

BRIEF CHRONOLOGY OF THE TRANSDISCIPLINARITY

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1970: The birth of the word “transdisciplinarity” at the workshop *Interdisciplinary - Issues of education and research in universities*, organized by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Nice. Transdisciplinarity was considered (Jean Piaget) as acting only *through* and *across* the disciplines.

Piaget, J. 1972. « L'épistémologie des relations interdisciplinaires ». In *L'interdisciplinarité – Problèmes d'enseignement et de recherche*, ed. L. Apostel et al.

Apostel, L., Berger, G., Briggs, A. and G. Michaud (Ed.). 1972. *L'interdisciplinarité – Problèmes d'enseignement et de recherche*. Paris : Centre pour la Recherche et l'Innovation dans l'Enseignement, Organisation de Coopération et de Développement Économique.

1980: The establishment of *The Science Culture Group* in France, including a Group of Reflection on Transdisciplinarity which, in turn, used to extend and enhance the activities of the group called *The Group of Ten*. Among the members of this group can be found personalities with a transdisciplinary profile like, Edgar Morin, Henri Laborit, Jacques Delors, René Passet, Henri Atlan, Joël de Rosnay, Jacques Attali, Michel Serres, Robert Buron or Jacques Robin.

1985: I proposed the unification of the acceptations *between, within and beyond* disciplines for the definition of transdisciplinarity in my book

Basarab Nicolescu, *Nous la particule et le monde*, Le Mail, Paris, 1985.

1986: The Venice Symposium *Science at the frontiers of knowledge – The Prologue of our cultural past*, organized by UNESCO in collaboration with the Cini Foundation. In The “Venice Declaration” the transdisciplinarity appears for the first time on an institutional level.

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/declaration_de_venise.php#en

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/photogallery/Galerie_Venise.php#fr

1987: The establishment of the International Center for Transdisciplinary Research

and Studies (CIRET), Paris.

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/index_en.php

1992: The establishment, by René Berger and Basarab Nicolescu, of *The Group of Reflection on Transdisciplinarity (GRT)*, with the support of the General Director of UNESCO. This group was designed as a center for reflection on the major orientations of the international transdisciplinary works and as a liaison between various groups and transdisciplinary associations and international institutions like UNESCO.

1994: *First World Congress of Transdisciplinarity* - Convento de Arrábida, Portugal, 2-7 November 1994. Co-organizers of this congress were the UNESCO National Commission of Portugal, The Group of Reflection on Transdisciplinarity. The congress was supported by UNESCO and the International University of Lisbon. It enjoyed the patronage of the President of the Portuguese Republic, Mário Soares, of UNESCO, of the General Secretary of the European Council and of CIRET. The participants at the congress adopted a *Charter of Transdisciplinarity*, elaborated by Lima de Freitas, Edgar Morin and Basarab Nicolescu.

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/chart.php#en>

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/photogallery/Galerie_Arrabida.php#fr

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/bulletin/b3et4.php>

1996: The publication of *La Transdisciplinarité, manifeste (The Transdisciplinarity Manifesto)*, by Basarab Nicolescu, and the establishment of the series of books „Transdisciplinarité” („Transdisciplinarity”) at Éditions du Rocher, Monaco.

<http://basarab-nicolescu.fr/>

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/RocherHtm/rocher.php>

1997: The International Congress *Which University for Tomorrow? Towards a Transdisciplinary Evolution of the University*, Locarno, Switzerland, April 30 - May 2, 1997. It was organized by CIRET in collaboration with AIVAC. Sponsored by UNESCO and the government of the Ticino canton. Participants adopted a *Declaration* and a *Recomandation*.

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/congres_de_locarno.php#es

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/bulletin/b11.php>

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/photogallery/Galerie_Locarno.php#fr

2000: The International Congress *Transdisciplinarity: Joint Problem Solving Among Science, Technology, and Society - An Effective Way for Managing Complexity*, Zürich, February 28-March 3, 2000, organized by the Swiss National Fund of Scientific Research.

1997-2018: Important actions in many countries: USA, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, Chili, Switzerland, Spain, Venezuela, Argentina, Canada, Romania, France. The foundation of different transdisciplinary institutions. Publication of transdisciplinary magazines. Transdisciplinary Doctoral Programs were established in Romania (University of Cluj-Napoca), South Africa (University of Stellenbosch), USA (Texas Tech University) and Mexico (Veracruzana University).

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/doctorat.php#en>

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/biblio/theses.php>

<http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/biblio/RevTrans.php>

2005: 2nd World Congress of Transdisciplinarity, Vitoria / Vela Velha, Brazil, 6-12 September 2005

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/photogallery/Galerie_Vitoria.php#en

2014: International Congress “The Hidden Third in Different Fields of Knowledge”, Collège des Bernardins, Paris, 15 December 2014

http://ciret-transdisciplinarity.org/photogallery/Galerie_DomainesDeLaConnaissance.php#fr

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGIETWVop6uGU0ojYHboBw>

Basarab Nicolescu (Ed.), *Le Tiers Caché dans les différents domaines de la connaissance*, Bois d'Orion, France, 2016.

2018: International Congress ATLAS 2018 “Being Transdisciplinary”, University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania, 3-6 June 2018

<http://www.atlas-conference.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGIfETWVop6uGU0ojYHboBw>