



International Symposium **„Experiential Vignettes and Anecdotes as Research, Evaluation and Mentoring Tool“**

12-13 June 2015

Innsbruck, Austria

**in Cooperation with the Center for Learning Research and the Center for Learning Schools
School of Education, University of Innsbruck**

Growing recognition for teaching as a complex, situated activity has led to greater interest in the experiences of both teaching and learning. The question recently posed in the OECD's Innovative Learning Environments programme as to how learners experience the learning trajectory of an environment is part of an emerging pattern echoing Michael Schratz' (2009) coining "*lernseits*" in the German-speaking world to steer attention to learning, John Hattie's (2008) plea for making invisible learning visible, Carol Ann Tomlinson's (2008) call to "disaggregate 'the students'" among many others. At the same time, Gert Biesta (2010) warns educators of "learnification" and refocuses on the educative in education.

In order to assess the effectiveness of any practice in education, whether from the inside or outside, information about learning results via standards testing is inadequate for informing practice, particularly when the interest lies in the educative learning experiences of students and practitioners.

Käte Meyer-Drawe's ground-breaking work in the German-speaking world has positioned learning as experience from a phenomenological perspective. Based on her work, the vignette methodology was developed to conduct foundational research into the experience of learning in a nation-wide grant-funded research project at the University of Innsbruck (Schratz, Schwarz & Westfall-Greiter 2012) and has recently been extended to include anecdotes in a longitudinal study of educative processes in Austrian middle schools. Since then the vignette methodology has been applied in the contexts of evaluation and mentoring in teacher education and new possibilities are opening regarding the use of both vignettes and anecdotes in professional and school development.

The purpose of this symposium is to bring together an international community interested in exploring the vignette and anecdote methodology in a range of contexts found in education systems. The symposium will address the following questions posed by Lorna Earl and Louise Stoll at the International Conference for School Effectiveness and Improvement 2013 through a variety of perspectives, with the goal of pushing the thinking further:

- How can we research lifeworld sensitively to gain insights into learning and teaching?
- How can vignettes and anecdotes be used to unpack what is going on in schools?
- How can they be used to support practitioners?
- How can vignettes and anecdotes make meaningful contributions to teacher education and professional development?
- How can they serve as embedded evaluation tools for practitioners engaged in innovation?



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Programme

Friday, 12 June 2015

12:30	Arrival and Registration Welcome coffee		
14:00	Opening: Insights into Experiential Data Michael Schratz, Lorna Earl & Louise Stoll		
15:30	Coffee Break		
16:00 – 17:30	Workshop Sessions: Insights into Vignettes and Anecdotes		
	Workshop 1 Insights into Vignettes and Anecdotes as Research Instruments (Johanna F. Schwarz & Markus Ammann)	Workshop 2 Insights into Vignettes as Evaluation Tool (Tanja Westfall-Greiter & Helga Diendorfer)	Workshop 3 Insights into Vignettes as Mentoring and Supervising Tool (Veronika Weiskopf-Prantner & Gabriele Rathgeb)
17:45 – 18:30	Plenary: New Insights, Ideas and Inklings What do the application areas have in common? What potentials and impacts are coming into view?		
19:00	Symposium Dinner (optional)		

Saturday, 13 June 2015

9:00	Keynote: Phenomenology as a Philosophy of Experience – Implications for Pedagogy
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	Käte Meyer-Drawe		
10:30	Coffee Break		
11:00 – 12:30	Workshop Sessions: Potentials and Possibilities		
	Workshop 4 Vignettes and Anecdotes Embedded in Longitudinal Studies of Educative Process and Experience (Evelyn Eckhart)	Workshop 5 Vignettes and Anecdotes in Professional Development (Michael Kahlhammer & Christoph Hofbauer)	Workshop 6 Vignettes and Anecdotes in School and Systems Development (TBA)
12:30	Light Lunch Buffet		
13:15 – 15:00	Interactive Plenary: New Horizons: Potentials and Possibilities of Vignettes and Anecdotes in Pedagogical Contexts		



Social Programme & School Visits (optional)

Tyrolean Evening, 19:00, 12 June 2015

Kulturgasthaus Bierstindl, Kloostergasse 6, 6020 Innsbruck (Dinner cost, EUR 20 – 30)

Alpine Panorama and Tyrolean Experience, 16:00 – 21:00, 13 June 2015

Weather permitting, we will be taking a leisurely walk along paths above Innsbruck and having dinner at a Tyrolean hut. (Dinner cost, EUR 20 – 30).

