

Literature on transformation research and transformative research related to sustainability

Extract from the survey «Research on sustainability transformations: A mapping exercise»

The following publications were mentioned by participants when asked to name two to three publications which they see as the most relevant in the area of transformation research or transformative research.

This list summarizes responses from 21 researchers based in one of the following higher education institutions in Switzerland: BFH, Eawag, ETHZ, FH OST, FHNW, HEG-FR, HSG, HSLU, UniBe, UniGE, UniL.

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Footnotes:

Only one publication «*Welt im Wandel - Gesellschaftsvertrag für eine Große Transformation*» was mentioned twice, all others were mentioned once.

Publication dates range from 1999 to 2022.

Publications in German and English were cited.

Details on the survey participants:

We contacted in total 54 persons, combining snowball principle with accompanying desktop research. 21 persons responded, including three responses from the Romandie (no responses from the Italian speaking part of Switzerland).

Starting point for the snowball principle was the networks of the Platform Science & Policy of the SCNAT. Selection criteria were: Researchers or research-affine experts based in Switzerland that refer to transformation & sustainability in their research interests, publications or similar sources. The survey was distributed in 2 rounds. The survey contains the question “Who are important persons/groups active in research on sustainability transformations in Switzerland?”. The answers to this question were used to identify persons for the second round. The number of persons per research team/institution was limited to maximal two, as we learned from the first round that researchers often responded to the survey in the name of a whole team. For the second round, we additionally did some desktop research to cover persons working at higher education institutions from which we did not get a response yet in the first round.

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