

# CROSSING BORDERS

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RAINS

FLOODING

BUILD LEVEE

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Climate change

Urbanization

Land use change

River engineering works

Floodplain urbanization

Vulnerability

Exposure

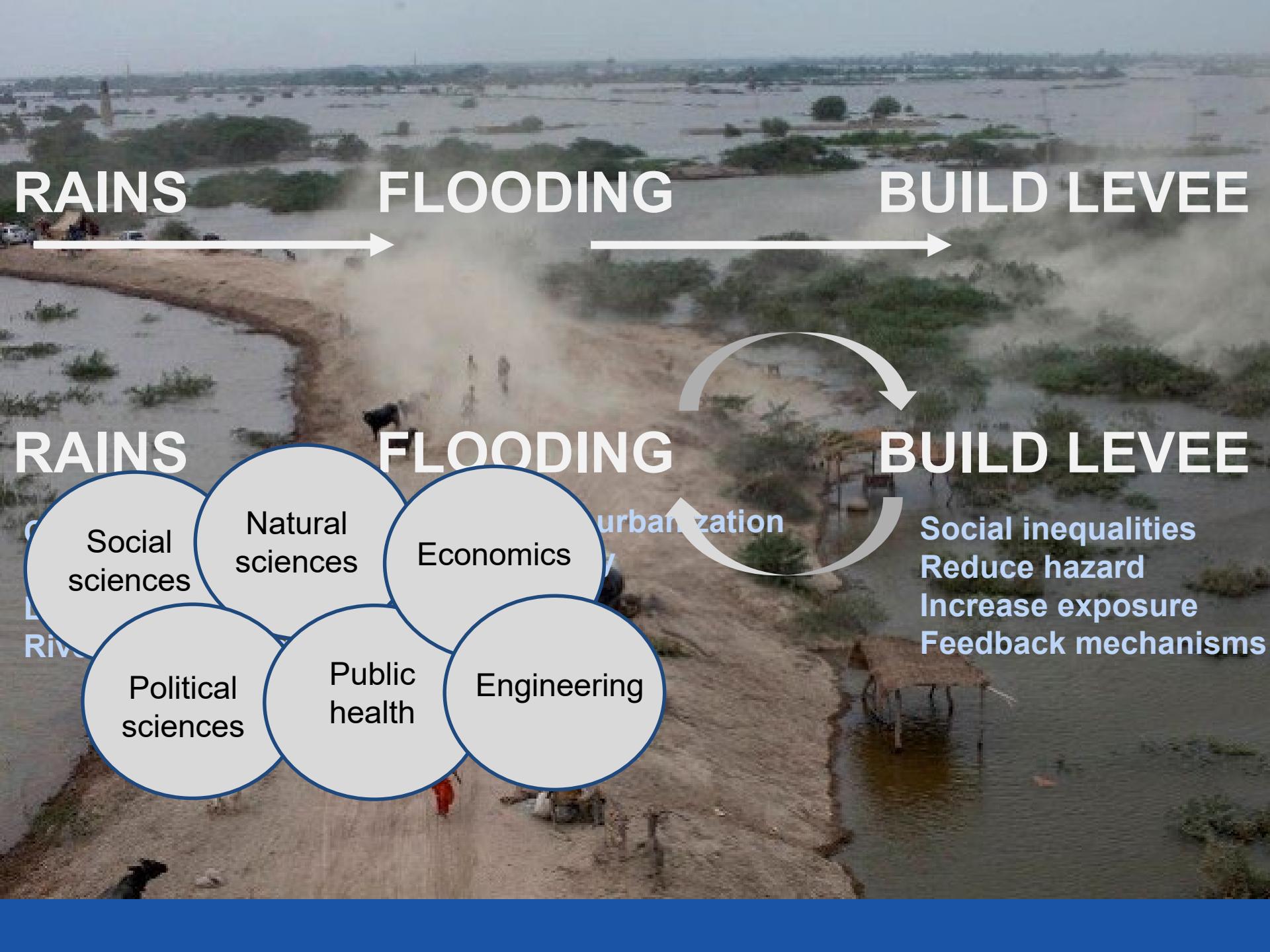
Preardness

Social inequalities

Reduce hazard

Increase exposure

Feedback mechanisms







# CURRICULUM LEVEL

Extra discipline skills, knowledge, attitude

Rooted foundation in own discipline



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Extra discipline skills, knowledge, attitude

Holistic approach to societal needs

Awareness of wicked problems

Skills to collaborate with other disciplines

Exercise flexibility and adaptability

Rooted foundation in own discipline

Resources, time to make room for the horizontal bar

Student ask for **THE** solution, tend to avoid uncertainty, reluctance to accept broader perspective

What to prioritize?

