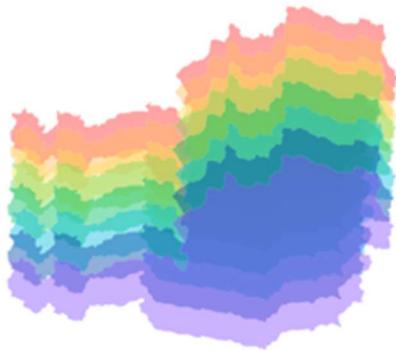


## IfGR - Flash News - June 2024



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Department of Geography and Regional Research

### Dear Viennese Geographers,

Nice to have you all here again! Our Info Mail, now Flash News, is back with a few changes. Thanks to your contributions we were able to put this together.

That's why we want to encourage you to share and promote your research and activities through this platform.

We are excited to hear from you! Please send your announcements to: [sarah.kristine.konieczka@univie.ac.at](mailto:sarah.kristine.konieczka@univie.ac.at)

## 1. Staff and Guests of the IfGR

- **Irene Abolabbas** ([irene.abolabbas@univie.ac.at](mailto:irene.abolabbas@univie.ac.at)) joined Meike Levin-Keitel's team as her assistant on 20th May 2024. She holds a Master's degree in early music and a Bachelor's degree in Piano. Working 20 hours a week, Irene supports the working group "Spatial Research and Spatial Planning" from Monday to Thursday and is also there for you in case you have any questions regarding classical music!
- We welcome **Liang YANG** in the AG ENGAGE from Wuhan. His current investigations revolve around deciphering the complexities of rock mass failure in translational landslides, particularly under excavation conditions. Liang also endeavors to quantify the movement distance of translational landslides post-failure and is actively engaged in crafting a comprehensive risk assessment model for translational landslides, with a focus on excavation-related factors. His expertise could enhance our understanding of landslide dynamics and advance our ability to mitigate associated risks effectively.
- **Lukas Behrend** became a Prae Doc member of Meike Levin-Keitel's Spatial Research and Spatial Planning working group in May. He studied urban planning and philosophy and most recently worked as a research associate at the TU Berlin. His

PhD project deals with the development of a conceptual framework on traditions in spatial planning.

- **Matthias Neumeister** (Geography and Regional Research) has been working as an organizational assistant to support Meike Levin-Keitel's Spatial Research & Spatial Planning working group since May 2024. After completing his Master's degree in Geography & Economic Education and English, he is also studying in the Master's program Spatial Research & Spatial Planning. Welcome to the team!
- **Sixuan SUN** is joining the AG ENGAGE from Wuhan. SUN's research encompass a multifaceted exploration of soil dynamics within slip zones. Her scholarly pursuits extend to investigating the intricate interplay between soil behavior, creep phenomena, and the effects of cyclic wet-dry conditions coupled with external loading.
- **Yasemin**, a 22-year-old newcomer to the Geoecology faculty, is excited to introduce herself as the new secretary. She looks forward to contributing to the team's success with enthusiasm.
- **Zhenggou LI** joined the AG ENGAGE as a scholarship holder. With a background in remote sensing, Zhenggou LI brings experience from his work at the China Geological Survey in Xi'an. His research focuses on harnessing long-term remote sensing data to meticulously track and analyze the evolution of landslides across China. Additionally, Zhenggou will be doing UAV flights to conduct detailed assessments of landslides adjacent to Chinese highway.

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## 2. Publications

- ATANASOVA D., BUND R., BUSCHMANN D., **DINIEGA R.**, DONAT J., GFÖLLNER B. & KOPF N. (eds.) (2024): Entangled Future Im/mobilities. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Mobility Studies. Transcript Independent Academic Publishing. <https://www.transcript-publishing.com/media/pdf/63/cd/0f/oa9783839473801.pdf>
- BUßE VON COLBE, J., **LEVIN-KEITEL, M.** & SCHULZE DIECKHOFF, V (2024): The future of spatial planning? Just ask my AI! – Die Planung von übermorgen aus Sicht von KI-Algorithmen. *RaumPlanung* 226(2), 29-33.
- HANGER-KOPP S., **LEMKE L.KG.** & BEIER J. (2024): What qualitative systems mapping is and what it could be: integrating and visualizing diverse knowledge of complex problems. *Sustainability Science* 19, 1065–1078. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11625-024-01497-3>

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## 3. New Project

### **Regional industrial transitions under multiscalar exnovation pressures (RITMEP)**

On June 1st, Michaela Trippl's working group kicks off the three-year research project "Regional industrial transitions under multiscalar exnovation pressures" (RITMEP) funded by the Austrian Climate Research Programme (15th Call). This project examines how

actors in three Austrian regions (Traunviertel, Wiener Umland Süd, Mostviertel-Eisenwurzen) deal with the challenge of decarbonisation in emission-intensive industries such as air transport, cement, paper, logistics, metalworking and petrochemicals.

