Come join us at the TdLab “Science Meets Practice” Winter School 2019!

Engage, collaborate, create with transdisciplinarity and design thinking.
There is a growing need for scientists to play a role in confronting complex, societal problems. Learning to work with people and institutions across disciplines and beyond academia are important for scientists to step out of specialized communities and contribute to societal problem solving.

In this Winter School you will learn about a range of transdisciplinary methods, as well as design thinking methodology, for creating effective collaboration. A key feature of this Winter School is the opportunity for hands-on application of these methods in a real-world setting. This year, the theme will be “community development”, set in the town of Wislikofen in Switzerland. You will have the opportunity to directly interact with stakeholders from administration, business, policy, and civil society, while also working in an interdisciplinary group with other researchers.

You will, in addition, have time and space to critically analyze and reflect on your own PhD or Postdoc research project with respect to its societal relevance.

**PhD students and Postdocs from all disciplines are welcome**

The TdLab Winter School is designed for PhD students and Postdocs in the environmental and natural sciences, engineering, and social sciences, working on topics related to sustainability and sustainable development. The maximum number of participants is limited to 25. Potential
participants from the ETH Domain, other Swiss universities and universities all over the world are all encouraged to apply. The course language is English. Knowledge of (Swiss) German is useful for stakeholder meetings. Interpretation services will be occasionally provided.

**Content and format**
The TdLab Winter School takes place in two four-day blocks, with a weekend pause in between. Participants should plan to be in Switzerland for the entire duration of the programme.

- The first week (22–25 January 2019) is dedicated to lectures, first stakeholder interactions and case studies, with a focus on understanding theory and the working context.
- The second week (28–31 January 2019) is dedicated to group work, where participants have a chance to implement methods introduced in the first week. The programme will culminate in a “Science meets Practice” event created by the participants for the residents of Wislikofen.

A team of experienced coaches specializing in transdisciplinary research and design thinking from ETH Zurich will support you throughout the program.

The total time requirement for completing the course is in the range of 120 hours, equivalent to 4 ECTS.
Location
The TdLab Winter School takes place at Propstei Wislikofen in Wislikofen (canton of Aargau, Switzerland), where participants will stay for the duration of the program.

Costs
The participation fee is CHF 400 per participant. The fee covers a contribution to costs for board at Propstei Wislikofen (shared double room), meals and organizational support. The fee does not cover travel expenses to and from Propstei Wislikofen and the costs for the weekend pause between the two blocks.

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