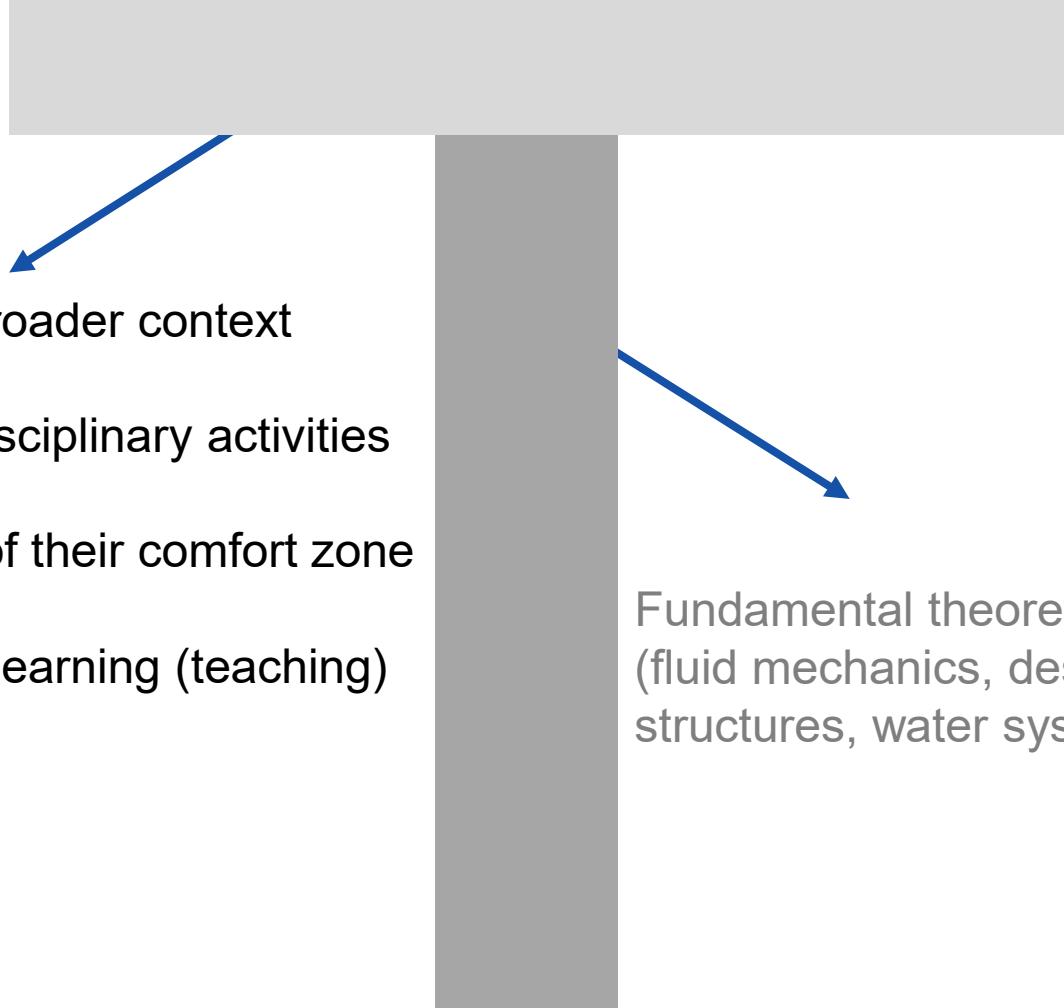
# COURSE LEVEL

Put contents into broader context

Cross-multi-inter-disciplinary activities

Take students out of their comfort zone

Foster creativity in learning (teaching)



Fundamental theoretical knowledge  
(fluid mechanics, design of hydraulic  
structures, water system modelling)