Insights into Lower Secondary Education in Austria, Monday, 15 June 2015 (optional)

This is an optional program for international visitors. Please indicate your interest in the registration form or contact Tanja Westfall-Greiter directly: Tanja.westfall-greiter@zls-nmseb.at

8:00 – 13:00 School Visits

Lunch in Innsbruck (on your own)

15:00 – 17:00 Conversation with Teacher Leaders and School Principals, University of Innsbruck

Symposium Fee: A fee of € 40 (cash only) will be collected at the symposium registration to cover materials, coffee breaks and lunch.

Registration Deadline: 15 May 2015

Online Registration:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1X1V0olkS9ZNwUVIKDzEPYFALh6uO5qNT-GaFm9fJebg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

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Accommodation

The following hotels are within walking distance of the university:

Hotel Innsbruck Innrain 3 6020 Innsbruck www.hotelinnsbruck.com Tel. +43 (0) 512 598680	Best Western Hotel Mondschein Mariahilfstraße 6 6020 Innsbruck www.mondschein.at Tel. +43 (0) 512 22784
Basic Hotel Innsbruck Innrain 16 6020 Innsbruck www.basic-hotel.at Tel. +43 (0) 512 586385	Hotel Central Gilmstraße 5 6020 Innsbruck www.central.co.at Tel. +43 (0) 512 5920

How to get to Innsbruck

You can either fly into Innsbruck or choose the less expensive alternatives of Munich or Zurich.

From Munich airport

By train: approx. 3 hrs, one-way fare approx. EUR 47, return approx. EUR 88.
http://www.bahn.de/p_en/view/index.shtml

By shuttle service: pick up at Terminal and drop off at hotel in Innsbruck, 2-3 hrs, return ticket approx. EUR 90. <https://www.tirol-taxi.at/>

By coach, 5 times a day fixed times, pick up at airport, drop off at bus terminal in Innsbruck, 3 hrs, one-way ticket EUR 12.50: <http://meinfernbus.de/en>

From Zurich airport

By train from airport to Innsbruck, 4 hrs, single ticket CHF 84.
<http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>

What to do in Innsbruck and beyond

For more information about Innsbruck visit <http://www.innsbruck.info/en/home.html>

Take a City Tour of Innsbruck, visit the Imperial Palace, explore the Tyrolean Folk Museum, have coffee at the top of the Bergisel ski jump, explore the Alpine Zoo, shop til you drop in Innsbruck's Old City, ... the list is endless and there is something for everyone, from hikers and bikers to history and ethnography buffs. Find out more about <http://www.innsbruck.info/en/experience.html>. *Tip:* The Innsbruck City Card is a great deal



for those who want to get the most out of a short stay.

<http://www.innsbruck.info/en/experience/innsbruck-card-alt/included-services.html>

Take the funicular to the Hafelekar on the Northern Chain above Innsbruck

<http://www.nordkette.com/en> and marvel at the spectacular view of the Wipp Valley, which was a north-south route for the Romans and today a main transit to Italy.

Take a half-day trip to Seefeld <http://www.seefeld-sports.at/en>, a stunning half-hour train ride from Innsbruck.

Take a day trip to Salzburg, two hours from Innsbruck by train

(<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en>).

Take a day trip to (Italy/South Tyrol), e.g. Brixen (1½ hrs) or Bolzano (2 hrs) by train

(<http://fahrplan.oebb.at/bin/query.exe/en>).

Visit the newly expanded Swarovski Crystal Worlds in Wattens (reopening May 2015), by shuttle bus half an hour from Innsbruck:

<http://kristallwelten.swarovski.com/Content.Node/Startseite.en.html>

Take a half-day trip to Tratzberg Castle, one of the most spectacular Renaissance castles in Austria that is still occupied by the Enzenberg family: http://www.schloss-tratzberg.at/index.php/schlosswirt_tratzberg.html