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News from td-net



Article on the SWEET programme published

td-net: The Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE) commissioned science journalist Benedikt Vogel to write an article on the public funding programme SWEET (SWiss Energy research for the Energy Transition). The article provides a clear overview of how the programme funds transdisciplinary research consortia to help implement Switzerland's Energy Strategy 2050 and its long-term climate strategy. Since mid-2023, the td-net has supported the SWEET programme, and project leader Stefan Müller was interviewed by Benedikt Vogel for the article. The SFOE has published the article online for free. To the article in [German](#), [French](#) or [English](#)

"Innovative teaching" project takes the next step

td-net: We are collaborating with the Swiss Young Academy on the project [Innovative Teaching Formats at the Science-Society Interface](#). Following a fruitful workshop with motivated lecturers in June, a [call](#) has been launched for the submission of concrete, adaptable teaching tools for bridging science and societal partners. Submissions will be reviewed in a double-blind process and selected contributions will be made available as an add-on of our td-net toolbox. Further details can be found at the end of the newsletter.

ITD27 is taking shape!

td-net, ITD Alliance: 428 submissions – 11% more than for ITD24 – across diverse formats and of high quality. Many thanks to all reviewers! td-net is now contributing to the challenging

New events

07 – 11 September 2026

**Studienwoche
"Nachhaltige
Entwicklung und
Transformation"**
Universität Zürich [»](#)

11 September 2026

**Nachsitzen in
Nachhaltigkeit: Agenda
2030 — Die Schweiz
unter Zeitdruck**
Universität Zürich, Paulus
Akademie [»](#)

19 September 2026

**Lese- und
Diskussionsforum:
Geschichten über das
Älterwerden**
BFH, Biel/Bienne [»](#)

November 2026

**SAS Trans-
disziplinarität in
Forschungs- und
Entwicklungs-
projekten**
HSLU [»](#)

24 November 2026

**Resiliente
Ernährungssysteme –
Transformationspfade
in herausfordernden
Zeiten**
SAGUF, Bern [»](#)

January – June 2027

task of developing a coherent programme. Stay tuned for updates on the [ITD27 website](#).

News from the community



Survey on current landscape of td capacity in Asia and the Pacific region

ITD Alliance Asia Regional Network: Contribute your expertise to a survey designed to map and understand the current landscape of transdisciplinarity capacity building across South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Pacific region. The survey takes 15–20 minutes and is open until 20 September. [To the survey](#)

New video from the series "Recognising, accommodating and connecting plurality in theory, methodology and organisations"

ITD Alliance Video Series: In the latest video in the series "[Recognising, accommodating and connecting plurality in theory, methodology and organisations](#)", Leadership Board Member Lakshmi Charli-Joseph, draws on Latin American traditions to argue that recognising conceptual and linguistic pluralism is not a preliminary step but the heart of transdisciplinary work. [View the video](#)

Kardendorf project is seeking academic partners to conduct research

The Kardendorf project aims to bring together around 150 people who will collectively transform their lifestyles in order to meet the 'One Planet Limit' — the global limit of one Earth's resources per person — by 2035. Inspired by the [Lammas Ecovillage in Wales](#), the project intends to demonstrate that it is

**CAS ETH Zürich in
Climate Innovation**
ETH Zürich [»](#)

[see more events](#)

Publications

Aksel, B. et al. (2026)
Mobilizing context: A proposal for conversations about context between transdisciplinary research, anthropology, and science and technology studies

GAIA – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society [»](#)

Banati, P. et al. (2026)
Special Collection: The Future of Gender Equality.

Global Social Challenges Journal [»](#)

Brugger, F. et al. (2026)
Beyond the transaction: commodity trade and sustainable development.

swiss academy of the sciences [»](#)

Chastonay, J. et al. (2026)
Zukunftswerk
University of Bern [»](#)

Horn, A. et al. (2026)
Integrating beyond the surface: conceptual disambiguation and conversational learning for shared meaning-making in interdisciplinary teamwork

possible to protect the climate without compromising quality of life by redefining prosperity and adhering to climate targets. Kardendorf is interested in partnering with academic institutions open to conducting interdisciplinary, participatory, transdisciplinary or transformative research. Scholars interested in considering the Kardendorf project for a scientific or teaching case study, thesis or real-world laboratory are welcome to contact the project leader, Amadeus Wittwer (English is fine, but German would be an advantage). To the project webpage, available in [German](#) or in [English, translated by Google](#)

