

IFIS-Online-Colloquium

The Institute for Integral Studies invites you to the **IFIS Online Colloquium n° 11**:

Time:	Wednesday, January, 17 2017 , at 20.00-22.00 h , Zoom meeting.
Presenter:	Dr. Iris Kunze , IFIS and BOKU university Vienna
Topic:	<i>Inner change, social innovation and transformative communities</i>

Details

What is the potential of conscious, transformative communities for a future, innovative society and for sustainable ways of living? After decades of individualisation in Western societies a different mode of community is emerging which also prepares the ground for new ways of organisation and governance. I will present examples from social movements, especially intentional communities and ecovillages. I look at these initiatives as experiments and real world laboratories for more integrated, ecological and socially conscious ways of living including spiritual and personal growth. What kind of practices can we observe there and which culture does this generate? How can these examples inspire our own work and private life?



Short bio of the presenter: Iris Kunze (*1976) has been experiencing and researching communities from multiple perspectives since the late nineties. Being inspired by community empowerment she moved into a local eco-project in 1998 during her studies, while starting to work with meditation and integral methods. Then she approached the community topic academically, writing her master thesis and PhD on models for eco-social sustainable living, based on participant observation in several intentional communities in Germany and elsewhere. Iris co-founded the community research project at the sociology department / University of Münster, Germany where she has also

taught on this topic. Since 2011 she is affiliated with BOKU University Vienna, Austria, researching the transformative potential of community and other social movements for societies in larger EU projects. Iris co-founded the Freiburg Institute for Integral Studies in 2008 and has been one of its board members since then. She bridges research and practice by coordinating the Global Ecovillage Research platform and by living in the ecovillage community of Sieben Linden in East Germany since 2016. Personal website: <http://www.community-research.eu>

Note: The Colloquium will be held in English.



If you wish to participate, please register with us by January 14th at info@ifis-freiburg.de.

Registered participants will receive the Zoom invite upon registration.

More info on the IFIS Online Colloquium:

The main **intent of our Colloquium** – in line with [IFIS' general mission and purpose](#) – is to help connect interested integrally oriented researchers and practitioners by offering them a forum to exchange experiences around innovative approaches to complex social challenges. The colloquium is designed to strengthen the dialog and connection between IFIS' members and friends, mostly spread out in different countries and even continents. We also hope to attract new colleagues to join us and be part of IFIS' community of [integral research and inquiry](#).

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