young People**“ which took place with about 40 young people in August at the Lassalle Haus and the panel discussion “Pope versus affluent society?“ by Paulus Akademie and Katholische Hochschulgemeinde in Zurich.

Prof. Barbara Schellhammer, who has been appointed advisor to the **Commission X Weltkirche of the German Bishops’ Conference** in 2021, is active multiple research networks. Together with Prof. Wallacher and Prof. Reder, she represents the university in the project **The Culture of Encounter and the Global Agenda**, which aims to further develop Pope Francis’ idea of a “culture of encounter.“ The project is led by *Georgetown University’s Berkeley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs*. During the first year of the project (Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2022), scholars and practitioners from around the world will gather to discuss developing a culture of encounter, strengthening global solidarity and reorienting global governance through virtual meetings and a personal meeting in Rome.



Since the beginning of the year, Prof. Schellhammer has been involved in the international research group **Women Leadership for a Better World – Care as a Driver for our Common House**, led by the **Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities (SACRU)** and *Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation (CAPPF)*. The project is about discussing “care concepts“ from different perspectives that could contribute to pressing world problems. It is primarily (but not only) about the role of women, who are still less represented in leadership contexts, and also about concepts of “transformative masculinity“ and about critically questioning stereotypical gender roles.



Unfortunately, the application for funding a research project on “**Culturally sensitive artificial intelligence for suicide prevention among refugees**“, which was developed by Prof. Schellhammer together with Prof. Marie-Jean Meurs (Computer Science) of the *Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM)*, as well as with other colleagues of the MSP, the Canadian University and with *Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL)*, was not successful for the time being. However, the project is being further developed to attempt to reapply for funding.

In the area of education, the ZGF continues to support the work of Jesuit Worldwide Learning (JWL) and plans to contribute to the improved exchange of online learning opportunities between the various European partner universities as part of the Kircher Network. A particular success in this regard is the funding commitment from the European Erasmus+ Cooperation Partnership for the three-year project “Blended Multilogues: Enhancing Transformation and Innovation in Higher Education,“ in which four ELEA universities (including MSP and the Newman Institute) are jointly developing didactic tools for blended (online/offline) teaching formats and providing special training for teaching staff.

For the Summer School on Lesbos, which was conducted with the scholastics of the Formation Center, see report p. 12

# FORUM THEATER: “THEATER AS INTERVENTION” IN DIGITAL SPACE

What seemed impossible to us at first, eventually turned out to be a powerful learning space: In May 2020, we canceled an introductory workshop on Forum Theatre by Augusto Boal, with the topic “Power Structures in Academic Contexts.” due to Covid-19. After much deliberation, we dared to enter the digital stage via zoom in the summer semester. Trainer Nela Adam gave an online introduction as part of the main seminar “Theater as Intervention“ that had it all – beaming and thoughtful faces and a strong group feeling despite digital communication were the result and unexpectedly brought the theater stage into our private homes and offices. Unfortunately, the second part of the seminar, where we would have come together presently to try out forum theater as a philosophical method, had to be postponed until the summer semester of 2022.

### Here are a few quotes from participants:

”That’s when ,the monastery cell‘ (lonely learning space) became the stage!!!”

”Unexpectedly personal, even though I’m in my own four walls, so to speak, in my protected space (comfort zone), I still reveal just as much of myself as I do on stage when I actually face others.”

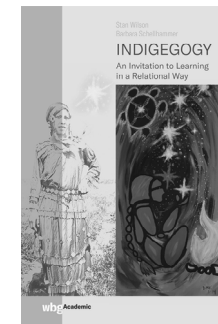
”That’s when the enthusiasm virtually sparked!”



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[Here you can download the book for free!](#)



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Schellhammer, Barbara: Reading Split Tooth – A spiritual journey entering a world of abuse, natural powers, affectionate friendship and bodily sensations. Kontrapunkte 20. July 2021.

