## **Event Invitation**





## Socioscientific Issues in Society: Fostering an Ethic of Care Through Scientific Literacy

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**9.12.2021, 16:00** (online via Zoom; registration via e-mail to zentrum.bildungsforschung@hu-berlin.de) Chairs: Dr. Anna Beniermann & Prof. Dr. Annette Upmeier zu Belzen (Biology Education)



Socioscientific Issues (SSI) is uniquely positioned as a sociocultural progressive education framework. This is what makes SSI viewed as "Science-in-Context." It requires a blend of socioscientific reasoning as well as the exercise of socioscientific perspective taking (SSPT). Surprisingly, SSI also affords an opportunity for serendipity, that may be thought of as the gift of finding, by the combination of chance and wisdom, certain valuable or agreeable things not sought, while in pursuit of something else. From an epistemic stance, this entails a kind of open-mindedness that arises from the ability to formulate pluralistic perspectives. From a pedagogical stance, SSI may be thought of as a kind of discovery made because the individual is mentally equipped not to disregard or overlook something new or strange while on the quest for another goal. The aim of this talk is to provide an overview of salient features of SSI, its role in transferring an ethic of care in society, present examples and encourage discussion.

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