

Seminar on Science4Policy

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Title

Bridging scientists and policymakers to support sustainability with evidence-informed decision making

Abstract

The recognition of the challenges like resource overconsumption and inequality in its distribution particularly in urbanised areas, emphasise the necessity for a post-growth transition. Thus the socio-economic goal to increase the welfare of society has to be seen from different perspective. Supporting the transition towards sustainability in territorial developments, it is necessary to better understand how land use change affects the environment and how this, in turn, feeds back into human livelihood strategies or influences the vulnerability of people, places and businesses. Whereas national systems of governance and spatial planning have been the subject of various studies and analyses in the last 30 years, very little is known about how they are effectively promoting inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable development. Future sustainability paradigm should contribute not only to creating new knowledge, inspiration to critical thinking and actions, but more to involvement in building trust through dialogue and bridging scientific capacities with effective policy making.

When ? Where ?

The 22nd of May, at 3p.m. The presentation will last 30-40 minutes and the discussion 20 minutes.

The seminar is on site at Hochschule Darmstadt, **Dieburg campus**, in Audimin amphitheater.

Other comments

The guest lecture will be in English.