# fluid mechanics and circus



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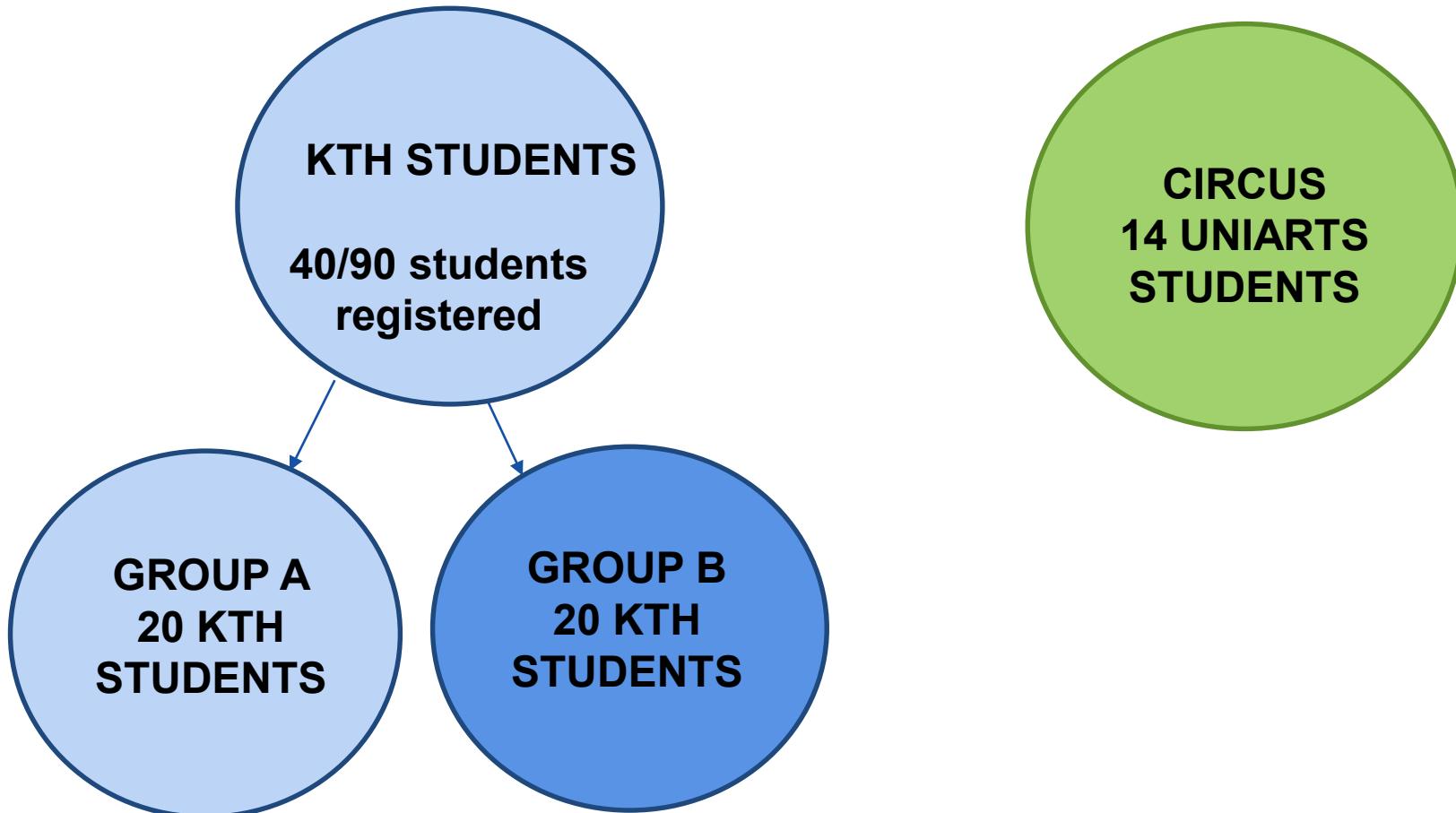
# fluid mechanics and circus

**3<sup>rd</sup> year KTH students, AE1601/AE1603 Fluid mechanics**

**1<sup>st</sup> year SKH students, Performance and Interpretation**



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***Learn by teaching (Docendo discimus, Seneca, 2100 year ago)***

you have understood something when you can explain it to someone!

Especially someone with a very different background than yours

>>>creativity in learning



***Learn by assessing (Rebecca Welch, FIFA referee)***

what you learn in class, should not stay in class!

To exercise what you learn, it is a good practice to transport concepts learned in class to the reality of your daily life

>>>take students out of comfort zone

## GROUP A 20 KTH STUDENTS



### Learning objectives

Transfer of knowledge  
Adapt form of  
communication

## CIRCUS 14 UNIARTS STUDENTS

### Learning objectives CIRCUS

Elaborate external input into  
creative process

## GROUP B 20 KTH STUDENTS



### Learning objectives

Interpret course contents  
out of environment



teach



GROUP A  
20 KTH STUDENTS

CIRCUS  
14 UNIARTS  
STUDENTS

perform

CIRCUS  
14 UNIARTS  
STUDENTS

**GROUP B**  
**20 KTH STUDENTS**

assess





# MY TAKE HOME MESSAGE

(observation, standard LEQ, feedback meeting, informal chats, Group B reports)

**Discomfort of the unknown  
unpredictability of the creative process**

**Fluid mechanics is not only formulas**

**Having fun, no classroom norms  
as a reaching-out teaching tool  
(requires different skills)**

# FUTURE OF EDUCATION

Practitioners need to face problems that have **no longer recognizable** disciplinary boundaries

Wicked problems



*Sustainable learning* to equip students with flexible and adaptive mindset to face a fast changing job market

provide methods and **attitude to learning**

train students to **be creative in learning**



Deep learning happens at the *border of disciplines*

Fundamental knowledge should be *complemented* by out of disciplinary knowledge; **challenge out-of-comfort learning**





# Discussion group

## *Crossing borders*

**13:25-13:55, in room Q13**



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# (some) STUDENTS' COMMENTS ABOUT CIRCUS ACTIVITY

*...(I) realised how hard it is to explain something!  
Also realised how I didn't understand some things properly (Group A student)*

*...highly interesting and creative to learn in this way (Group B student)*

*... You had to think of **what the concepts actually meant instead of just thinking of them as formulas** (Group A student)*

*...you had to really apply your knowledge to try and interpret the performances and it **showed you new ways of thinking of the different concepts** (Group B student)*