



SESSION DESCRIPTION

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The IPBES experience – advancing ES thinking?

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Abstract:

IPBES (Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services) is the first politically backed, global and inclusive assessment on biodiversity and its services. Following on other assessments like MA and TEEB, IPBES is also a massive experiment, taking the - mainly scientific and theoretical- concepts on nature-society thinking to a global political arena.

As can be expected, this resulted in debate on the role of (western) science, the power of information and jargon, the importance and challenge of including indigenous local knowledge, the objection of economic terminology by countries, regions and groups with different worldviews or a past of environmental conflicts, inclusion of multiple values, etc.

Not only has this experience been interesting from the point of implementation, but -in the true spirit of cocreation- it has challenged and advanced our theoretical concepts as well. In this session, an interactive workshop will try answer questions as: *how can the ES community take stock of the IPBES experience? Should we adapt some of our methods and discourse? How can we improve our science towards the global challenges set out by IPBES? And how can we improve connection of IPBES with the theoretical base of the ES community?*

Goals and objectives of the session:

- Firmly connect scientific developments within IPBES and ESP
- Host debate on NCP and other advances in relation to the field
- Derive key points of adaptation and actions to implement these
- Harness the scientific advances of IPBES and how ES community can respond pro-actively

Planned output / Deliverables:

Paper
 suggestions for ESP strategy and focus
 suggestions for IPBES scientific input



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