Julie Thompson Klein Annual Prize conferred

Bristol University Press: The article [Constructive discussion: conceptualising a framework for productive communication across personal, conversational, institutional and cultural spheres](#) by Lozano Paredes et al. was chosen as best research article using inter- and transdisciplinary approaches of the year. The Editors-in-Chief feel that this is an exemplary article that draws strongly on transdisciplinary methodologies in creative and fertile ways, at the same time framing a crucial issue of topical significance in admirably accessible practical terms. The article provides a theoretically-embedded framework for constructive discussion amongst diverse actors with disparate perspectives that enables them raise and exchange these perspectives in a manner that enables reflection and practical decision making. More information on the Julie Thompson Klein Annual Prize can be found [here](#).

A new transdisciplinary facilitation institution has been founded

Td-PSG: Td-PSG traces its roots back to 2007 and has evolved from the internationally recognized Global Transdisciplinary Phosphorus Management (Global TraPs) project. Over the years, the group has published numerous scientific papers and books and has actively contributed to global policy and consultancy initiatives. The group will work under the lead of Amit Roy (practice) and the science representative Roland W. Scholz, and Jana Zscheischler (Principle) as a virtual transdisciplinary research group. The Td-PSG aims to participate in, initiate, and apply for transdisciplinary research projects, e.g., in collaboration with universities. To the [project website](#)

Transdisciplinary research in the Global South: Challenges and recommendations

i2insights, Laila Sandroni, Marcel Bursztyn: What are the key challenges in conducting research that aims to bridge science, policy and grassroots demands? How can such challenges be addressed?

[To the blog](#)

Humanities and Social Sciences Communications [»](#)

Kleinhauer, S. et al. (2026)
Interdisziplinäre Integrationsprozesse in transdisziplinären Projekten: Erfahrungen aus dem Hochschulkontext
GAIA – Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society [»](#)

Mehta, L. et al. (2026)
Special Collection: Transformative Environments: Climate Change Uncertainties, Marginality and Locally-Driven Transformative Change in India and Bangladesh.
Global Social Challenges Journal [»](#)

Muhl, E. et al. (2026)
Navigating Ethical Place-Based Research in Transdisciplinary Marine Science (and Beyond)
Open and Society [»](#)

Schaltegger, A. et al. (2026)
Navigating Complexity in Assessment of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Research
ETH Zürich [»](#)

Urgese, S. V. et al. (2026)
Transdisciplinarity as Epistemic Topology: Polytopy, In-Between Spaces, and the Transformation of Knowledge
World Futures [»](#)

New episode of the saguf podcast: Transdisciplinary Research How Local Knowledge and Science Come Together to Inform Practical Action

saguf: Transdisciplinary research does not simply study societal challenges from the outside. It brings researchers and practitioners together to define problems, combine different forms of knowledge and develop solutions collaboratively. Benjamin Hofmann and Shiila Infriccioli share insights from their work at ETH Zurich's Transdisciplinarity Lab.

[To the podcast](#)

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Calls



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

The **Swiss Young Academy**, in collaboration with **td-net**, invites lecturers and educators to submit concrete teaching tools for an add-on to the td-net toolbox. We're looking for single, practical tools (from learning activities to stakeholder engagement formats to innovative assessment approaches) that can be readily integrated into existing courses. The focus is on learning at the science-society interface, ideally by bringing students into direct contact with societal actors. All submissions undergo double-blind review, and selected contributions will receive a DOI number and be published freely online.

Deadline for submissions: 30 September 2026

[further information](#)

[see more calls](#)

Wentworth, C. et al. (2026)
**Sustaining scenarios:
researcher-practitioner
reflections on
extending research
beyond project
boundaries**

[Sustainability Science >>](#)

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Jobs and fellowships

10 September 2026
**Tenure-track im
Fachgebiet Öffentliches
Recht mit Schwerpunkt
Umwelt- und
Klimaschutzrecht**
[BOKU University Wien >>](#)

20 September 2026
**Research Assistant –
Preventalbe Deaths
Tracker**
[King's College London >>](#)

30 September 2026
**PhD position –
Pastoralist Futures:
Land Transformation
in East Africa's
Drylands**
[University of Zurich >>](#)

12 October 2026
**Postdoctoral Research
Fellow in the physics
of weather and climate**
[University of Bergen >>](#)

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positions](#)

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