

Regional Climates: participation and collective experimentation at local level

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Climate Change at different levels

- Global level // micro level – blockades
- Climate Change and transformation
 - Climate Change exceeds established patterns of problem-solving
 - Inherent tension: technocracy versus democratic evolution
 - Calling into question some basic coordinates: economy of growth
- What about the meso level of communities?
 - Chances for social coordination – participation
 - Experiencing vulnerability: floods, changes in usability of nature
 - Coming up with strategies for development
- Studying socio-cultural transformations as basis for collective experimentation

Cimate Change at regional level

- Communities in the Alps
 - Bavaria:
 - periphery: Achantal, Bernried
 - centre: Munich
 - South Tyrol:
 - periphery: Lüssen, Moos
 - centre: Bolzano

- Situations for collective experiments
 - Analysis of perceptions and knowledges
 - Analysis of network of actors
 - Analysis of transformative pathways
 - Looking for: transformative incidents, infrastructures

Regional Climates: first insights from field work

- Climate change is not addressed as such – but a lot of proxies:
 - Weather
 - Changes for agriculture
 - Renewable Energies
 - Climate-friendly housing
 - Climate-friendly tourism
- Politics in communities are oriented towards climate change issues
 - Legislation at the level of nation states
 - Guidelines
 - Image / Marketing as „eco“
- Community-Building
 - Social capital (networks, routines of self-organization)
 - Routines of cooperative problem-solving (Schleching // Bernried)

Regional Climates: first tentative results

- The significance of the “resourceful idea” (Hulme):
 - Climate Change is not a significant theme: its symbolic character is quite low (in contrast to an incident like Fukushima)
 - Climate Change comes always along in the context of other themes or problems addressed as important to be solved
 - Climate Change is both a powerful and fragile concept
- Experiences of vulnerability
 - Change of the character of the village and its beauty
 - Demographic change: drain of young inhabitants
 - Financial resources: short of cash (but: energy production)
- Strategies for enhancing resilience
 - Strengthening of local strategies for development
 - Environmental friendly forms of action
 - Bottom-up against top-down

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