Readings in Transdisciplinarity

The following is an initial list of about sixty sources on transdisciplinarity: books, articles, and on-line sources. They are all in English, although there is also an extensive literature in French and German, which I will also be compiling for those of us who read those languages. Cultural, educational, and science studies predominate, as do questions of epistemology and methodology. Writers also touch on anthropology, economics, management, sustainability, women’s studies, and writing. I have left off an extensive literature where transdisciplinary perspectives are applied to health care, early childhood studies, and sustainability, as these fields would require bibliographies in themselves.

In terms of chronology, the sources range from the early precursors of transdisciplinary thinking (Jantsch, Kuhn) through first efforts (Fried, Pettman) to theoretical developments in the 1980s (Gregoire and Prigogine, Meyer, Rowland). Three key publications in 1994 (De Freitas, Hooks, Gibbons) mark the beginning of sustained growth in the field. Half of the sources are from 2000 and later where the richness and diversity of the discussion really takes off. The most significant here would be the work of Klein, Nicolescu, and Nowotny. Anyone should be able to find some entry-point into the literature that would interest them and can work out from there; the fourteen on-line resources are obviously the easiest to obtain.


Costanza, Robert. Frontiers in Ecological Economics: Transdisciplinary Essays


Kuhn, Thomas S. *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions.* 3rd ed. Chicago:


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