



Dear colleagues,

most of you have asked Ortrud Leßmann or me to receive news about our project GeNECA ("Fair sustainable development based on the capability approach"). Please visit our [webpage](#) where you can also find our publications. If you - at any time - don't want to receive this newsletter anymore, just reply to this mail and tell us so.

Find information on (1) new GeNECA publications especially information on the JHDC special issue on sustainability, (2) our closing workshop in May 2013 in Hamburg, (3) current GeNECA activities, and (4) on GeNECA in general.

(1) Publications:

We are proud of the special issue of the [Journal of Human Development and Capabilities](#) on The Capability Approach and sustainability, edited by Felix Rauschmayer and Ortrud Leßmann with the following contributions:

- Rauschmayer, Felix; Lessmann, Ortrud: Editorial: The Capability Approach and Sustainability, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 1–5.
- Sen, Amartya: [The ends and means of sustainability](#), *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 6–20.
- Watene, Krushil: Nussbaum's Capability Approach and Future Generations, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 2–39.
- Crabtree, Andrew: Sustainable Development: Does the Capability Approach have Anything to Offer? Outlining a Legitimate Freedom Approach, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 40–57.
- Peeters, Wouter; Dirix, Jo; Sterckx, Sigrid: Putting sustainability into Sustainable Human Development: the case for functioning constraints, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 58–76.
- Pelenc, Jérôme; Ballet, Jérôme; Dubois, Jean-Luc: Sustainable Human Development and the Capability Approach: Integrating Environment, Responsibility and Collective Agency, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 77–94.
- Lessmann, Ortrud; Rauschmayer, Felix: [Re-conceptualising Sustainable Development on the basis of the Capability Approach: a model and its difficulties](#), *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 95–114.
- Schultz, Emily; Christen, Marius; Burger, Paul: A Sustainability-fitting interpretation of the Capability Approach: Integrating the natural dimension by employing feedback-loops, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 115–133.
- Hirvilammi, Tuuli; Laakso, Senja; Lettenmeier, Michael; Lähteenoja, Satu: Studying well-being and its environmental impacts: a case study of minimum income receivers in Finland, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities* 14 (1), 134–154.

There are three further publications from members of the GeNECA-team:

- Volkert, Jürgen (2013) Governmental Poverty and Wealth Reporting, in: Hans-Uwe Otto and Holger Ziegler (eds.): *Enhancing Capabilities. The Role of Social Institutions*, Opladen and Farmington Hills: Barbara Budrich Publishers, pp. 89–108.
- Leßmann, Ortrud (2013) De capability approach en duurzaamheid : 2 concepten die samengaan? La capacité et la durabilité : deux concepts liés ? (Sustainability and capability:

bridging two concepts), in: Michel Debruyne and Sofie Put (eds.): [*De capability approach als antwoord op ongelijkheid? / L'approche par les capacités: Une reponse concrete aux inégalités ?*](#), 27-44, ACW, Brüssel, 2013.

- Leßmann, Ortrud (2013) Empirische Studien zum Capability Ansatz auf der Grundlage von Befragungen – ein Überblick, in: Gunter Graf, Elisabeth Kapferer und Clemens Sedmak (Hrsg.): *Der Capability Approach und seine Anwendung. Fähigkeiten von Kindern und Jugendlichen erkennen und fördern*, 25–62, VS-Verlag, Wiesbaden, 2013.

For a list of GeNECA discussion papers as well as other publications, please refer to our [website](#).

(2) The closing workshop of GeNECA

The workshop will take place in Hamburg 13-14 May 2013. The aim of the workshop is to present the latest findings of our research and the data on capabilities, sustainability related behaviour and attitudes gathered as part of the innovation sample of the socio-economic panel (SOEP-IS).

We invite interested colleagues to attend the workshop and participate actively in discussions! Participation is free of charge, but we ask for registration since the number of seats available is limited.

For more information please see the attached announcement.

(3) Some of the ongoing GeNECA activities:

- Peter Krause presented the GeNECA survey at the [ISQOLS-Conference](#) in Venice and at the Humboldt University Berlin.
- The abstracts submitted by Torsten Masson and Ortrud Lessmann as well as Felix Rauschmayer, Salina Centgraf and Ortrud Leßmann for the [next conference](#) of the European Society for Ecological Economics (ESEE) in June 2013 in Lille have been accepted for presentation.
- Torsten Masson is about to conduct another more detailed questioning on pro-environmental behaviour.
- Ines Omann and Ortrud Leßmann take part in the [SCORAI-workshop](#) “The Search for Good Life” in Münster in March 2013.
- We are analysing the results from the GSOEP questionnaire which was part of the [GSOEP innovation sample](#). We measured items related to (1) quality of life, (2) CA, such as opportunities, freedom, or constraints, (3) self-determination theory, (4) sustainable development, such as (a) agencies, actors and actions, (b) attitudes, expectations and justice, (c) New Ecological Paradigm, (d) Public choice, (5) Alternative currency systems and (6) Sustainable Consumption, where we had Sub-Splits on means of transportation and on buying organic food. Please get in touch if you are interested in the resulting data.
- Some of us are currently preparing abstracts for the [next HDCA-conference](#) in September in Managua (Nicaragua). The deadline for submissions has been extended to the 8th of April.
- As an outcome of our last workshop on Collective Agency and Institutions, Sustainability and the Capability Approach in September 2012 in Leipzig, Ortrud Lessmann will edit the next Maitreyee-issue on this topic in June 2013. (Maitreyee is the e-bulletin of the Human Development and Capability Association HDCA)

(4) The **project GeNECA** aims at conceptualizing sustainable development on the basis of the Capability Approach so as to combine the issues of inter- and intragenerational justice drawing on an

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integrated understanding of social, economic and environmental development. Resuming the spirit of the Brundtland commission, GeNECA puts the needs and capabilities of people all over the world, now and in future into its focus.

On the basis of conceptual reflections, a questionnaire was developed and the resulting data is currently analyzed within the project. The concept has further inspired case studies on various areas of governance to prove its usefulness in decision processes.

GeNECA is funded by the "Economics for sustainability" programme of the German ministry for research and runs from 4/10 to 3/13. The team is composed of currently 12 researchers from 5 German and 1 Austrian institutes. Find a bit more on GeNECA at www.geneca.ufz.de.

I think that these are the main news that we can give to you at this moment - if you want to know more about our project, don't hesitate contacting us!

Best wishes

Ortrud and Felix

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