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Creating a New Field of Study: Integration and Implementation Sciences (i2S)



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Synopsis: Integration and Implementation Sciences (i2S) is both an example of convergence research in its development, and a field of study that aims to underpin and support convergence research. i2S aims to bring together a range of approaches to tackling complex societal and environmental problems, including systems thinking, interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity, action research and post-normal science in order to develop a common repository of concepts, methods and processes, as well as to make it easier to use combinations of such approaches in research programs. i2S covers three domains: 1) synthesis of disciplinary and stakeholder knowledge, 2) understanding and managing unknowns, and 3) providing integrated research support for policy and practice change. The topics covered (in alphabetical order) are: communication, change, context, decision making, diversity, integration, research implementation, stakeholder engagement, systems, teamwork, and unknowns.

About the Presenter: Gabriele Bammer BSc (Hons) BAPhD is professor of Integration and Implementation Sciences (i2S) at The Australian National University. She has held a number of visiting appointments in the USA and Europe, including as a Fulbright New Century Scholar at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard University and a theme leader at the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC). She curates the popular Integration and Implementation Insights community blog (<http://i2Insights.org>) and co-founded NITRO-Oceania, a network of leaders of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research organizations in the Oceania region.

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