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News from td-net



Call for Speakers: Teaching Tools for Bridging Science and Societal Partners

The **Swiss Young Academy (SYA)**, in collaboration with **td-net**, invites lecturers and educators to contribute to an interactive workshop in Bern on 23 June 2026.

We are seeking short presentations (pitches or marketplace formats) that showcase innovative teaching tools engaging students with societal partners. These may include activities (e.g. role-play, art-based reflection), stakeholder engagement methods (e.g. field immersion, expert-student dialogue), or assessment formats (e.g. podcasts, posters). Contributions from Swiss universities and universities of applied sciences across diverse course formats are welcome.

Selected speakers will present their tools, exchange with peers, and receive feedback to further develop their approaches. Contributions may also feed into a new teaching module within the td-net digital toolbox.

Submissions

Submission-Deadline: 30 April 2026

Farewell to Minea Mäder and welcome back Stefan Müller!

td-net: Today we say goodbye to Minea Mäder, who will

New events

16 April 2026

All the basics to apply for European research and innovation funding – for science engagement professionals

EUSEA, online >>

22 April 2026

Shaping Utopias: Methods and Practices in Art, Activism and Climate Research

Bern Academy of the Arts, Bern >>

05 May 2026

Beyond Communication. Art-science collaborations for science, policy and society.

eawag, Dübendorf & Zürich >>

18 – 22 Mai 2026

Nachhaltigkeit demokratisieren und Demokratie dauerhaft stärken

TU Berlin >>

19 – 21 May 2026

EUSEA Conference 2026: In Other Words and Other Worlds

EUSEA, Esch-sur-Alzette >>

21 Mai 2026

officially leave td-net by the end of this month to embark on a new journey at the University of Bern. There, she will be working on her PhD thesis with Susan Thieme, an active member of the td-net advisory board. Mineas expertise in community work and transdisciplinary methods are mirrored in the various workshops and presentations she held in name of td-net.

Dear Minea, thank you for your invaluable contributions. Your empathetic professionalism and inspiring supporting nature has enriched our team for two and a half years. We are certain that the experience you gained here will serve you well for your next step. We look forward to seeing you at future td-events!

Alongside this farewell, we are also pleased to welcome Stefan Müller back to the team following his three-month paternity leave. He will resume his projects and take over some of those managed by Minea during his absence. Welcome back, Stefan!

News from the community



Save the date for ITD27

ITD Alliance, td-net: Preparations for ITD27 in Évora, Portugal (see also [Exploring Évora](#)) are progressing well, and new information is being added to the [ITD27 website](#) on a regular basis. To ensure you receive timely updates on the open call and other pertinent announcements, we advise you to subscribe to the [ITD Alliance News Bulletin](#). You can also lend your support to this shared endeavour by becoming a member of the ITD Alliance — or by renewing your membership if you have not yet done so.

Cultivating trust and navigating power

Leibniz-Labs Transfer 2026

Auftaktveranstaltung

Leibniz Gemeinschaft >>

26 May 2026

Workshop on Transformative Science-Society Relations

ETH Zurich >>

10 Juni 2026

Die Reise des Wassers: Woher kommt es? Wohin geht es? Wem gehört's und wer entscheidet?

CIRPA, online >>

[see more events](#)

Publications

Arts, I. et al. (2026)

Where to start? – The interplay of what, who and where in phase-0 of transdisciplinary research

Environmental Science and Policy >>

Dettwiler, D. et al. (2025)

Building capacity at the science-policy interface: a competencies framework

Humanities & Social Sciences Communications >>

Deutsch, L. et al. (2026)

Scientific and societal relevance in inter- and transdisciplinary research. Navigating tensions, harnessing potentials

Gaia – Ecological

Perspectives for Science and Society >>

i2Insights, Julia Moore and Sobia Khan: What are some practical ways to build trust both as an individual and as an organisation? How can you unpack power dynamics and navigate power in your research? How are trust and power related? Go to two companion blog posts: [part 1](#) and [part 2](#)

The tdAcademy Special Section: Frontiers in transdisciplinary and participatory research has just started in GAIA 35/1 (2026)

GAIA, tdAcademy: In the tdAcademy Special Section Frontiers in transdisciplinary and participatory research in GAIA insights into key questions of transdisciplinary and participatory research are offered. [To the journal](#)

Mountain Research and Development Vol 46, No 1: Mountain Tourism—Trends and Transformations Toward Sustainability and Resilience

Mountain Research and Development: How can tourism contribute to sustainable development in mountains? This focus issue brings together insights from the European Alps, the Himalaya, the Pyrenees, and the Canadian Rockies on efforts to adapt mountain tourism to climate change and to transform the sector for greater sustainability, equity, and resilience. [To the journal](#)

[see more community news](#)

Calls



Call for Sessions and Proposals: 48th Annual Conference of the Association for Interdisciplinary Studies

Association for Interdisciplinary Studies: Translational

Landier, H. et al. (2026)
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYMPOSIUM The Role of Transdisciplinarity as a Scientific and Cultural Approach in Preventing Global Conflicts of Modern Civilization
ADJURIS [»](#)

Madrazo, L. (2025)
RE-DWELL. Transdisciplinarity for affordable and sustainable housing
RE-DWELL [»](#)

Nagy, E. et al. (2026)
Can you have your cake and eat it too? Managing societal and scientific impacts in transdisciplinary research
Gaia – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society [»](#)

[see more publications](#)

Jobs and fellowships

Rolling basis
Editors-in-Chief
Mountain Research and Development [»](#)

15.04.2026
Nominations for NOMIS Senior Fellowships
Collegium Helveticum [»](#)

28.04.2026
Assistant.e doctorant.e Liens entre changements environnementaux et mobilité/migrations.
Université de Neuchâtel [»](#)

research and teaching emphasize moving ideas into action, connecting theory with practice, and linking campus-based work to community needs and societal impact.

Deadline for submissions: 24 April 2026

[Further information](#)

Call for applications: Young Scholars Prize 2026

University of Bern: Since 2020, the WBKolleg has awarded the annual "Young Scholars" prize to excellent young researchers from Switzerland and abroad who successfully work across disciplines and communicate their research to a broad public in a vivid manner.

Deadline for applications: 10 May 2026

[Further information](#)

Call for abstracts: Polyphonic Diplomacy: Intelligibility, Design and the Unsaid

CIRET, Danube's University: The conference proposes an in-depth analysis of contemporary diplomatic situations in which conflicts are generated not only by strategic or legal interests, but also by symbolic, narrative or socio-affective dimensions.

Deadline for submitting proposals: 29 May 2026

[Further information](#)

[see more calls](#)

30.04.2026

PhD position on Hydrological storylines and transboundary water cooperation

University of Bern [»](#)

13.05.2026

PhD Position: How Performing Arts Shape Young Children's Social Development

University of Amsterdam [»](#)

14.05.2026

Doctoral student in sociology within the project "Economic Abuse: A Mixed-Methods Study on Prevalence, Patterns, and Possible Prevention"

University of Gothenburg [»](#)

[see more open positions](#)

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