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## Highlights

### 01\ Competence Atlas Water Technology in Hesse Launched

The online version of the Competence Atlas on Water technology and Water management in Hesse has been launched. ISOE was one of the partners developing the Atlas which presents the water and waste water sector in Hesse with its different competences. The atlas aims at supporting the network of Hessian technology in this sector and its regional marketing. The online version is available on <http://kompetenzatlas-wasser.hessen-umwelttech.de/index-e.htm>, a print version will be out shortly.

### 02\ First Results from "Intelliekon" on EEDAL 2009

First results from the Smart Metering project "Intelliekon" were presented at EEDAL 2009 (Energy Efficiency in Domestic Appliances and Lighting) in Berlin. "Intelliekon" is a joint project of Fraunhofer-Institute for Solar Energy Systems (ISE) and ISOE. Researchers investigate if Smart Metering in combination with feedback information to consumers promotes sustainable energy consumption. Furthermore they are interested in what motivates consumers to use this information. More on: <https://www.eedal.eu/index.php?id=11557>

### 03\ Gender Study on Sustainable Consumption

Developed in EUPOPP Project ISOE has worked out a paper on "Gender Aspects of Sustainable Consumption Strategies and Instruments" within the project "Policies to Promote Sustainable Consumption Patterns" ([www.eupopp.net](http://www.eupopp.net)). Main hypothesis and findings on the interface between gender knowledge on sustainable consumption and policy making will be discussed on a stakeholder workshop in Brussels, July 10. The project is funded by the EU Seventh Framework Programme. More on the project and download of the paper on <http://www.isoe.de/english/projects/eupopp.htm>

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### 04\ New Brochure on Climate Protection

The Federal Ministry of Education and Research published a brochure on climate protection with authors of ISOE being in charge. It highlights contributions made by Social-Ecological Research to issues of climate change. The brochure is available for download on the homepage of the ministry: <http://www.sozial-oekologische-forschung.org/en/1384.php> . A print version can be obtained as well.

### 05\ Konrad Goetz as Contributing Author in "Subject-Oriented Approaches to Transport"

Konrad Goetz (ISOE) wrote a chapter in the new book "Subject-Oriented Approaches to Transport" edited by Christian Holz-Rau and Joachim Scheiner (2009). The publication aims at making a case for the recently emerging 'Subjective Perspectives' in transport studies and transport planning. It includes concepts as different as lifestyle, milieu, emotion and accessibility preferences with Konrad Goetz focusing on so-called subjective and objective factors in empirical mobility research. More information on the book on [http://www.raumplanung.uni-dortmund.de/rp/newssingle\\_de.html?&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=194&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=3&cHash=1c9e359128](http://www.raumplanung.uni-dortmund.de/rp/newssingle_de.html?&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=194&tx_ttnews[backPid]=3&cHash=1c9e359128)

### 06\ Findings from RARE Project Summarised in New Book

The book "Corporate Social Responsibility in Europe" is the outcome of the project "Rhetoric and Realities: Analysing Corporate Social Responsibilities in Europe" (RARE). ISOE made significant contributions to the project summarised by Irmgard Schultz (ISOE) in a chapter on Corporate Social Responsibility for gender equality. The book is edited by Regine Barth and Franziska Wolff and available at Edward Elgar Publishing. Find out more about RARE project on <http://www.isoe.de/english/projects/rare.htm>

### **07\ Results of the Project "Leisure traffic in Urban Areas"**

Published A new publication by Konrad Goetz (ISOE), Timo Ohnmacht and Helmut Schad (Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Switzerland) sums up methods and outcome of the project "Leisure traffic in Urban Areas" in Switzerland. The article "Leisure Mobility Styles in Swiss Conurbations: Construction and Empirical Analysis" is published in Transportation 36 (2) 243 - 265. A free preview is available on: <http://www.springerlink.com/content/p6r41836010h032p/?p=11158633ef7f4734aeab5ac3b4ccb952&pi=0>

### **08\ Systemic Risks: Editorial Focus in GAIA Continued**

ISOE scientist Florian Keil guest edited a thematic focus "Systemic Risks" in the reviewed journal GAIA together with Ortwin Renn from Stuttgart University. According to the authors the aggravating financial and economic crisis marks the rise of Systemic Risks as a new threat for our globalised societies. Systemic Risks challenge today's institutions of risk management as they are not prepared to account for systemic interrelations. The new articles continue a series which started with GAIA issue 17/4 (2008). More information: [www.oekom.de/etc/gaia.html](http://www.oekom.de/etc/gaia.html)

### **09\ Transdisciplinarity on the European Conference on Sustainable Development**

Thomas Jahn from ISOE gave a lecture on the impact of transdisciplinary approaches for European sustainability research on the EU-conference "Sustainable development - a challenge for European research". The conference took place in Brussels, May 26 to 28. Participants of the conference were scientists and representatives of European Commission, NGOs and industry. Lecture and presentation are available for download: [http://www.isoe.de/ftp/tagungen/thj\\_SusDevEu\\_0509Brussel.pdf](http://www.isoe.de/ftp/tagungen/thj_SusDevEu_0509Brussel.pdf) (Lecture), <http://www.isoe.de/ftp/tagungen/ThJConfSustDevMay2009Brussel.pdf> (Presentation)

### **10\ Further New Publications**

Keil, Florian/Thomas Jahn (2009): Social-Ecological Approaches to Address and Manage Systemic Risks. In: Broder Breckling/Hauke Reuter/Richard Verhoeven (Hg.): Implications of GM-Crop Cultivation at Large Spatial Scales. Proceedings of the GMLS-Conference 2008 in Bremen. Theorie in der Ökologie, Bd. 14. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 177-178

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