



Spring Academy

PROGRAMME 2026



Tuesday 9 June

- 12:00 Arrival & Registration
- 13:00 **Getting to Know Each Other**
- 14:00 **Opening Address and Welcome**
- 14:30 Break
- 14:45 **Paper Pitch I**
- 16:30 Coffee Break
- 17:00 **Keynote**
A Life of Intellectual Balance:
Integrating Scientific Rigor and Activism
Derek Hyra
- 18:30 **Get Together with buffet** (until about 20:00)



Thursday 11 June

- 09:00 **Field Walk** aquarium
Tenant Protests in Berlin Kreuzberg
Meeting Point: in front of our venue „aquarium“
(Skalitzer Straße 6, 10999 Berlin), Metro station
„Kottbusser Tor“
Lisa Vollmer
- 12:00 Lunch (self-organised)
- 13:00 **Doing Research Workshop 2**
Insider Research and Moving Beyond Critique
Jacob Stringer
- 15:00 Break
- 15:30 **Open Space**
- 16:30 Break
- 17:00 **Public Panel Discussion** (until 19:00)
Too Political to be Credible? Too Aloof to be Relevant?
Debating Activist Scholarship
Moderation: Lisa Vollmer
Panelists: Isabelle Anguelovski, Derek Hyra,
Jacob Stringer, Miguel A. Martínez
- 19:30 **Common Dinner**
Restaurant in Berlin Kreuzberg (until about 21:00)

Wednesday 10 June

- 09:30 Welcome Back
- 09:45 **Paper Pitch II + III**
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 **Keynote**
When Research Meets Social Struggles:
The Opportunities and Tensions of Engaged Scholarship
in the Climate Justice Era
Isabelle Anguelovski
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 **Doing Research Workshop 1**
The Tensions, Challenges and Limits of Transdisciplinary
Cooperation Between Science, Civil Society and Public
Administrations
Madlen Pilz
- 16:00 **Leisure Time**
Follow our our suggestions for self-guided field walks in Berlin.



Friday 12 June

- 9:30 Welcome back
- 9:45 **Doing Research Workshop 3** aquarium
Reflecting on Hands-On Experiences
With Activist Scholarship
Matthias Bernt, Andrej Holm, Miguel A. Martínez
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 **Wrap-up & Feedback**
The IRS Spring Academy ends at 13:00

