

# 4th ESP LAC 2023

## International conference

### La Serena, Chile, 6–10 November

## Session Description

**ID:** T18b

Cafe “Tekopy”: Improving transdisciplinary dialogue in Latin America to meet the challenges of ecosystem governance

**Format:** Hybrid

### Hosts

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### Abstract

Managing ecosystem services as a complex issue requires integrating different (scientific) knowledge. Even more, it requires transcending the academic boundaries to incorporate social knowledge, which is necessary to understand and define problems, identify alternatives, evaluate strategies, and design and implement transformation processes. However, we do not always know how, with whom, and even why we should integrate knowledge. Furthermore, although transdisciplinarity requires new forms of collaboration, many researchers and members of society feel alone in their efforts.

This initiative seeks to promote space for dialogue, revealing theories, practices, and essential elements of integrating knowledge, driven by the motivation to developing practical and adapted ecosystem governance frameworks. We hope to generate a seed of change to co-create a space in Latin America to exchange learning using the experience of the SARAS T-Lab (<https://saras-institute.org/>) and the Center for Climate and Resilience Research ([www.cr2.cl](http://www.cr2.cl)). We specifically explore the use of dialogue in deliberation, hypothesizing that methods that promote dialogue among stakeholders can assist in developing shared action steps to move towards a sustainable transition in the region. Dialogue, then, can be used to bridge differences and foster connections. It has been used in situations such as facilitating engagement across different groups and bridging stakeholders and policymakers in ecosystem services management.

### Goals & Objectives

Create a space for dialogue in the region to facilitate discussions on central issues: why transdisciplinarity is essential for the transformative governance of ecosystem services. The world cafe will identify the need to explore further how inspiring ourselves to integrate different worldviews of being (ontologies), integrating different knowledge and understanding

(epistemologies), and worldviews of values (axiologies) are keys to better management of ecosystem services.

### **Planned output**

A systematization will be made of the discussion brought forward in the session. A short brief with guidelines for improving transdisciplinary dialogues to meet the challenges of ecosystem governance will be shared to all participants for review and then published as outcome of the session.

### **Session format**

The workshop will follow the World Café or Café del Mundo methodology. The World Café begins with introducing the workshop aims, a short presentation understanding of multi-, inter-, and transdisciplinary research. Participants will choose one of three breakout groups. There will be 3 tables with an expert. Each table will have a different question about the problems associated with the theme. The attendees will choose which table they are at (they can be seated or standing), and the experts open the conversation around the assigned question to each table. The members of each table can introduce themselves very quickly at the beginning. The conversation will take place in two or three rounds of half an hour in which each group must come to some conclusions about the question, and the speaker makes a short report with the answers from all the rounds. In the change of round, attendees have the opportunity to change tables and choose another question that interests them, until completing the three rounds. However, they can return to their original table at the end of the last round. At the end, the rapporteurs collect the surveys from each table (what is written on cardboard and paper) and deliver them, along with their rapporteur, to the organization.

Café Tables (preliminary questions):

- Table 1 -- What are the different systems of (scientific and non-scientific) knowledges involved in understanding ecosystem services and their governance?
- Table 2 What are the lived experiences on ecosystem services management? What can we learn by identifying their barriers or facilitators?
- Table 3 Imagining the future, how do we imagine spaces that promote the dialogue of knowledge? What ingredients would be necessary?

Time: 60-90 minutes

### **Acceptance of voluntary contributions**

Yes, I allow any abstract to be submitted to my session for review.

### **Relation to ESP Working Groups or National Networks**

Thematic Working Groups: [TWG 18 – Governance & Institutional aspects](#)