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## CONFERENCES, LECTURES AND PANELS

9. Feb. 21, 8. June 21 and 7. Dec. 21 Working Group Transformative Research. The international, interdisciplinary research group is organized by the ZGF and connects researchers who want to question methodology, attitudes and effects in their research projects with regard to transformation processes. Changing speakers and a familiar yet growing group shaped the three meetings in 2021. Since the end of 2021, the group has also had a public workspace on [Digi-Log.org](https://digi-log.org)



7./8. May 21 Online meeting: Identities – Civilization – Conflicts. 25 Years after Huntingtons Clash of Civilizations (1996). The conference was organized by the Chair for Intercultural Social Transformation and the ZGF in cooperation with the Centre for Intercultural Theology and Study of Religions at the Paris Lodron University in Salzburg. It was also part of the lecture series “Peace and Conflict Research“

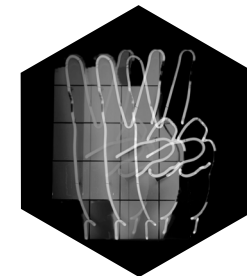
25. June 21 rAusblick – theater as intervention, online. Together with the Domberg Academy, we look at a scientific question or a current research result once a semester. At the beginning of the series, we turned to the question of how far theater as an intervention can contribute to processes of transformation. The podium guests were: Jochanah Mahnke (actress), Mduduzi Khumalo (PlusxKollektiv), Prof. Klaus Diepold (TUM) and Magdalena Falkenhahn (Domberg Academy)

from July 2021 Reading circle “Fridays for Freire. Pensar para la paz – Think for peace” in the footsteps of the philosophers and educators Estanislao Zuleta and Paulo Freire. A cooperation event of the ZGF, Aluna Minga e.V. and the Nord-Süd Forum München e.V., organized by Danny Carvajal, doctoral student at the Chair of Intercultural Social Transformation

1. Oct. 21 Symposium on peace and conflict research in the munich state parliament (organized by Mr. Fehr/Uni Bayern, Prof. Schellhammer, Prof. Reder, Prof. Weller/Uni Augsburg, Prof. Stetter/Uni der Bundeswehr with Anne Franke, spokeswoman for research and peace policy alliance 90/The Greens in the Bavarian Parliament)

29./30. Oct. 21 Anti-racism symposium and training . Studierende der HFPH organisierten eine zweitägige Veranstaltung zum Thema Antiracismus. HFPH students organized a two-day anti-racism event. On Friday, HFPH students discussed work on the topic, followed by professional training with diversity projects on Saturday. The ZGF provided ideal and financial support for the student initiative

2. Dec. 21 Evening event #Lessons from Lesvos. Europe betrays its values. Impulses and insights from a research and encounter trip to the borders of Europe” with Dr. Thomas Steinforth, Prof. Barbara Schellhammer and Dr. Stefan Einsiedel, the Jesuits of the Formation Center and Dr. Stephan Dünnwald (Bavarian Refugee Council) – hybrid



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## WE'VE BEEN INVITED...

21. Jan. 21 GIP Lecture (Society for Intercultural Philosophy) by Barbara Schellhammer on the topic: "On the claim of the foreign in thinking" – [online](#)

27. Jan. 21 Research dialogue by Barbara Schellhammer with Prof. Meurs (Associate Director Department of Computer Science, Université du Québec à Montréal) on the topic "For a Responsible AI", organized by the Bavarian Research Alliance Bavaria-Québec (BayFor)

25. Feb. 21 WebTalk by Stefan Einsiedel "Fighting poverty and climate change together?". Heinrich-Pesch-Haus in cooperation with the Department of the World Church of the Diocese of Speyer, the Local Agenda 21 initiative in Ludwigshafen and "Eine Welt für Alle" world shop in Ludwigshafen-Friesenheim – online

10. Mar. 21 Seminar by Barbara Schellhammer on "'Sting of the alien' – Responsive phenomenology and the development of the ability to be foreign" during the study course "Philosophy of the Present" of the VELKD (Evang. Theolog. Studienseminar Pullach)

21. Mar. 21 Impulse lectures by Stefan Einsiedel on "Global climate change and the pandemic" for the seminar day of the "Vernetzungsinitiative der GCL für Menschen in Führungsverantwortung" – online

