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on Education and Diversity

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Institut für angewandte Bildungs- und Diversitätsforschung (IBuD)

EXPERT GROUPS

The Centre's research activities are divided into four expert groups:

EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK

Focusing on education in social work: e.g. the examination of social inequalities in education, the significance of education and of studying social work in the context of professionalisation.

GENDER PLUS

Different intersectional entanglements in the context of education and social work with a focus on the gender perspective, examining marginalised people such as women* and LGBTIQ+ as well as the constitution of hegemonic subjects and structures.

ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Climate and environmental justice, ecologically reflective social work, and education for sustainable development in the context of the global climate and environmental crisis as well as the resulting major change in social coexistence from the local to the global level.

CRITICISM OF RACISM AND SOCIAL WORK

Focusing on and (further) developing the critique of racism as a necessary perspective of social work practice and theory, considering further diversity categories from an intersectional perspective.

You will find the current **CONTACT PERSONS**
of the **EXPERT GROUPS**
here:

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RESEARCH AND TRANSFER

As a Centre with a strong research focus, *IBuD* offers proven expertise in applying for third-party funding, carrying out research projects, and developing concepts for social work practice.

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The insights from the Centre's research, development and transfer activities are considered in teaching and thus contribute to the topicality and quality protection of practice- and research-orientated teaching. The transfer of knowledge between university, practice and society aims to develop the profession and discipline of social work further and to create sustainable structures for participation, equality, inclusion, and exchange on an equal footing.

You can find an overview of the Centre's current and comprehensive transfer activities here:

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Two central activities: Every year, an expert forum takes place which presents the members' research and transfer activities. Publications of the Centre's working paper series can be found here:

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MAIN AREAS OF RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY

The members of the Centre conduct interdisciplinary and power-critical research on

- structural, institutional, and everyday discrimination,
- social inequality and injustice,
- educational participation and educational justice in a diverse society,
- participation and empowerment in and through educational processes.

In addition, the members of the Centre pursue the goals of developing the profession and discipline of social work further and contribute to the promotion of young talents in social work actively.



COLLABORATIONS

The members of the Centre cultivate a wide range of collaborations with organisations and stakeholders in social work. This is particularly the case in educational institutions in formal and non-formal education. A lively exchange with researchers at national and international colleges, universities, research institutions, professional associations, and interest groups is also important.

The members of the Centre are involved in third-party funded research and are available for enquiries about contract research (research and transfer projects). Enquiries about lectures, workshops, coaching, concept development or evaluations are answered with pleasure.

WRITE TO US!

We look forward to hearing from you with your research enquiry.

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