



«Besides meeting so many great people, I have learned and taken away an appreciation for the usefulness and applicability of the transdisciplinary process.»
Felix Modelsee, Leuphana University Lüneburg

«I learned it's not only about how I bring my scientific results to the practitioners but also the other way round.»
Sonja Braaker, WSL

«Der Nachmittag mit der Winter School bedeutete für mich ein Stück weit die Erfüllung der Bemühungen, Wissenschaft und Praxis mehr miteinander zu verbinden und sich gegenseitig beeinflussen zu lassen. Ein ermutigender Ansatz. (...) Die Winter School kann ich auf jeden Fall bestens empfehlen.»
Ernst Frischknecht, Biobauer

Science Meets Practice 2012

Join the second CCES Winter School on a strengthened dialogue between scientists and practitioners

Männedorf, January 9 to 12 and February 6 to 9, 2012

Strengthening the dialogue between science and practice

How can scientists lead a true dialogue with people and institutions outside the scientific community? This is the topic of the CCES Winter School «Science Meets Practice» which supports exchange efforts and enhances capability to create interactions beyond scientific boundaries.

«For the first time, I experienced a very dynamic learning process interacting with other participants, lecturers and stakeholders from diverse fields.»
Kim Young Min, EPF Lausanne

«The structure and diversity of the program was most useful to enhance my understanding of dialogues between science and society.»
Lilian Blaser, University of Potsdam

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Why join the Winter School «Science Meets Practice»?



What you can learn

By joining the Winter School, you are acquiring knowledge and skills for the dialogue between science and practice and are improving your capabilities to understand and analyze the foundations of your research as well as the societal implications of its results. Together with your peers you reflect on your own PhD project with respect to its societal embedding, relevance, and consequences. The Winter School is an opportunity to get in touch with stakeholders from administration, policy, and the civil society fostering the dialogue beyond the scientific community.

Theoretical foundations and practical experiences

The Winter School provides insights into theoretical and methodological foundations on the challenges of knowledge exchange and dialogue between science and practice. It offers media and knowledge management training for enhancing stakeholder involvement. The Winter School participants together with stakeholders test concepts to work towards better links between science and practice.

Who can apply?

The Winter School addresses PhD students from environmental and natural sciences, engineering, and social sciences working in the fields of sustainability and sustainable development.

The Winter School runs with a maximum of 25 participants. PhD students from the ETH Domain will be given priority. PhD students in the above fields from outside the ETH Domain are eligible to apply. The language of the Winter School is English.

When and where?

The Winter School runs at the seminar location Boldern at Männedorf during two block weeks. The seminar facility can be easily reached from Zurich City by public transportation. The first block week (January 9-12, 2012) is dedicated to lectures, group work, exercises, and case studies. The second block week (February 6-9, 2012) focuses on the implementation of dialogues and stakeholder meetings. Coached group work supports the implementation preparations between the two block weeks.

The total time requirement is in the range of 90 hours, equivalent to 3 ECTS.

Costs

The participation fee is CHF 200 per participant. The fee covers the costs for the two external block weeks (excluding travel expenses to the seminar location), organizational support as well as printed course documentation.

How to apply

Application deadline:

October 31, 2011. You can download the application form at www.cces.ethz.ch/winterschool

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