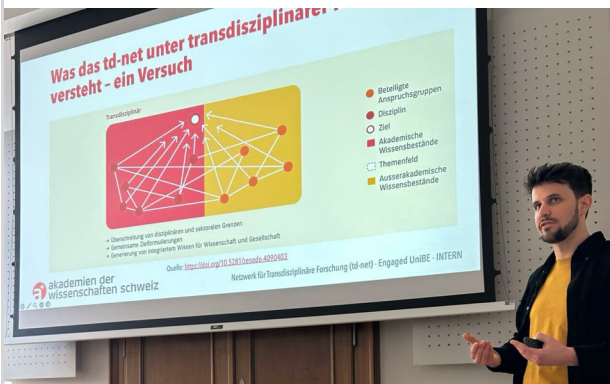


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News from td-net



Engaged UniBE – Transdisciplinary Projects for Sustainable Development

td-net: The Vice-Rectorate Quality and Sustainable Development of the University of Bern has launched a call for projects that are in line with the Climate Roadmap 2030. The University is looking for innovative projects that use transdisciplinary methods to promote climate protection and involve societal actors in the Bern region in novel and effective ways. In a workshop for researchers interested in submitting a proposal, the td-net's Stefan Müller gave an introduction to what transdisciplinary methods might look like 'on the ground' and what public resources the td-net offers to support their development and implementation. **The call is open until 30 April 2025.** [More Information](#)

ITD-CH 2025: Save the date!

Wie bereits erwähnt, wird die diesjährige ITD-CH in Kooperation mit der Universität Lausanne stattfinden. Wir freuen uns schon sehr auf die inspirierende und gute Zusammenarbeit. Wir planen für den **19. November 2025**. Wir halten Euch [hier](#) über den thematischen Focus und die Möglichkeiten zur Mitgestaltung auf

New events

08 April 2025

14e « Rencontre philosophique », autour d'ATD Quart Monde : les savoirs de la grande pauvreté
CIRET, le Journal des chercheurs >>

10 April 2025

People, land and culture: indigenous perspectives on sufficiency
University of Zurich >>

14 Mai 2025

Wo ist die Sehnsucht nach Transformation? Ein Zukunftsgespräch über Wissenschaft
Berlin University Alliance >>

03 June 2025

SCTO Symposium 2025 Bridging the divide: Integrating clinical trials with medical care
Swiss clinical trial organisation, Basel >>

20 June 2025

KFPE/GRP-Alliance Annual Conference: AI in global research Partnerships

dem Laufenden.

ITD-CH 2025 : Réservez la date !

Comme annoncé, l'ITD-CH 2025 se tiendra en collaboration avec l'Université de Lausanne – nous nous réjouissons d'une coopération inspirante et fructueuse ! La date prévue est le **19 novembre 2025**. Nous vous tiendrons informés [ici](#) du fil conducteur et des opportunités de contribution.

SWEETER Programme for the Promotion of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Energy Research

td-net: The Swiss Parliament has agreed on the amount and timeframe for funding energy research. The funding instrument SWEETER (SWiss research for the EnERgy Transition and Emissions Reduction) will receive CHF 35.6 million until 2028. A further CHF 71.2 million up to 2036 will be allocated as part of the next dispatches on the promotion of education, research and innovation (ERI Dispatches). We are pleased that after the SWEET funding instrument, which the td-net is currently supporting in various ways, another programme will soon be available to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary energy research.

[More information \(in German\)](#)

KFPE/GRP-Alliance, Bern [»](#)

28 – 30 July 2025
**Science of Team
Science Conference**
**Team Science: The
Next Generation of
Researchers and
Practitioners**
INSiTS, online [»](#)

18 – 22 August 2025
Summer School 2025
**Inter- and
Transdisciplinary
Integration in Science,
Policy and Practice**
ETH Zurich [»](#)

27 – 31 October 2025
**Governance, Design
and Delivery of
Interdisciplinary
Higher Education**
University of Utrecht [»](#)

[see more events](#)

News from the community



Work Underway to Formalize an ITD Alliance Working Group on Education and Training

ITD Alliance: Following the ITD Conference in November 2024, a group of committed individuals began shaping the vision, goals,

Publications

Belcher, B. et al. (2025)
**A Quality Assessment
Framework for
Transdisciplinary
Research Design,
Monitoring, and
Evaluation: Guidance
for Application**
[»](#)

Deutsch, L. et al. (2025)
**Creating favorable
conditions for inter-
and transdisciplinary
integration – An
analytical framework
and empirical insights**
[»](#)

action plan, and governance of a new Working Group on Education and Training in Inter- and Transdisciplinarity under the ITD Alliance. Since then, two core meetings have taken place, the latest in a workshop format where participants engaged in refining the group's vision and objectives. Momentum is building, and a new meeting will be proposed soon to continue this collaborative effort. If you are interested in joining the group or contributing to its development, we warmly invite you to reach out and get involved! Contact Helena Guimarães, mhguimaraes@uevora.pt.

Cash is still king. But who will reign in the digital world?

TA-Swiss: As electronic payments skyrocket and cryptocurrencies gain momentum, a crucial question arises: should the state issue an official digital currency, backed by central banks?

[More Information on the planned publication](#)

The "Spark" Podcast

The **Swiss Young Academy** launched "Spark: Stories from Advocates for Global Change", a podcast featuring student-led interviews with experts discussing urgent global issues like AI, social media, human rights, and climate change. Aimed at young listeners (16–23), the podcast provides an accessible entry into transdisciplinary research and shows how collaboration across disciplines is key to solving complex societal challenges.

