INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

This event is organised primarily for researchers of the r4d programme. Please register your attendance via the r4d Skills events website until 7 August 2018. Participation is limited to 35 persons.

VENUE

The r4d Skills Knowledge for Development takes place at Vatter Business-Center, Bärenplatz 2, 3011 Bern which is a short walking distance away from the train station.



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Swiss Programme for Research on Global Issues for Development

r4d Skills Knowledge for Development

Bern 14 August 2018 9:15 - 13:00/14:00



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Knowledge for Development

For more than 20 years development cooperation agencies have been exploring more effective ways of using internal knowledge and of acquiring external knowledge. Which role do and can researchers take in these attempts?

The "1989-99 World Development Report on Knowledge for Development" published by the World Bank marked the beginning of a new discourse of knowledge-based aid. The underlying assumption is that knowledge-based aid leads to more efficient and effective agencies and aid. Kenneth King and Simon McGrath (2004) explored what this shift implied in four development agencies.

The r4d programme started in 2012 as a joint initiative between a development agency and a science foundation with the aim to provide knowledge, tools and technologies for development. The underlying assumption is that researchers in transnational partnerships using inter-and transdisciplinary approaches and adequate communication deliver results which can be used by policy makers and practitioners.

In our r4d Skills, Kenneth King will provide a critical input on the ambitions of knowledge-based aid, looking back on this agency-wide phenomenon 15 years after their book publication. Participants will discuss their experiences with engaging stakeholders and thus reaching out to the development world. As a joint wrap-up the pros and cons of the two approaches "knowledge for development" and "research for development" will be explored with an emphasis on the role of researchers.

KENNETH KING

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Programme

Where	Vatter Business-Center, Bern
When	Tuesday, 14 August 2018, 9.30–13.00/14.00
09.00	COFFEE AND GIPFELI for early arrivers
09.15	WELCOME Claudia Rutte/Claudia Zingerli
09.30	KNOWLEDGE FOR DEVELOPMENT? Kenneth King
10.30	INTRODUCTION to group work
10.40	BREAK
11.00	GROUP WORK
11.45	PRESENTATION of group work
12.15	WRAP-UP Facilitated by Kenneth King
13.00	LUNCH (please indicate on the registration form whether you will stay for lunch at Mishio Vatterland Restaurant)

14.00 END of r4d Skills

