**Landscape researchers discuss "Landscapes for Future”**

**Short report on the workshop "Landscapes for Future? Landscapes and socio-ecological transformations", University of Kassel, 14-16.09.'22**

More than 50 participants from universities, public authorities and planning offices met at the University of Kassel from 14 to 16 September 2022 to discuss the links between landscapes and socio-ecological transformations at a workshop organised by the [Arbeitskreis Landschaftsforschung](https://landschaftsforschung.de/en/).

The wide-ranging programme included lectures, walks, dialogue-oriented sessions with short presentations and an interactive fishbowl discussion. Thematic topics included landscapes in the Anthropocene, novel relationships between humans and non-human natures, energy landscapes, approaches to spatial governance of landscape transformation processes, and communication about possible futures. Special highlights were the invited keynote lectures by Prof. Vanesa Castán Broto (University of Sheffield) on "Urban Energy Landscapes" and by Dr. Annette Voigt (University of Kassel) on "Dealing with Animals in the Urban Habitat".

The workshop was organised by the Arbeitskreis Landschaftsforschung, a [German-speaking landscape research network (LRN)](https://landschaftsforschung.de/en/) of the Landscape Research Group based in London. The Arbeitskreis Landschaftsforschung consists of about 150 people from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Sweden and other countries. The focus is on social, political and cultural science approaches to landscapes. It is an open, informal network that can be joined at any time.

The lectures and discussions were on the one hand about theory-based scientific studies. For example, studies were presented on the values that guide farmers, or on the various actors and interests in the conflict over a housing project in Frankfurt am Main, the so-called Guenthersburghoefe, which failed for the time being. Other speakers dealt with landscape-related identities in the course of transformation processes or with the role of biosphere reserves as real-world laboratories of socio-ecological transformations. On the other hand, there were a number of presentations on concrete life-world interventions. These included role-playing, university courses and the redesign of open-cast mining landscapes.

Selected contributions will be published in 2023 as a book by Springer VS in the series [Raumfragen: Stadt - Region - Landschaft](https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwj4gt2e36j6AhXPhP0HHb_7C6gQFnoECBEQAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.springer.com%2Fseries%2F10584&usg=AOvVaw1adGKjVoLIJ-FMZhRURGTW).

**Further information**

* Programme of the workshop: [PDF [0.4 MB]](https://landschaftsforschung.de/veranstaltungen?file=files/Veranstaltungen/2022/Programm%20%28Stand%3A%2023.08.2022%29.pdf)
* Abstracts of all presentations: [PDF [0.4 MB]](https://landschaftsforschung.de/veranstaltungen?file=files/Veranstaltungen/2022/Kurzfassungen%20der%20Vortr%C3%A4ge%20%28Stand%3A%2027.06.2022%29.pdf)
* Registration for the newsletter of the Working Group on Landscape Research: <https://landschaftsforschung.de/newsletter>

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