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Conflict Research as Action Research - Insights from a German - East African Project
(Presentation in English)

As part of the BMBF-funded Art:D-Grids project (*Africa: Research and Teaching on Development-Grids*, <https://www.art-d.net/>), we, as one part of an interdisciplinary team, are currently conducting research on the social side(s) of sustainable energy transition. Aiming at the sustainability of renewable energy provision, we are focussing on participatory conflict research in East African microgrid communities, in order to find and work with possible disturbances and make stakeholder needs heard. Our research is set within a broad understanding of Grounded Action Methodology

The presentation is intended to show and discuss results from the field, show meaningful cases of conflict, and reflect on power relations in an international project setting. With this we want to indicate the power of Action Research to improve co-operation and jointly to design pedagogical, social and political measures of grounded action.

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