16. Apr. 21 Greetings from Barbara Schellhammer at the opening ceremony of the "Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses" at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg (headed by Prof. Tamer), topic: "The importance and challenge of research transfer (Third mission)"

27. May 21 Celebration of 150 years of "Stimmen der Zeit" in Berlin. "From Ignatius to Pope Francis. Preserve creation and fight for justice." Barbara Schellhammer discusses with Prof. Felix Körner SJ and keynote speaker Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer; moderated by Klaus Mertens SJ

17. June 21 Interview with Stefan Einsiedel "New study on socio-ecological transformation" for "Die Grüne Reihe. Der Podcast der Katholischen Sozialwissenschaftlichen Sozialstelle (KSZ)"

1. July 21 Online seminar for particularly gifted students from Q11 by Barbara Schellhammer on the subject of "Fear of the stranger"

9. July 21 Lecture by Barbara Schellhammer "Ahcâhk (Cree) – The Essence of All Living Things. Experiment on the 'psyche' in the tradition of Canadian natives" during the lecture series "psyche" at the University of Marburg

12. July 21 Lecture Barbara Schellhammer: "Reading Split Tooth: A spiritual journey entering a world of abuse, natural powers, affectionate friendship and bodily sensations" during the 42nd "American Indian Workshops" entitled "The Sovereign Erotic" – online

17. July 21 Lecture by Lena Schützle "Compassion as a (political) attitude" at the Munich 2040 conference, a decentralized future conference for young people that took place at three locations in Munich



19. July 21 Lecture by Stefan Einsiedel "Is there another way to globalize? Vision and reality in Pope Francis' encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti – About fraternity'" for cooperation event of the "Freunde Abrahams e.V.", the Parish Association Munich-Sendling and the "Haus der Kulturen und Religionen München"

30. July 21 Interview by Barbara Schellhammer on the "Sternenhimmel der Menschheit" project of the "Kunst und Natur" Foundation (with curator Dr. Mario Grizelj)

23. – 25. Aug. 21 Conference contribution by Stefan Einsiedel and Gael Giraud to the "Eco Summer Camp for Young People: From Wild Consumption to Responsible Engagement", Lassalle-Institut, Switzerland

24. – 28. Aug. 21 Conference contribution by Lena Schützle "Radical compassion on the personal and political level: Discourses, practices and challenges", 8th International Degrowth Conference 2021, The Hague, NL – funded by pro philosophia e.V.



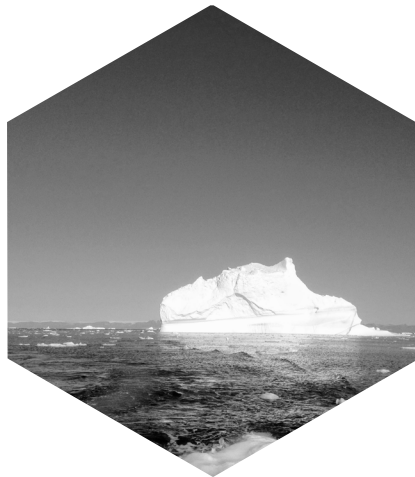
22. Sept. 21 Lecture by Stefan Einsiedel on “Learning from the Margins. Liberation Theology, Economics and Human Rights by looking at the Works of Amartya Sen and Pope Francis” at the symposium “Acknowledging the Nature of the Refugee Crisis and Overcoming it”, University of the Aegean Campus, Lesvos

25. Nov. 21 Workshop by Barbara Schellhammer and Cree elder Stan Wilson on “Joint Publishing“ during the conference “Methods and Ethics in Arctic Transformative Research“ of the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies Potsdam

25. Nov. 21 Panel discussion with Stefan Einsiedel and Dr. Anna Maria Riedl (University of Lucerne) on the subject of “Pope versus wealth? Key points of the encyclical Fratelli Tutti”, cooperation event of the Paulus Academy and the Catholic university community in Zurich

