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News from td-net



Seasons Greetings

td-net: Another year is drawing to a close, and we are delighted and grateful for all the successful projects and work we have been able to experience and keep up with this year. What stood out in particular was the quality of our community: a space for engaged discussion of relevant scientific, societal, and institutional developments, which continue to shape and inform our work—reflected, for example, in three concrete mandates and a very successful conference last month.

But now it's time to switch off our screens, put our keyboards to rest, say goodbye to this wonderful year and look forward to the next one. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the many community contributions to td-info and other projects. All the best!

The next td-info will be sent at the beginning of February 2026.

Rückblick zur ITD-CH 25 in Lausanne // Rétrospective de l'ITD-CH 25 à Lausanne

td-net: Mit Freude blicken wir auf die Schweizer Konferenz zu Inter- und Transdisziplinarität zurück, bei der «Beziehungen knüpfen – in Beziehungen denken» nicht nur Leitmotiv war, sondern während der gesamten Veranstaltung von den über 80

New events

22 janvier – 2 avril 2026

**Nouvelle formation
continue: Repenser les
temporalités d'une
transition écologique
juste et durable**

Institut sunKchronis >>

06 February 2026

**Making Power Visible:
Tools for Leveraging
Transformative Change
in and through Inter-
and Transdisciplinary
Collaborations**

University of Zurich, td-net,
Zurich >>

12 – 13 February 2026

**4th Swiss
Implementation
Science Conference:
True IMPACT –
Delivering Innovation
for Patients and the
Public**

University of Zurich,
IMPACT >>

24 – 26 February 2026

**Higher Education as in
Democracy Education:
teaching/learning as a
democratic practice –
in all academic
disciplines**

TU Berlin >>

Teilnehmenden aktiv erlebt wurde.

Das vielfältige und zweisprachige Programm aus Keynotes, Workshops, Podiums- und Posterdiskussionen spiegelte die thematische und institutionelle Breite unserer Community wider und schuf Raum für Austausch, Reflexion und neue Verbindungen.

Ein grosses Dankeschön geht an alle, die diese erfolgreiche Konferenz durch ihr Engagement, ihre sichtbare und unsichtbare Arbeit ermöglicht haben.

Die [Archivseite](#) der Konferenz wird bald durch einen ausführlichen Abschlussbericht ergänzt.

td-net : Avec joie, nous revenons sur la Conférence suisse sur l'inter- et la transdisciplinarité, où « Créer des liens – penser en relations » n'a pas seulement été le fil conducteur, mais a été activement vécu par les plus de 80 participant-es tout au long de l'événement.

Le programme diversifié et bilingue, composé de conférences plénières, d'ateliers, de tables rondes et de discussions autour des posters, reflétait la richesse thématique et institutionnelle de notre communauté et a créé un espace d'échange, de réflexion et de nouvelles connexions.

Un grand merci à toutes et tous celles et ceux qui ont rendu cette conférence réussie possible grâce à leur engagement et à leur travail, visible et invisible.

La [page d'archives](#) de la conférence sera bientôt complétée par un rapport final détaillé.

Subscribe now to the tdMOOC Learning Group 2026!

td-net: Want to strengthen your skills in tackling complex societal challenges through transdisciplinary research? The free online course tdMOOC Partnering for Change is back — and the next Learning Group runs from 25 February to 16 April 2026.

The Learning Group enriches the self-paced tdMOOC with weekly motivation emails, four live sessions, a private MURAL board, and small working groups (max. 5 people). You choose your level of engagement: active, contributing, or passive.

[More information](#)

[Subscribe now to the Learning Group](#)

Two td-net lectures as part of the CAS for One Health

td-net: In October and November, Stefan Müller and Minea Mäder from the td-net had the pleasure of delivering two one-day lectures as part of the newly launched Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in One Health at the University of Bern. Drawing on the principles and tools of transdisciplinary research, the lectures emphasised how collaborations between practitioners from different sectors can support the integration

18 –21 March 2026

Art of Participatory Leadership Workshop – In the midst of today's turbulence, how can we navigate with purpose and confidence in the “not knowing”?

