

# HANDBOOK OF TRANSDISCIPLINARITY: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

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– Heide Hackmann, University of Pretoria, South Africa

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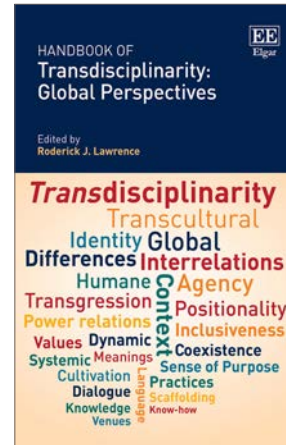
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