2. Dec. 21 Interview with Barbara Schellhammer “Cultures of mankind: Inuit – life in the ice today“ and impulse for the film “Angry Inuk“ at the foundation “Kunst und Natur“ (Nantesbuch)

16. Dec. 21 Lecture by Stefan Einsiedel “Climate justice – food for thought from environmental ethics“ at the seminar on “EU climate policy“ of the European Academy in Bavaria and the Institute for Youth Work in Gauting



## TEACHING

Ringvorlesung, gemeinsam mit der Universität der Bundeswehr (2 SWS): „Frieden und Konflikt aus interdisziplinärer Perspektive. Resilienzforschung in globalen Kriegs- und Konfliktkontexten“ (Schellhammer/Reder)

Hauptseminar (2 SWS): „Philosophie der Grenze – im Selbst, der Gesellschaft und der Mitwelt“ (Schellhammer und das gesamte ZGF-Team)

Hauptseminar (1 SWS): „Theater als Intervention, Teil I: Philosophie, ästhetische Praxis und Theater“ (Schellhammer/Schützle/externe Referent:innen)

Hauptseminar (1 SWS): „Grundlagen und Herausforderungen der Wirtschaftsethik und der Sozialwissenschaften in globaler Perspektive, Teil II“ (Schellhammer/Wallacher)

Hauptseminar: Flucht und Migration. Kompetenz-ABC der Flüchtlingshilfe (vhb-Kurs) (Schellhammer)

Praxismodul des weiterbildenden Masters Ethik/Interkulturelle Bildung (1 SWS) (Schellhammer)

Kolloquium (BA/MA) (1 SWS) (Reder/Schellhammer)

Mitwirkung in der Ring-VL (2 SWS) „Einführung in die Philosophie“ (Wallacher/Reder/Schellhammer)

Vorlesung (2 SWS): Kulturphilosophie (Schellhammer)

Hauptseminar (1 SWS): „Theater als Intervention, Teil II: Forumtheater“ (Adam/Schellhammer/Schützle) Corona-bedingt verschoben auf das SoSe 22

Hauptseminar (2 SWS): Wirtschaftsethik und Sozialwissenschaft in globaler Perspektive, Teil I (Schellhammer/Wallacher)

Grundlagenmodul & Lektürekurs (1 SWS) des weiterbildenden Masters Ethik (Trampota/Schellhammer/Reder)

Praxismodul des weiterbildenden Masters Ethik/Interkulturelle Bildung (1 SWS) (Schellhammer/Einsiedel)

Kolloquium (BA/MA) (1 SWS) (Reder/Schellhammer/Paganini)

Summer semester  
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due to pandemic

Winter semester  
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Conducted hybrid  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

We keep you informed about our work throughout the year via e-mail newsletter. Here is a little preview:

Prof. Barbara Schellhammer will have a research semester in the summer semester 2022 and will be in Canada for that time. We look forward to having Dr. Bernhard Leistle as a DAAD guest professor from Carleton University (Canada) in Munich. In addition to research activities, including the Working Group Transformative Research, Prof. Leistle will offer three seminars for our students (see below). His research interests lie in the areas of phenomenological anthropology, phenomenology, performativity and interculturality and thus fit very well with the topics of the ZGF and the IST chair.

We have planned the following (teaching) events for the summer semester:

## 22. Feb. 2022 Book Presentation Indigegogy

Proseminar: Merleau-Ponty's Philosophie der Kultur – Kunst, Ausdruck und Struktur (*Leistle*)

Hauptseminar.: Phenomenology of Performativity – The Chicago Conspiracy Trial (*Leistle*)

Hauptseminar: Intercultural Psychology – Cultural Relativism and Universalism with Georges Devereux (*Leistle*)

Cooperation with the Bavarian Research Center for Interreligious Discourses (BaFID): Three one-hour evening events with speakers from the fields of Islam, Judaism and Christianity on the topics of nature & creation, foreign & truth and healing, and suffering.

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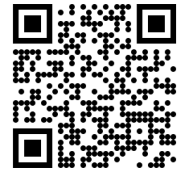
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