
Interdisciplinarity and “Crisis”: Upgrading or downgrading your academic profile?

This session is hosted by the Leibniz Research Alliance “Crises in a globalized world”. The concept of “crisis”, as moment where management and decision making is urgent, is a vantage point for our debate. However, we will not talk about the management of international conflicts or environmental disaster but rather about those individual crises which might result from working in an interdisciplinary research environment such as the research alliance. Also as scholars in such a network, we are confronted with moments which require difficult decisions. Interdisciplinarity is a central source for new impulses and inspiration and therefore, of course, a precondition for a successful academic career. However, if not connected to an awareness of how academic systems work it may also lead into situations where an academic profile is rather being downgraded than upgraded. In this session, participants will be expected to bring in their own experiences and hopes. As a result everyone should be better equipped to realize when there is a moment of crisis of interdisciplinarity and thus crisis-management is required.