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## 4. Viennese Geographers in the World...

**Marion Borderon** visited the research institute IRD DIAL (Development, Institutions and Globalisation) based in Paris, France as a guest researcher for a month. The aim was to strengthen the links with the team of economists working on migration issues in the context of climate change. A pilot study combining analyses of mobility based on mobile phone data with field surveys is planned for Senegal at the end of the year.

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**Zilong Liu**, a second-year PhD student from the AG Cartography and geoinformation has recently participated and presented a provocation in the Global AI Cultures workshop of ICLR 2024, and therefore joined a worldwide group of experts in machine learning, social sciences, and humanities, bringing a geographic thinking to the development of an agenda towards building more globally inclusive AI.

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## 5. Project Updates

### **tdAcademy Fellow Group**

The **tdAcademy Fellow Group** "Promoting Inclusion and Transformative Action through Narratives in Transdisciplinary Processes" offers teaching and learning materials on the importance of narratives in sustainability transformations. The course includes research overviews, theoretical input videos, practitioner interviews, and case studies. It can be used for self-learning or as open educational material. The course is available in English.

Paula Maria Bögel (University of Vechta), Karoline Augenstein (University of Wuppertal/Leuphana University Lüneburg), Meike Levin-Keitel (University of Vienna), and Anna Sundermann (Leuphana University Lüneburg)

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### **In the future now: Entangled mobilities and temporalities in climate adaptation in Morocco**

PhD student **Rachael Diniega's** book chapter "In the future now: Entangled mobilities and temporalities in climate adaptation in Morocco" was published in an edited volume of the Research Platform Mobile Cultures and Societies. Find the open access book online. She will present with colleagues at their book launch on June 27 at 6pm at the Hofburg

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## ReCity

From May 23-25 the Kick-off Meeting of the new APPEAR funded project **ReCity** took place in Vienna. ReCity investigates the revitalization of former small industrial towns in Armenia with regard to sustainable development and transformation processes. The project, a collaboration between Yerevan State University, the University of Vienna and local Armenian organizations, uses a variety of research methods to analyze potential sustainability transformations and inclusive educational programs. Special attention is given to the empowerment of women and community-based activities in urban development. The three-year project aims to support the goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, in particular SDG11, which promotes sustainable, inclusive and resilient urban development.

Project management: Harutyun Vermishvan, Yerevan State University  
Project partners: Kerstin Krellenberg and Yvonne Franz, University of Vienna.

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## 6. Events

### **Cities & Climate: Rethink, Revolutionize, Survive**

This event is part of the RECET History and Social Sciences Festival "Green Transformations"

**When:** Tuesday, 04. June 2024, 17:00-18:45h

**Where:** RECET Festival

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### **Science Scavenger Hunt**

organized together with other student representatives and grassroots groups from natural science degree programs.

**When:** Thursday, 6. June 2024

### **INTERPRAEVENT 2024**

The topic will be "Natural hazards in a changing climate - How can risks be managed in the age of global warming?"

The conference will be rounded off by an INTERPRAEVENT Science Day on 13 June, organized by the IfGR under the direction of Prof. Dr. Thomas Glade.

**When:** Monday, 10. June to Thursday 13. June 2024

**Where:** Conference Center Hofburg, Vienna

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### **Die Europäischen Grünen Tage in Wien**

die französische Botschaft und das Institut français d'Autriche laden ein  
Die Berge bewahren: Flora und Fauna im Klimawandel

**When:** Monday, 10. June

**Where:** im Naturhistorischen Museum Wien

### **Geo-Picnic**

organized via EGEA as a monthly get-together

**When:** Saturday, 19. June 2024

## **"Entangled Future Im/mobilities: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Mobility Studies"**

Final public event of the Research Platform Mobile Cultures and Societies and of the FWF DOC.funds program "Cultural Mobility Studies"

**When:** Thursday, 27. June 2024, 18:00-21:00h

**Where:** Schreyvogelsaal, Hofburg, Batthyanystrasse 26

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### **Geo-Olympics**

it will take place at the end of the semester

**When:** Tuesday, 28. June 2024

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## **7. Past Events Updates**

In May, the StV took part in several internal faculty meetings and organized various events. These included a splash stand at the Altes AKH, the big geo-fest in the Loft and a geo-picnic for the students. Furthermore, daily consultations were offered and the interests of geos and improved teaching were championed.

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