Save the date: KFPE & SUDAC Annual Conference 13 November 2020 in Bern

Transformative Research – The New Imperative in Science?

Research shall contribute to transformations towards sustainable development. How does such research look like and what is needed to promote this kind of research? Will transformative research become the new normal or is it just a short-lived new fashion? This conference brings together actors from academia, civil society, private sector, administration and politics to discuss the role of research for transformation.

With presentations of examples of innovative transformative research partnerships and expectations from policy workers and practitioners we learn more about the potential but also challenges of transformative research. Together, we discuss how to implement, improve and promote transformative research.
Registration for the conference is already open at eventbrite. Please register before 2 November to ensure adequate COVID-19 prevention! Further information is soon available at the KFPE website.

Call for papers: Dynamic Urban Centers and Sustainable Mountain Development

Mountain Research and Development is looking for papers that help understand urbanization in mountains and emerging new relations between rural mountain areas and urban centers in and outside mountains. Papers that propose ways of shaping these transformation processes to increase sustainability, as well as synthesis and comparative studies across several mountain regions are also highly welcome. Full papers are due by 7 December 2020. Detailed call for papers.

Biovision and Agropolis: Shift Prize for Transformative Agroecological Research for Development

This prize aims to recognize collaborative research for development projects and initiatives that have made an exemplary contribution to agro-ecological transformation of food systems through their transdisciplinary research for development actions. The call for applications is open until 11th January 2021. The prizes will be awarded in April 2021. Further information and application.

Winners of SFIAR Award 2020

Dr. Michelle Nay of ETH Zürich has won the SFIAR PhD Award for her project "Improving smallholder farmers' food security through disease resistant common beans". Jacqueline Ribeli has won the SFIAR Master Thesis Award for her thesis: "Just Too Small? The Heavy Toll of a Low Dietary Diversity in Children: Exploration of Cultural Influencing Factors in Madagascar's Central Highland" (submitted at BFH–HAFL). The winners will be honored at a public award ceremony on 8 December 2020 at BFH–HAFL in Zollikofen.

For more news visit the KFPE website

---

Funding

The Leading House Asia call for Bridging Grants to establish existing collaborations between Swiss scientists and their collaborating partners

The Leading House Asia launches a call for Bridging Grants with China, Japan, South Korea and members states of ASEAN to establish existing collaborations between Swiss scientists and their collaborating partners. Researchers from Switzerland belonging to a university, a university of applied sciences, a university of teachers education or a research institute are eligible to apply. Research projects up to 12 months can be funded.
SPIRIT – Swiss Programme for International Research by Scientific Investigation Teams

The SPIRIT programme facilitates knowledge exchange between Swiss researchers and researchers in selected countries that are receiving development assistance. With SPIRIT, the SNSF is giving Swiss researchers more opportunities to collaborate with partners in many countries around the world. Pre-proposals can be submitted all year round. Applicants can request between 50,000 and 500,000 francs in project funds for two to four years. At least 30% of each approved grant must be allocated to Switzerland and at least 30% to the relevant partner country/countries.

REPI: Annual deadline for project outlines and proposals

Are you developing an innovative project, designed to meet the needs of a developing or transition country? Does it involve Swiss technology and knowhow transfer in the renewable energy, resource or energy efficiency fields? REPI is partially financing new, sustainable and effective small-scale projects from Swiss organisations with high replication potential. Next deadline: 22 November 2020.

For further funding possibilities, visit the KFPE website.

Courses

CAS WASH @ SUPSI-Eawag–UNINE

The 3rd and last module of the Certificate of Advanced Studies in Water Sanitation and Hygiene will take place 11–18 October 2020 in Neuchâtel. There are few places for those who wish to start the course and complete it in 2021 with modules 1 and 2. This course, promoted by SUPSI, Eawag and Uni–Neuchâtel, is designed to empower practitioners with an understanding of the fundamentals of the WASH sector, both in the humanitarian and development context. For more details visit the website of SUPSI.

Swiss TPH Health in Detention

7 – 11 December 2020 at Swiss TPH, Basel, Switzerland

The one-week course in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) gives health professionals the information, methods and tools needed to analyse and address health and human rights issues affecting people in detention. For further information visit the website of the Swiss TPH.

Swiss TPH Master of Business Administration in International Health Management

Courses & Dates for the MBI in International Health Management at Swiss TPH. The courses can also be taken as stand-alone Short Courses.

MBA: Supply Chain Management and Quality Assurance, 26 – 30 October 2020
MBA: Practice-Oriented Project, 2 – 6 November 2020

EPFL Sustainability Master and Executive Master

NEW Master in Sustainable Management and Technology training the next generation of
entrepreneurs to conduct business for the benefit of their organization, the environment and society. This new Master is an initiative of the Enterprise for Society Center (E4S), an innovative alliance between three institutions of renowned excellence: EPFL, University of Lausanne’s Faculty of Business and Economics (UNIL–HEC), the Institute for Management Development (IMD).