Art of Participatory Leadership Workshops, Geneva >>

23 – 25 March 2026

first International Grand Challenges Conference: Joint Research for Better Futures

Joint Research for Better Futures >>

07 – 12 June 2026

Citizen Science Summer School 2026: Co-Creating Knowledge: Transforming Research Through Citizen Science

Citizen Science School, Zurich >>

12 Juin 2026

Conférence annuelle de l'Institution suisse des droits humains

Institution suisse des droits humains >>

12 June 2026

Herding Cats: Integrative leadership strategies in ITD research projects

PSI, Eawag, Dübendorf >>

03 July 2026

Knowledge integration in inter- and transdisciplinary research: Best

of diverse problem perceptions, bodies of knowledge and stakeholder perspectives. To stay informed about when registration opens again for the next CAS cohort, subscribe to their [newsletter](#) or follow them on [LinkedIn](#).

News from the community



News from the ITD Alliance

ITD Alliance: The latest News Bulletin is out. It features updates from the Working Group on Organizational Change for ITD, along with selected member news, opportunities, and current calls for submissions. Well worth a look – [see the news bulletin](#)

Mountain Research and Development Vol 45, No 3: Innovation Pathways to Sustainability in Mountains

Mountain Research and Development: How can innovation contribute to sustainability in mountains? Articles in this focus issue explore the question from different angles, providing insights from China and various European mountain contexts. In the editorial, Guest Editors Jörg Balsiger, Anne B. Zimmermann, João Carlos Azevedo, and Dietrich Schmidt-Vogt reflect on different framings of innovation and its role in sustainable mountain development. [To the journal](#)

The advancing Neurofeedback in Tinnitus project presents itself

EPFL: As part of a Swiss consortium, the EPFL+ECAL Lab is contributing to a transdisciplinary research project that aims to advance the treatment of tinnitus. Offering new prospects for non-invasive therapies, this neurofeedback-based project has led to the development of protocols that target the brain processes responsible for tinnitus. [Further information](#)

Centre international de recherches et études transdisciplinaires (CIRET) now on LinkedIn

practices and lessons learned

PSI, Eawag, Dübendorf [»](#)

[see more events](#)

Publications

Bennet, L. M. et al. (2025)
How to Succeed at Collaborative Research. A Practical Guide for Teams.
Bristol University Press [»](#)

Bohm, N. L. et al. (2025)
Adaptive guidance for uncertainty: how teachers use scaffolding in transdisciplinary courses
Higher Education Research & Development [»](#)

Heller-Herold, G. et al. (2025)
Das Sustainability Toolbook. Nachhaltigkeit in Unternehmen erfolgreich machen.
Haufe [»](#)

Jackson, D. et al. (2025)
Transdisciplinary work-integrated learning's contribution to societal transition: a scoping review
Higher Education Research & Development [»](#)

Lotrecchiano, G. R. et al. (2025)
Examining and Evaluating Team Science Competencies Through Sensemaking
American Journal of Evaluation [»](#)

CIRET: The International Center for Transdisciplinary Research and Studies is now on LinkedIn. The society organizes symposia, publishes journals and offers support for transdisciplinary researchers. [To the LinkedIn Profile](#)

Foundation of the Institute for Transdisciplinary Research

Institute for Transdisciplinary Research: After several weeks of preparation, the Institute for Transdisciplinary Research was officially founded on July 21, 2025, in Uster (ZH), Switzerland. Koen Hertoge was elected president; Michael de Rachewiltz was appointed to the board of directors.

Neuer Podcast! Forschung und Praxis diskutieren knifflige Fragen der Nachhaltigkeit

SCNAT: Nachhaltigkeit entsteht zusammen: Im neuen Podcast «Nachtisch» diskutieren Expert:innen aus Wissenschaft und Praxis monatlich ein Thema der nachhaltigen Entwicklung. In der ersten Folge «beleuchten» die Landschaftsökologin Janine Bolliger und der Lichtplaner Jörg Haller den Wert der Dunkelheit.

