

## Network for Transdisciplinary Research (td-net)

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### News from td-net



#### Save the Date 31 May – 4 June 2027: International Transdisciplinarity Conference 2027 | ITD27

**td-net, University of Évora:** The ITD24 in Utrecht remains unforgettable, still we are already looking forward: the next International Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD) Conference will be hosted by the University of Évora, Portugal. A working title and first ideas for the conference focus are emerging: **“Bridging Knowledge and Networks: Inter- and Transdisciplinarity for Transformative Change.”**

Details about the call for contributions, conference site, registration, and related conference activities will be updated on [this page](#) as they become available.

#### Jetzt anmelden: CAS «Citizen Science und Public Engagement» (15 ECTS), Universität Zürich

**td-net** und die **Universität Zürich (UZH)** bieten ein praxisnahes Spezialisierungsmodul zu Methoden ko-kreativer Projektarbeit an. Dieses kann entweder als Teil des gesamten CAS oder als Einzelmodul gebucht werden. Ideal für alle, die transdisziplinäre Zusammenarbeit vertiefen und mit der Gesellschaft wirkungsvoll ins Gespräch kommen wollen. [Jetzt mehr erfahren und anmelden](#)

#### Workshop RealTransform: Hochschulkultur für Nachhaltigkeit

### New events

05 Juni. – 15 Oktober 2025

**Ugandas  
Pflanzenheilkunst im  
Wandel –  
Sonderausstellung zu  
einem kooperativen  
Forschungsprojekt**  
Universität Zürich [»](#)

30 Juni 2025

**Workshop  
RealTransform:  
Hochschulkultur für  
Nachhaltigkeit**  
Universität Zürich,  
Universität Bern, PHBern,  
OST, td-net [»](#)

11 – 15 July 2025

**69th Annual Meeting  
of the ISSS: Advancing  
together: An Invitation  
for Systemic  
Collaboration**  
University of Birmingham,  
Birmingham Leadership  
Institute [»](#)

14 August 2025

**Abschluss-  
veranstaltung:  
Wissenstransfer in  
transdisziplinärer  
Arbeitsforschung**  
WiTraDis, Bremen [»](#)

**td-net:** Wie können Hochschulen partizipative und transdisziplinäre Räume entwickeln, um gemeinsames Lernen und die Ko-Kreation von Wissen für eine Nachhaltige Entwicklung zu ermöglichen? Die Hochschulen Universität Zürich und Bern, die PHBern sowie die OST – Ostschweizer Fachhochschule gehen dieser Frage im Rahmen des von swissuniversities geförderten Projekts «RealTransform: Realexperimente als Transformationsräume für Nachhaltige Entwicklung in Hochschule und Gesellschaft» nach. Das td-net begleitet das Projekt. Ziel eines öffentlichen Workshops am 30. Juni 2025 an der Universität Zürich ist es, Qualität, methodische Umsetzung und die potenzielle Wirkung von Realexperimenten für die Entwicklung der Hochschulkultur zu diskutieren. Der Workshop richtet sich an Mitarbeitende aus Wissenschaft, Verwaltung und Betrieb und an Studierende, gesellschaftliche Akteur:innen ebenso wie an eine interessierte Öffentlichkeit. Der Workshop ist bereits ausgebucht. Interessierte können sich aber über die Anmeldung auf eine Warteliste eintragen lassen. [Mehr Informationen und Anmeldung](#)

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## News from the community



### Upcoming Webinar and more

**ITD Alliance:** Join us for the next webinar of the ITD Alliance's Quality & Rigour Project on 24 June. Details are in our latest [news bulletin](#), which also features other interesting updates. Not a member yet? Consider joining the ITD Alliance – by participating in the upcoming [General Assembly](#), you can help shape the future of a strong, effective, and representative association.

### Roles of scientists in society

**SCNAT:** Current challenges such as the transformation towards sustainable ways of living require a closer collaboration of

27 – 31 October 2025  
**Applications open:  
Governance, Design  
and Delivery of  
Interdisciplinary  
Higher Education**  
Utrecht University >>

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26 November 2025  
**Sustainability Science  
Forum 2025: Ensuring  
a just transition  
towards a net zero  
society**  
Swiss Academy of Sciences  
SCNAT >>

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## Publications

Albuquerque, M. E. E. (2025)  
**Advances(?) in  
promoting  
transdisciplinary  
research at the  
National Council for  
Scientific and  
Technological  
Development (CNPq):  
from the prospective  
lens of Planning to the  
conservative reality of  
Management**  
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Albuquerque, M. E. E. (2024)  
**Há espaço para a  
ciência transdisciplinar  
na nova agenda de  
política científica e  
tecnológica no Brasil?**  
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Greenacre, L. (2024)  
**The Politics of  
Transdisciplinarity**

science with society and politics. How scientists can support such societal processes most effectively depends on the situation and the topic. A new guide for reflecting on possible roles in sustainability transformations as well as general principles derived from it help to analyse the different roles of researchers in society. [More](#)