Executive Master in Innovative Governance of Large Urban Systems (IGLUS) is an action–research program that brings together practitioners and academics from the relevant disciplines to provide a comprehensive overview on urban governance issues in urban centers all over the world. Offered by EPFL’s College of Management of Technology, the program has a special focus on the governance of urban infrastructure systems, namely transport, energy, blue (water, wastewater), green, and brown (buildings) infrastructures, increasingly enabled by the information and communication technologies.

Continued education at the Center for African Studies Basel

Three two days’ modules are on offer in autumn 2020
Africa’s Place in the New World Order (Basel, 15.–16. October 2020)
Media, Journalism and the Public Sphere (Basel, 28.–29. October 2020)

swisspeace Postgraduate Courses

swisspeace offers several courses in collaboration with the University of Basel. These bridge current academic findings with the latest insights from peacebuilding practice.
Preventing Violent Conflicts, virtual course, 6 half–days, 19 November – 4 December
Dealing with the Past, 25–26 January 2021
Documenting and Archiving from a Dealing with the Past Perspective, 27–29 January 2021
National Dialogue & Peace Mediation, 8–12 February 2021
Gender, Conflict & Peacebuilding, 3–5 March 2021
Religion & Conflict Transformation, 22–25 March 2021

Events

Swiss Africa Researching Days, 23–24 October 2020, Bern

The objective of this biennial convention is to promote the exchange among the community of researchers working on Africa in Switzerland. Panels typically integrate young and established scholars (Master, PhDs, postdocs, professors). A poster exhibition gives insight into ongoing and recently completed PhD projects. For registration and further information visit the SSAS website.

Science Communication 2020 Conference, 16–17 September 2020, Solothurn

The Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS) will participate at the Science Communication 2020 Conference, organized by Science et Cité. The SNIS team will operate a Mobile Studio which will stream live video interviews from the event (on the SNIS Twitter feed @SNISGeneva). The interviews will be in English and are meant for all those interested in understanding and learning more about Science Communication as a field of action.

Closing Symposium of the TIGER Project, 13 November 2020, Basel

Das Swiss TPH veranstaltet ein Symposium in Basel, um die aktuelle Situation bezüglich der Ausbreitung der asiatischen Tigermücke im Oberrheintal zu präsentieren. Das Symposium fasst die
Ergebnisse und Auswirkungen des TIGER-Projekts zusammen, das vor drei Jahren lanciert wurde um die Ausbreitung der invasiven Tigermücke zu überwachen und einzugsen. Weitere Informationen und Anmeldung auf der [Webseite](#).

**From Manufacturer to Patient: Reshaping Healthcare Supply Chains, 1 December 2020, Basel**

Strong and resilient supply chains ensure the provision of quality health products to patients, making them a central component of health systems. The availability of health commodities is vital for the achievement of Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goals. For further information and registration visit the [website](#).

More events via KFPE

---

**Publications**

**Artisanal gold mining as important source of income in rural Burkina Faso**

Policies to eradicate "dirty gold" from the supply chain must not put livelihoods at risk. Three out of four small-scale miners in rural Burkina Faso regularly send remittances to their families, as the latest publication of Fritz Brugger (NADEL) and Jessica Zanetti (University of Zurich) reveals. Remittances are used for everyday needs and are invested sustainably to improve livelihoods of families.

**Financing sustainable development: The Role of the Multilateral Development Banks**

How do multilateral development banks (MDBs) work? Are they an effective instrument for financing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? In their policy paper, Chris Humphrey and Fritz Brugger present background information about MDBs as a contribution to the discussion of whether a capital increase for the World Bank and the African Development Bank makes sense from a development perspective.

**Emerging models of collaborations with Indian higher education institutions**

The report helps identify appropriate partners, explore potential collaboration models, analyse current trends in Indian higher education. It also provides insights on how Swiss institutions could reach out to India.

---

**One Health: auf dem Weg zu einer integrierteren Wissenschaft**


**Utilization of research knowledge in sustainable development pathways: Insights from a**
transdisciplinary research–for–development programme

This study contributes to the ongoing discussion on how to attribute and evaluate the contribution of international transdisciplinary research to sustainable development. As co-created knowledge is a key product of transdisciplinary research, the authors tested the hypothesis that the extent to which this knowledge is utilized beyond the project consortia, in different areas – from scientific methods and insights to policy decisions – can be used to identify potential impact pathways.

Drug Policies and Development

The International Development Policy journal is pleased to announce its new thematic issue, exploring the relationship between international drug policy and development goals, both current and within a historical perspective. The fifteen contributions address the drugs and development nexus from a range of critical viewpoints, highlighting gaps and contradictions, as well as exploring strategies and opportunities for enhanced linkages between drug control and development programming. Criminalisation and coercive law enforcement–based responses in international and national level drug control are shown to undermine peace, security and development objectives.

Did you like anything in particular, did you miss anything or did anything bother you in this newsletter? Please let me know, I am happy to receive your feedback.

Fabian Käser

Swiss Academy of Sciences · Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries
House of Sciences · Laupenstrasse 7 · P.O. Box · 3001 Bern · Switzerland
Fabian Käser · +41 31 306 93 49 · kfpe@scnat.ch

Share via Facebook · Twitter · E-Mail

Unsubscribe

Diese E-Mail wurde generiert von Direct Mail für Mac. Weitere Infos · Spam melden