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APPEAR Book | Participative Knowledge Production through Transnational and Transcultural Academic Cooperation

Creating transdisciplinary and transnational spaces of mutual learning and participative research instead of one-sided knowledge transfer is the interest of APPEAR. The programme has established 17 academic partnerships with institutions across Latin America, Africa and Asia since its inception in 2009, which are already completed. The recent publication describes exciting examples of participative and transcultural knowledge production, which are highly relevant to issues of sustainable development in the addressed countries. The book was edited by the head of the programme, Dr. Andreas J. Obrecht.

[Book](#) | [eBook](#)

APPEAR Booklet | Facts and Figures 2010 - 2014

This booklet presents some of the programme's achievements attained during the phase of the programme running from 2010 to 2014 with a particular focus on the quantitative results.

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Call for Applications 2016 - Deadline 31 May 2016

The 6th Call for Applications opened on 1 February 2016.

Application forms, guidelines and further information are available on our website:

www.appear.at/application

The call is open for:

- Preparatory Funding
- Academic Partnership
- Advanced Academic Partnership
- Individual PhD scholarships

The deadline for submissions for all funding instruments is 31 May 2016.

Results of 5th Call

The 5th call in 2015 was open to applications for Preparatory Funding, Academic Partnership, Advanced Academic Partnership and individual PhD scholarships.

In the framework of two Selection Board meetings the following have been awarded:

- 10 Preparatory Fundings - [click here for details](#)
- 12 PhD scholarships
- 3 Advanced Academic Partnerships
- 4 Academic Partnerships

Preparatory Fundings are currently implemented and full project proposals will be submitted at the end of February 2016. The next Selection Board meeting in June 2016 will decide about the last projects that will result from the 5th Call for Applications.

South Caucasus and Black Sea Region universities in first ever cooperation with APPEAR

Georgia, Armenia and Moldova last year became eligible countries in the APPEAR programme. Highlighting the interest in these countries about one quarter of all applications submitted in the 2015 call was looking for a cooperation with one of these countries. Currently three Preparatory Fundings are implemented in Georgia, Armenia and Moldova.

A radio broadcast dedicated to higher education cooperation with these countries was produced last year. [Link to podcast](#)

New APPEAR projects

Seven new projects were selected at the end of 2015 and will start beginning of 2016. The projects will be presented on the APPEAR website soon.

- **Four Academic Partnerships**

Implementation of Academic Land Administration Education in Ethiopia for Supporting Sustainable Development

A partnership between University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Debre Markos University, Technical University of Vienna, Bahir Dar University

Strengthening Capacities for Agricultural Education, Research and Adoption in Kenya

A partnership between Egerton University, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna

Local Cattle Breeds of Burkina Faso – Characterization and Sustainable Utilization

A partnership between University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna, University of Koudougou, Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles, Université Polytechnique de Bobo-Dioulasso

Strengthening of Higher Education, Research and Community Outreach in Agro-Ecology in the Rwenzori Region in Western Uganda

A partnership between University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Mountains of the Moon University

- **Three Advanced Academic Partnerships**

Professional Social Work in East Africa - Towards Sustainable Impact

A partnership between Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Makerere University, University of Nairobi, Institute of Social Work Tanzania, University of Rwanda, Hope Africa University Burundi

Advanced Academic Partnership for Legal and Human Rights Education between Karl Franzens University of Graz, Ethiopian Civil Service University and Addis Ababa University

A partnership between University of Graz, Ethiopian Civil Service University, Addis Ababa University

Rooting Development in the Palestinian Context

A partnership between Birzeit University, University of Vienna, Al-Azhar University, NGO Mousawat, NGO

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APPEAR on air & press coverage

The radio broadcasts are in German only!

Between a Soviet past and a new beginning - APPEAR's new eligible countries

This one-hour feature tackles the situation in the three new eligible countries of the APPEAR programme. The Soviet past as well as current socio-economic developments, the significant role of universities, research and education for development and cross-cutting issues of the APPEAR programme such as inclusion, are highlighted in this radio broadcast. [Link to podcast](#)

The International Training Programme in Limnology - Perspectives and Experiences

The guests of this radio broadcast introduced the the International Training Programme in Limnology (IPGL) and talked about the history of this 40-year-old cooperation between East Africa and Austria, its relevance for development and latest trends and achievements. Najib Bateganya, an IPGL graduate and APPEAR scholarship holder was interviewed as well. [Link to Najib's profile and to podcast](#)

Climate change in Nicaragua

In this radio broadcast two experts from an [APPEAR-project](#) talked about climate change on the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua, one of the most vulnerable regions. They also discussed about the negative impact on vital sectors such as agriculture, fisheries or tourism, as well as about the resources that are required for the protection of the global climate. [Link to podcast](#)

APPEAR - review and outlook

The three guests of this radio broadcast had been involved in the setting up and the implementation of the APPEAR programme from the very beginning. Listen to their conclusions with regard to North-South higher education cooperation as well as to the novelties of the programme. [Link to podcast](#)

Urban human settlements in Nicaragua

The Austrian project coordinator of the APPEAR-project [urban_managua](#), a team member and a student were invited to talk about the challenges with regard to increasing housing requirements in cities. They also talked about innovative and transdisciplinary methods in the field of urban planning that were implemented in Nicaragua. [Link to podcast](#)

APPEAR Press coverage

The press coverage informs about news and dissemination on APPEAR-project level as well as on programme level. If you are interested in all kind of articles around APPEAR visit the website. [Press coverage](#)

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Scholarship holders and alumni

Learn more about what APPEAR scholarship holders and alumni have recently achieved, presented and published. [Follow this link](#)

- Article on SDGs and education for sustainable development, Paul T. Yillia
- Winner of the Inge Dirmhirn Prize, Lemlem Aregu Behailu
- 6th National Science and Mathematics, Research and Innovation Award of Ethiopia, Tesfaye Getachew
- Contribution to APPEAR Publication, Kalkidan Obse
- Contribution to APPEAR Publication, Wossen Argaw Tegegn
- Contribution to APPEAR Publication, Ronald Luwangula and Elijah Ndung'u
- Contribution to APPEAR Publication, Sarah Ayeri Ogalleh

- Speaker at event "40th Anniversary IPGL", Najib Lukooya Bateganya
- Articles in Journal of Plant Nutrition and Soil Science & Journal of Environmental Hazards, Joshua Zake

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