## Stadt und Uni Würzburg starten gemeinsames Transformationslabor

**Universität Würzburg:** Mit einer feierlichen Auftaktveranstaltung ist das „Transformationslabor Stadt und Universität Würzburg“ gestartet. Ziel ist es, gemeinsam Lösungen für gesellschaftliche Transformationsprozesse zu entwickeln und zu erproben. [Weitere Informationen](#)

## i2Insights Contributions

**i2Insights:** AI, Africa and advice on planning stakeholder workshops feature in recent stand-out contributions to i2Insights blog and repository. [Faye Miller](#) highlights capacities essential for transdisciplinary to make the most of AI; [Basirat Oyalowo](#) lays out the critical role for TD in achieving higher education's third mission in Africa and PhD student, [Maxine Fromm](#), provides practical lessons for planning transdisciplinary stakeholder workshops.

## 2024 – an exemplary year for TA-SWISS

**TA-SWISS:** In its annual report the Foundation provides insight into the various mechanisms put in place to ensure the relevance, breadth and analytical depth and quality of its interdisciplinary reports. 2024 can be seen as a prime example of this, with the foundation publishing four significant studies while simultaneously working on or initiating five additional projects. [Access the Annual Report](#)

## Five-Legged Sheep?

**Utrecht University:** Colleagues from the Netherlands are undertaking an explorative survey into inter- and transdisciplinary PhDs as part of the project: Five-Legged Sheep? Selecting, Training, Supervising and Rewarding Inter- and Transdisciplinary Researchers. They seek input from supervisors of inter- and transdisciplinary PhD projects through a survey. [To the Survey](#)

## Woodland Resurgence and Sustainability in Mountains—Patterns, Drivers, and Social-Ecological Consequences

**Mountain Research and Development:** How can woodland resurgence best benefit people and nature? Articles in this focus issue reflect the diversity of woodland resurgence across

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Kaiser, M. et al. (2025)  
**Knowledge and action – should scientists be responsible for both?**

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Malmborg, K. et al. (2025)  
**Leveraging place-based identities and senses of belonging to mobilize for action-oriented research in UNESCO sites**

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Perrin, D. (2025)  
**On, for, and with practitioners – Fostering transdisciplinary dissertations in times of science criticism**

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Talasekt, J.D., Stauffer, B. (2025)  
**Integrative Contemporary Art and Science Practices Building Catalytic Structures**

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Van Woerden, R. et al. (2025)  
**Students' teamwork behaviour in multidisciplinary student teams: an ethnographic case study**

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Zhivkopoulos, E. et al. (2025)  
**How transdisciplinarity can help biotech-driven biodiversity**

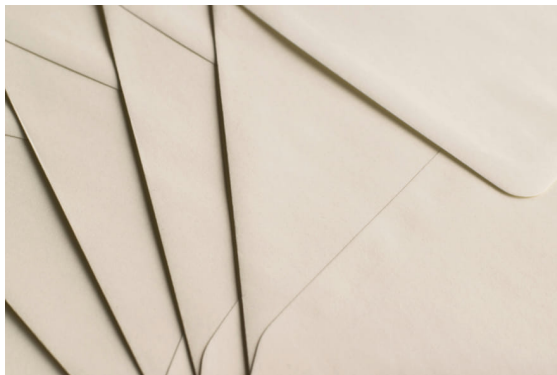
mountain contexts and the growing importance of restoration.

[Additional Information](#)

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## Calls



### Call for Nominations: The Daylight Award 2026 Recognising excellence in daylight research and daylight in architecture

**The Daylight Award:** This international award honours and supports research in the scientific understanding of daylight and its significance for health, wellbeing and a balanced ecosystem, as well as its experiential and mental value in architectural design. The intention is to underline the collaboration of disciplines that are usually considered as separate professional realms of expertise. **Nomination period: 16 May 2025 – 15 September 2025.** [Additional Information](#)

### Call for papers: GAIA Masters Student Paper Award

**Oekom:** The international journal GAIA – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society invites Masters students to participate in the GAIA Masters Student Paper Award. This award recognizes outstanding research from Master's theses or research-based courses in the field of transdisciplinary environmental and sustainability science. **Submission Deadline: 28 November 2025** [Additional Information](#)

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[see more calls](#)

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## research

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## Jobs and fellowships

29 June 2025

**Doctoral Research Associate with a background in Sustainability Science, Ecology, Geography, or a related field relevant to Regenerative Sustainability**

Leuphana Universität Lüneburg [»](#)

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14 July 2025

**PhD Student – extracting political networks using LLMs**

University of Bern [»](#)

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25 July 2025

**Bloom Foundation Research Professorship for Climate Law**

University of Bern [»](#)

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03 August 2025

**PhD Scholarship: Citizens' Agenda – Setting in Democratic Systems (CASDS)**

University of Copenhagen [»](#)

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