

**7th Workshop of the Forum on Sustainable Technological Development in a
Globalising World**
Sustainability 2010: The Cultural Dimension

Background and Aim

The workshop concentrates on problems of relationships between sustainable development and culture. Step by step, the cultural perspective is becoming an aspect in the debates on sustainable development. This workshop intends to provide a sound scientific contribution to that debate by opening up the subject of cultural sustainability in an interdisciplinary way without hasty restrictions or exclusions. Based on this principle, the subject is discussed in the conflicting fields of cultural heritage, globalization and technological change. At the same time, such an emerging topic also requires a detailed methodological discussion which finally aims at an adequate specification of the subject.

For this workshop answers to the following three questions are central. Please answer them out of your cultural and disciplinary background:

- How do you interpret sustainable development?
- Where are the shared topics of sustainable development and culture (independent of the understanding you give to “culture”)?
- What are the efforts to promote sustainable development and what sorts of difficulties you are identify?

This workshop will be realized in the framework of the Sustainable Technological Development Forum, established in 2002. There has been a workshop with changing topics each second year in Europe (BME/Budapest) and the USA (Florida Tech/Melbourne/Florida).

Date

June 09-12, 2010, Berlin

Venue

Hotel Aquino / Tagungszentrum Katholische Akademie, Hannoversche Straße 5b, 10115 Berlin, Germany

(Temporary) Programme

09th of June

Arrival of participants

18:30 Lunch (restaurant “Zur letzten Instanz”, near Berlin Alexanderplatz)

10th of June

09:00 – 09:45 Opening

Armin Grunwald (GER)

Imre Hronszky (HUN)

Gordon Nelson (USA)

09:45 – 12:05 Session 1 Meanings of Sustainable Development I

Chair: *Gerhard Banse* (GER)

(1) *Imre Hronszky, Ágnes Fésüs* (HUN)

Sustainability as Culture

(2) *Gordon Nelson* (USA)

What is Green?

Break (20 min)

(3) *Medardo Tapia Uribe* (MEX)

Culture and Ethics of Sustainable Development in Mexico. The Real Engine of Development?

(4) *Appukuttan Damodaran* (INDIA)

Sustainability Ideas in Indian Culture: Little Traditions and Postmodern Adaptations

Discussion

Break (45 min)

12:50 – 14:30 Session 2 Meanings of Sustainable Development II

Chair: *Renate Hübner* (AUT)

(5) *Ildiko Tulbure* (ROU)

Considerations regarding Cultural Differences when Operationalising Sustainability on Regional Level

(6) *Volker Stelzer, Jürgen Kopfmüller* (GER)

An Integrative Concept of Sustainability

(7) Wicked Problems, Knowledge, and Sustainability Ethics

Nicanor Ursua, Ignacio Ayestaran (ES)

Discussion

Break (60 min)

15:30 Discussion / Round Table in the German Parliament with Experts and Representatives
(Paul-Löbe-Haus, Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 1, 11011 Berlin)Chair: *Armin Grunwald* (GER)

18:00 Cultural Event (from Paul-Löbe-Haus)

11th of June

09:00 – 10:50 Session 3 Cultural Diversity and Sustainability. Implicit Norms and Values I

Chair: *Gordon Nelson* (USA)(8) *Larissa Krainer* (AUT)

Sustainability and Ethics

(9) *Robert Hauser* (GER)Implicit Normative Settings in Concepts of Sustainability and Cultural Diversity:
Solving the Antagonism(10) *Ryszard Janikowski, Andrzej Kiepas* (POL)

Culture and Sustainability – the Objects of Researches in Poland

Discussion

Break (20 min)

11: 10 – 13:00 Session 4 Cultural Diversity and Sustainability. Implicit Norms and Values II

Chair: *Imre Hronszky* (HUN)(10) *Gabriele Tautscher* (AUT)

Cultural Sustainability: Anthropological Perspectives

(12) *Miklós Füle, János Szlávik* (HUN)

The Role of the Cultural Heritage at the Local Sustainable Development Programs

(13) *Virender K. Sharma* (USA)

Ferrate: Historic and Cultural Aspects

Discussion

Break (40 min)

13:30 – 15:20 Session 5 Cultural Sustainability: Political and Educational Implications

Chair: *Gordon Nelson* (USA)

(14) *Oliver Parodi* (GER)

Personal Sustainability” – Including Body and Soul: The Karlsruhe School of Sustainability

(15) *Verena Holz* (GER)

Integrating Art and Education for Sustainable Development: A Transdisciplinary Working Process in the Context of Culture and Sustainability

(16) EC DG Research (inquired)

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Discussion

15:40 – 17:00 Session 6 Achieving Sustainability – What Can/Must We Do?
General Discussion

Chair: *Caroline Y. Robertson-von Trotha* (D)

17:00 – 17:30 Closing Remarks

Gordon Nelson

Imre Hronszky

Armin Grunwald o. *Gerhard Banse*

17:30 Dinner

12th of June

09:00 – 16:30 Special Programme for Foreign Participants

Local Organizers

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