

## Supervision of Thesis or Dissertation Projects

Before you contact me as regards writing a thesis (BA, MA, PhD, Habilitation) under my supervision, please make sure your research field and research questions (yes, you need to have a clear research question) are aligned to my expertise and research interests.

What I am looking forward to working with you includes:

- (1) Environmental and sustainability research that engages with contemporary or classical social theory such as network theories (including Actor-Network-Theory and relational sociology), practice theories, theories of ownership, critical sociology, theories of nature and culture, trust, the social construction of science and technology, process-oriented sociology.
- (2) Analysis of expertise and knowledge production in science, innovation, and technology.
- (3) Studies on risk, ignorance, uncertainty; at present I am particular interested in decision making under situations of not knowing (e.g., energy transitions, ecological design, chemicals in the environment, ecological restoration, Covid 19 etc.).
- (4) Theories of sustainability in relation to real world experimentation, living labs, “Reallabore” as well as transdisciplinary methods.
- (5) The emergence of alternative energy systems including the geological underground (geothermal and the like).
- (6) Analytical and empirical research on happiness and mobility (bicycling, car driving, train riding, cliff jumping, hiking, flying)
- (7) Almost anything related to science, culture, technology, and ecology that is off-beat, counterintuitive or surprising ... in short, irritating (in the best Bourdieuan sense).

If you're project plans are not closely related to those areas of research, I might not be the right supervisor for your project.

**Note: I do not supervise activist work and normative self-affirmation.**

Matthias Groß, February 2022