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Shaping interdisciplinary practices in Europe

SHAPE-ID Annotated Bibliography of Policy Literature

Introduction

This short bibliography includes some key recent policy reports and statements on inter- and trans-disciplinary research. It is an introduction to a large literature rather than an exhaustive list, and follows SHAPE-ID's overall focus in highlighting resources with a particular relevance to increasing the participation of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) researchers in such research.

Resources

- The 2016 *Crossing Paths* report from the British Academy focuses on how academics can forge interdisciplinary careers and whether the right structures are in place to support interdisciplinarity across the research and higher education system. https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/publications/crossing-paths/

- This position paper from the European Alliance for Social Sciences and the Humanities is a response to the 4th European Commission (EC) monitoring report on the integration of Humanities and Social Sciences in Horizon 2020 (see below). The authors discuss their concerns about the ineffectiveness of these processes. https://eassh.eu/Position-Papers/easshsshintegration4th reportfnl.pdf

- The EC has set targets for integration of the Humanities and Social Sciences in inter- and trans-disciplinary Horizon 2020 funded projects, including those addressing societal challenges. The fifth of their reports monitoring progress toward these targets for participants, budgets and disciplines was published in 2020. https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4f198f8e-4599-11eb-b59f-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-search

- INTREPID was a 32-country network aiming to better understand how to achieve more efficient and effective interdisciplinary research in Europe. Their third report examined different understandings of inter- and trans-disciplinarity. http://intrepid-cost.ics.ulisboa.pt/intrepid-reports-and-policy-briefs/

- In 2014 a group of high profile research organisations released the Leiden Statement on the role of the Social Science and Humanities in global research, arguing that these disciplines are 'indispensable to understanding and addressing contemporary global challenges and to grasping emerging opportunities'. https://www.leru.org/files/Leiden-Statement-Full-paper.pdf

- The League for European Research Universities (LERU) has published two important reports in this area. One outlines the benefits of partnerships

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between the creative arts and universities, including recommendations for best practice in such activities. https://www.leru.org/files/Creative-Arts-and-Research-Intensive-Universities-A-Crucial-Partnership-Full-paper.pdf

❯ The second report showcases a selection of interdisciplinary research projects undertaken in member universities, arguing that such research complements disciplinary research, but that making it more visible and effective 'requires significant levels of investment and commitment'. https://www.leru.org/publications/interdisciplinarity-and-the-21st-century-research-intensive-university

❯ This 2016 factsheet produced by NET4Society, the Network of National Contact Points of Societal Challenge 6, outlines their recommendations for the successful integration of Social Sciences and Humanities in Horizon2020 projects. https://www.net4society.eu/files/170110_Factsheet_Expert%20meeting_INTEGRATION_def.pdf

❯ The Organisation on Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has a long history of working in this area. Their 2020 report includes 28 case studies illustrating how transdisciplinary research can be used to address societal challenges. https://www.oecd.org/science/addressing-societal-challenges-using-transdisciplinary-research-0ca0ca45-en.htm

❯ This 2014 report outlines the results of research commissioned by the Global Research Council (GRC) into national funding bodies' policies on inter- and trans-disciplinarity amongst a sample of GRC participants. https://www.globalresearchcouncil.org/fileadmin//documents/GRC_Publications/Interdisciplinarity_Report_for_GRC_DJS_Research.pdf

❯ Produced as part of the 2013 European Commission Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities Conference, the Vilnius Declaration outlines the case for the value and benefits of integrating Social Sciences and Humanities in inter- and trans-disciplinary research, and conditions for their successful integration in Horizon 2020 research projects. https://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/content/pages/pdf/Vilnius_SSH_declaration_2013.pdf

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