[Zur Podcastreihe](#)
[zur aktuellen Folge](#)

i2Insights@10years: Strengthening a global, comprehensive, living toolkit for tackling complex problems

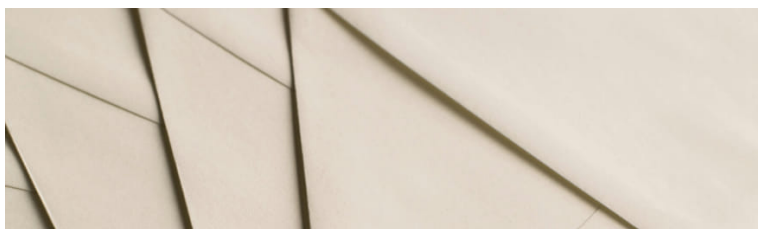
i2insights: On 25 November 2025, i2Insights celebrated its 10th birthday as a toolkit to support researchers and educators tackling complex societal and environmental problems, specifically providing tools to understand and address complexity. [Go to blog](#)

Second Series of Cartoons: Competencies at the Science–Policy Interface

eawag: Bringing together actors from science and policy is crucial for addressing today's pressing challenges — from climate change to biodiversity loss and social inequities. But effective dialogue at the Science–Policy Interface (SPI) requires more than knowledge. [To the cartoons](#)

[see more community news](#)

Calls



Rolland, B. et al. (2025)

Optimizing an evidence-based team-building intervention for dissemination

Journal of Clinical and Translational Science >>

Schmidt, J. C. et al. (2025)

Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies. A Peer-Reviewed Publication of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies.

Issues in Interdisciplinary Studies >>

Swiss Young Academy (2025)

Innovative Teaching Formats at the Science–Society Interface: Reflections and Future Directions in Swiss Higher Education

Swiss Young Academy >>

Sørensen, M. T. et al. (2025)

Interdisciplinary collaboration for sustainability among students with different disciplinary backgrounds: a scoping review

Higher Education Research & Development >>

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Jobs and fellowships

31.12.2025

Fellowship on the Cultures of Research

Käte Hamburger Kolleg >>



Call for Contributions: Higher Education Summit 2026

Solution-oriented Research for Development

Programme: The 2026 Higher Education Summit will take place from 26–28 August 2026 in Bordeaux. It will bring together an international audience of students, educators and changemakers providing a unique opportunity for dialogue and collaboration.

Idea submission by 15 January 2026

[Further information](#)

Call for Contributions: SOR4D Research Conference 2026

Solution-oriented Research for Development

Programme: The SOR4D Research Conference 2026, convenes researchers, practitioners and development professionals to address the theme “Advancing Transdisciplinary Research for Global Development: Crisis, Collaboration, and Change.”

Abstracts–Deadline: 19 January 2026

[Further information](#)

Call for Papers: Interdisciplinary Integration

Sage Journals: In recent years, important work has been done to reveal underpinnings, dimensions, and conditions for interdisciplinary integration. However, the literature is ripe with reviews that classify integrative frameworks and techniques but do little to advance comprehensive thinking.

Abstracts–Deadline: 28 January 2026.

[Further information](#)

Call for Papers: Transdisciplinary Research for Transformative Change: From Conceptual Insights to Societal Impact

ETH Zurich: How can transdisciplinary research move from conceptual debate to real societal impact? This collection invites contributions that explore how collaboration across disciplines, sectors, and knowledge systems fosters transformative change. We welcome papers that critically reflect on the practices, methods, and politics of doing transdisciplinary research—its promises, challenges, and implications for knowledge co-production and societal transformation.

Submission–Deadline: 31 December 2026.

[Further information](#)

09.01.2026

TIES2 COFUND Marie Skłodowska–Curie Fellows: Up to 10 postdoctoral positions
University of Turku >>

10.01.2026

Wissenschaftler:in im Bereich transformations–orientierte Ernährungsforschung
Max Rubner Institut, Kiel >>

15.01.2026

Project Assistant (20–40%) – Participatory Science & Creative Engagement
DiSSCO – Dissemination, Science, Communication >>

15.01.2026

Nominations for NOMIS Senior Fellowship
Collegium Helveticum, Zurich >>

31.01.2026

Chercheur·se postdoctoral·e des études sociale des sciences
Université de Sherbrooke >>

15.02.2026

Project assistant "Innovative teaching formats at the science–society interface"
Swiss Young Academy >>

01.07.2026

Gruppenleitung Sozial–ökologische Transformation
Eidg. Forschungsanstalt für Wald, Schnee und Landschaft WSL >>

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