Adapting to the uncertain
Local administrations adapting to climate change through integrative and segregative institutions

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Theory

Starting point
- Governance forms follow the attributes of the transaction:
  - Complex System -> Integrative Institutions
  - Simple System -> Segregative Institutions

  (Hagedorn 2008, see also: Williamson 1985, Baldwin 2007, Thiel et al. 2012, Roggero 2015)
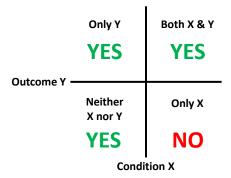
Research question
- Complex System + CC -> ???
- Simple System + CC -> ???

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(Set) Methods

Sufficient conditions

	Only Y	Both X & Y
Outcome Y	**YES**	**YES**
	Neither X nor Y	Only X
	YES	**NO**

Condition X

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(Set) Methods

Necessary conditions

	Only Y	Both X & Y
Outcome Y	**NO**	**YES**
	Neither X nor Y	Only X
	YES	**YES**

Condition X

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Empirics

- 19 case studies of local administrations in Germany

- 6 (of 22) descriptors
  - Formal/informal coordination structures
  - Actual vulnerability
  - Need to adapt
  - 2 types of adaptation process

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Results 1/2

		"Integrative Institutions * Need2Adapt_Projected"	
		No	Yes
"Fine_Tuning"	Yes	LocAdm_06 LocAdm_10 LocAdm_11 LocAdm_15	LocAdm_03 LocAdm_04 LocAdm_05 LocAdm_09 LocAdm_14 LocAdm_18 LocAdm_19 **YES** **YES**
	No	**YES** **NO** LocAdm_01 LocAdm_02 LocAdm_08 LocAdm_12 LocAdm_13 LocAdm_17	LocAdm_07 LocAdm_16

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Table 3: "Integrative Institutions * Need2Adapt_ACTUAL" vs. "Fine_Tuning"

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Results 2/2

		"Vulnerability_ACTUAL * Need2Adapt_Projected"	
		No	Yes
	Yes		LocAdm_02 LocAdm_11 LocAdm_12
		YES **YES**	
"Ongoing_Process"		**YES** **NO**	
	No	LocAdm_06 LocAdm_08 LocAdm_10 LocAdm_13	LocAdm_17

Table 6: "Vulnerability_ACTUAL * Need2Adapt_Projected" vs. "Ongoing_Process".
Since this analysis addresses segregative institutions only, the two-by-two matrix features only those eight local administrations characterized by segregative institutions.

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Conclusions

Academia
•Institutions "adapt" and become integrative in a reactive way.
•Local administrations vary -> discussions on the "appropriate" level of adaptation maybe misleading.

Practitioners
•"Preaching the converted" problem.

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Thank you!

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