



Ladies and gentlemen,

like usual, the last months at the sfs were eventful and productive. Old and new collaborations, new publications and the fruitful and intensive international exchange of knowledge could be seen in many research areas.

Also we have to inform you that the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will apply from May 25. Of course we respect and fulfill all terms of the law and no data will be passed to third parties.

A second mail with more details about this law, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), will be sent soon to you. In this upcoming mail we will ask you, if you still want to receive our newsletter or if you want to unsubscribe your mail address from the list of recipients.

**Kind regards and a beautiful day**

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### **Atlas of Social Innovation was presented at the Asia-Pacific-Forum of the United Nations in Bangkok**

The Fifth Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development: „Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies” took place from 28 to 30 March 2018 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. Organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) with more than 750 participants, including representatives from 51 countries, 29 International organizations and representatives of civil society, Antonius Schröder was invited to present the Atlas of Social Innovation and the main results of the SI-DRIVE project at a fair stand and in the side event “Social Innovations for Social Change: An Alternate Pathway for Creating an Enabling Environment for Sustainable and Resilient Communities”.

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### **Prof. Jürgen Howaldt visits the Social Innovation Observatory in Florianopolis**

During his stay in Brazil Jürgen Howaldt took the opportunity to visit the State University of Santa Catarina and to exchange ideas about Social Innovation Initiatives in Brazil and Germany. He also has spoken to representatives of the Social innovation Observatory that aims to create an ecosystem for social innovation in the city of Florianopolis.

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### **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt presents SI-DRIVE results in Brazil**

Following the invitation of the Brazilian government Prof. Dr. Jürgen Howaldt presented the results of the global mapping of the SI-DRIVE-project at the International Seminar “Social Innovation and public policy” which took place from 7th to 8th of March in Brasilia. Together with national and international experts from the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank), the World Bank and the Brazilian government more than 300 participants exchanged ideas about social innovation initiatives and discussed the possible role of social innovation for public policy in Brazil. For more insights into the conference and the presentation of Prof. Jürgen Howaldt a conference video is embedded in this news.

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### **Videos of the CrESSI final conference in Oxford are now online**

The final event of CrESSI (Creating Economic Space for Social Innovation) at the Said Business School, University of Oxford on 26th of January brought together academics, practitioners and policymakers from a wide range of disciplines to focus on how interventions drawing on social innovation can address major economic, social and power imbalances and inequalities. Videos of the speakers, like of Prof. Jürgen Howaldt, who also presented the project SI-DRIVE and the “Atlas of Social Innovation” are now available.

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**Transformative Social Innovation: Julia Wittmayer and Bonno Pel present TRANSIT results at the sfs**

February 2nd 2018, Julia Wittmayer (DRIFT, Rotterdam) and Bonno Pel (Université Libre de Bruyelles) visited the sfs in Dortmund. Their presentation was part of an exchange of theoretical findings between international research projects on social innovation. Wittmayer and Pel presented and discussed the “relational framework” and the 12 derived propositions, as developed in the TRANSIT project.

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**New interview with Jürgen Howaldt about "Social Innovation" is available**

The topic "Social Innovation" is pushing more and more into the public discourse and it is getting more attention by scientists and often interdisciplinary research. In an interview sfs-director Jürgen Howaldt is giving insights to this object of research – and portraits the international project SI-DRIVE. The interview, done by the German-Canadian Centre for Innovation and Research (GCCIR) in Edmonton, which is a multilateral initiative for the development of German–Canadian, and more recently, French-Canadian research and business relations, is now online.

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**250 participants discuss the future of social innovation at SI-DRIVE final conference**

From October 24th to 25th, 2017, the Final Conference of the EU 7th Framework funded project SI-DRIVE was held successfully in Brussels, Belgium: “Social Innovation – Research and Policy of the Future: towards a comprehensive innovation policy” brought together over 250 practitioners, researchers and policy makers from 44 countries in the field of social innovation and policy.

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**New publication: “The Plastics Revolution: How the Netherlands became a global player in plastics”**

On November 8th, the book “The Plastics Revolution: How the Netherlands became a global player in plastics” was officially presented at the annual meeting of the DPI – The Polymer Research Platform, on the occasion of DPI’s 20th anniversary. The book is co-authored by Harry Lintsen (professor emeritus of Eindhoven University of Technology), Marijn Hollestelle (Foundation for the History of Technology) and Rick Hölsgens (TU Dortmund – Social Research Center).

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### **A push for social inclusion! EU-projekt JobAct Europe has started**

Under the shared goal of strengthening the labor market position of disadvantaged groups – partners from Italy, France, Hungary and Germany came together in the EU-project JobAct Europe. Scientifically supported by sfs, refugees, NEETs and unemployed youths are accompanied on their way into the labor market through a combination of drama work and job training. The Erasmus+-funded project started with a kick-off-workshop at the coordinator, the Projektfabrik Witten from October 8 – October 10 2017.

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### **Global Science Week 2017 discusses social innovation in science and society**

How can science contribute to solving increasingly complex societal challenges? The Tsukuba Global Science Week (TGSW 2017), with its thematic focus “Science for Social Innovation”, addressed this question by bringing together researchers across borders and disciplines in Tsukuba Science City, the largest science and technology hub in Japan. Dr. Christoph Kaletka (TU Dortmund University / sfs) held the opening keynote and addressed the largely untapped potential of social innovation research and policy..

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