[More Information](#)

Beyond the Fix – the Podcast by Critical Scientists Switzerland

Critical Scientists Switzerland: The belief that science and technology can fix all our problems is widespread – but is it justified? The "Beyond the Fix" podcast offers a deep dive into commonly proposed fixes to the challenges we face today. Listen to the podcast on [Apple Podcasts](#), or [Spotify](#).

Transformative Inter- and Transdisciplinary methods for Global Societal Challenges

Global Social Challenges Journal: A Special Collection dedicated to the memory of the late Julie Thompson Klein. As a joint collection, the papers offer innovative conceptual and methodological approaches that represent the trends this scholarship has been thriving for in the last few years, and shows the wealth of expertise that has been developed while addressing the challenges facing global society. See [here](#) to read the full collection.

An acknowledgement for contribution to

Guzmán-Valeta, A. M. et al. (2024)

Transversality and Transdisciplinarity in the Curricular Design of higher education: a Systematic Review

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Hofmann, B. et al. (2025)
Knowledge Cumulation at Science–Policy Interfaces: Opportunities for Environmental Governance Research

>>

Idejiora-Kalu, N. (2024)
Engineering as Applied Social & Physical Sciences (Comparative Case Studies in Transdisciplinary Systems Science & Engineering)

>>

Idejiora-Kalu, N. (2024)
Epistemology in AI (Transdisciplinary AI)

>>

Jerome, L. W. et al. (2024)
Making transdisciplinarity work for complex systems: A dynamic model for blending diverse knowledges

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Lusk, G. (2021)
Does democracy require value-neutral science? Analyzing the legitimacy of scientific information in the political sphere

transdisciplinary research initiatives!

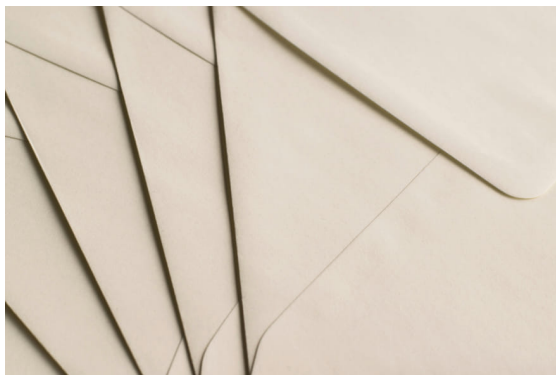
SNC (Sundar Nepal Creation), a newly found initiatives in wholistic life learning and research practices, greatly acknowledged its founder president Mr. Sundar Kumar Sharma for his significant contribution to transdisciplinary research and knowledge building practices. [More about SNC](#)
[Read an associated article by SNC](#)

An approach for operationalizing and sustaining systems improvements

i2insights/Dintle Molosiwa: How can we develop more effective interventions that address root causes of insufficient system performance? How can systems-informed interventions achieve and sustain more impactful system improvements? What strategies ensure multisectoral collaboration in systems improvement initiatives? [Go to blog](#)

[see more community news](#)

Calls



Call for Contributions: Transformative change for a just and sustainable future

National Sustainability Society: Balancing social, economic, and environmentally sustainable practices requires revolutionary action. Through individual initiatives and collaborative efforts in the near and distant future, humanity is still capable of both mitigating or even reversing adverse trends. A just and sustainable future is within our power.

Submission Deadline: 20 April 2025

[More Information](#)

Call for Papers: Ausgabe 10: Forschung mit

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Salmela, M. et al. (2025)
Towards the Recognition of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Researchers

»

Van Breda, J. (2025)
Narrative Action Research (NAR) for Doing Transformative Transdisciplinary Research (TTDR)

»

[see more publications](#)

Jobs and fellowships

15 April 2025
Wissenschaftliche:r Mitarbeiter:in an der Schnittstelle von Wissenschaft und Öffentlichkeit
Universität Bern [»](#)

15 April 2025
A PhD position (4 years, full time): just climate resilience & social learning with film at "Critical Sustainability Studies" Unit & mLAB
University of Bern [»](#)

04 May 2025
Postdoc Position(s) at the Max Planck | University of Helsinki Centre for Social Inequalities in

Wirkung? Von Transdisziplinarität bis Citizen Science im gesellschaftlichen Kontext

diskurs: Die Bedeutung einer Forschung, die nicht nur technologische, soziale und ökologische Probleme einer Gesellschaft bespricht, sondern diese Gesellschaft auch aktiv in einen Lösungs- und Forschungsprozess einbezieht wächst. Die kommende Ausgabe lädt Beiträge ein, die sich theoretisch und/oder empirisch mit folgenden Themenbereichen auseinandersetzen:

- I) Das Verhältnis von Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft
- II) Methoden und Standards der partizipativen Forschung
- III) Technologische Innovation als Brücke zwischen Wissenschaft und Gesellschaft
- IV) Die Politizität wissenschaftlicher Forschung

Einreichfrist: 1. August 2025

[Mehr Informationen](#)

[see more calls](#)

Population Health

Max Planck Institute for
Demographic Research,
Rostock >>

09 April 2025

**Wissenschaftliche:r
Mitarbeiter:in im
Projekt**

**Wissenschaftsplattform
Nachhaltigkeit 2030**

Forschungsinstitut für
Nachhaltigkeit GFZ,
Potsdam >>

Open until filled

**Evidence Synthesis
Information Scientist**
Virginia Tech >>

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positions](#)

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