

## News & General Information



### Call for seed money grants with South Asia and Iran 2018

As there is no notable research collaboration between the Swiss scientific community and its counterparts in the designated countries other than India, [seed money grants will be utilised](#) to stimulate partnerships in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Iran, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. **Deadline for applications 31 July 2018**



### New online course on how to link resilience and development issues

[The course, Transforming Development: The Science and Practice of Resilience Thinking](#), is hosted by the [Stockholm Resilience Centre](#), the [Centre for Complex Systems in Transition](#) at Stellenbosch University and the [SDG Academy](#).



### GMBA Mountain Biodiversity and Human Wellbeing Survey

The Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment (GMBA) is carrying out a first coarse assessment of the state of, trends in, and relations between biodiversity, ecosystem services, human wellbeing, and direct drivers in the world's mountains. Please take their [40 minutes survey](#) by 31<sup>st</sup> May and share your knowledge about the mountain social-ecological system(s) you are working on!

### Call SARECO - Swiss-African Research Cooperation

The [call is for advanced PhD students and early postdoctoral](#) researchers from Switzerland and sub-Saharan Africa. Applicants can apply for a visiting fellowship between 3 and 15 months and eligible costs include equipment costs, research funds and mobility stipends. **Deadline** for applications: 10 June 2018

### TWAS PhD and postdoc fellowships

[TWAS PhD and postdoc fellowships](#) build careers for early-career scientists from the developing world ->> from 1 June on.

## **The 2030 Agenda: Simulation tool shows challenges**

CDE scientists have developed [a tool that reveals several conflicts of interest](#) in implementing the second goal of the 2030 Agenda.

## **r4d Programme synthesis information events**

Getting involved in the synthesis processes of the r4d programme means learning beyond individual projects. [Two online information events](#) take place on 17 and 18 May 2018 (registration until 15 May).

## **r4d Programme Mid-term Review Report published**

The [Mid-term Review provides](#) interesting insights for funders and researchers into the specifics, the challenges and the opportunities of the r4d programme.

## **Are mining companies becoming more responsible?**

On April 11, the Graduate Institute and the Responsible Mining Foundation organized an event [to mark the launch of the Responsible Mining Index](#)

## **Extended collaboration between the IHEID and the Right Livelihood Award Foundation**

On April 16, [an agreement was signed to promote cooperation](#) on research projects, outreach activities, professional training, and internship and career opportunities for students.

## **Vitamin A Supplementation Controversy**

A recent [report and podcast from the British Medical Journal](#) has revived the controversy on when to scale back high-dose vitamin A supplementation (VAS) to reduce child mortality. [Sight and Life argues](#) only compelling evidence can justify scaling back this intervention for the reasons pointed out below.

## **Sight and Life Webinar Series on Behavior Change Communication (BBC)**

The [first series will focus on the topic of BCC](#). Presented in a series of four webinars, we will examine the BCC process from the program manager's point-of-view. That means, we emphasize experiential knowledge combined with research analysis, and identify tools and tips to help the program manager manage the BCC process.

## **Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research: SFIAR Award 2018**

The best PhD or Post Doc project wins CHF 5'000.-, and the best Master thesis project CHF 1'000.- Submission is easy ->> have a look at the [application guidelines](#)

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## **Jobs**

### **PhD-Position “Aesthetics from the Margins” (60%)**

The Center for African Studies at the University of Basel invites [applications for a PhD position](#). Aesthetics from the Margins explores social and cultural ways of world-making in the colony and postcolony.

## Courses

### **CAS in Civilian Peacebuilding Essentials**

Get insights in research and practice of civilian peacebuilding and broaden your skills to work in fragile contexts. [Read more](#), and [register](#) by 30 June 2018.

### **Dealing with the Past & Conflict Transformation Course**

Learn about the design and implementation of effective and transformative dealing with the past processes. [Read more](#), and [register](#) by 30 June 2018

### **CAS Entwicklung und Umwelt - ab 21.9. 2018 in Muttenz**

Das modulare [CAS Entwicklung und Umwelt](#) analysiert die Zusammenhänge zwischen der Entwicklung unserer Gesellschaft und den daraus resultierenden Umweltproblemen. Es werden Konzepte und Strategien thematisiert, welche hin zu einer tragfähigeren, nachhaltigeren Entwicklung führen. Anmeldeschluss: 19.8 2018

### **CAS-WASH 2019**

A new [CAS in Water Sanitation and Hygiene](#) for humanitarian and developing contexts will be launched in 2019 by the Swiss Consortium for Education and Research in WASH. This course is designed to empower practitioners with an understanding of the fundamental principles of the WASH sector and introduces students to the core principles for planning, designing and implementing activities.

## Events

### **Buchvernissage «Sprachkompass Landschaft und Umwelt»**

29. Mai, 19.00 Uhr in Bern. Haupt Buchhandlung, Atelier 14B, Falkenplatz 14

Wie prägt Sprache unsere Wahrnehmung von Landschaft und Umwelt? Wie beeinflusst sie unser entsprechendes Denken und Handeln? [Die CDE-Studie «Sprachkompass Landschaft und Umwelt»](#) liegt jetzt in Buchform vor.

### **Graduate Workshop: Tools for Transdisciplinary Research Projects**

First June 2018 in Basel - This [workshop is designed to](#) support graduate students who consider integrating transdisciplinary approaches into their research projects. It will provide an introduction to the field of transdisciplinary research and will present tools to design and carry out cooperative knowledge production.

### **Presentation of the Regional IPBES assessment report on biodiversity and ecosystems services for Europe and Central Asia**

6 June 2018 in Bern (9-12.30) - [more information](#)

### **Managing Risk in Agriculture - A Symposium Focused on Innovations in Agricultural Insurance and Digitization**

5 July 2018 at ETH Zürich, 15:30 – 18:15 - [more information](#)

### **3rd CODESRIA/ZASB Summer School (Dakar, 20.-24.08. 2018)**

The [overall objective of the Summer School](#) is to stimulate and consolidate interdisciplinary approaches to research on Africa, but also on other regions of the world undertaken from within the African continent.

## **One Health for Humans and Animals - How Do We Get Zoonoses under Control?**

[SwissTPH Winter Symposium](#), 6 & 7 December in Basel.

More than 60% of human infectious diseases have an animal origin. Join us to explore, learn and share with international zoonoses research experts on the causes and responses to animal-human transmission.

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## **Publications**

### **Open Access for the Biology of the First 1,000 Days**

The first 1,000 days, from conception to two years of age, is a critical period of growth and development. Exposures to dietary, environmental, hormonal, and other stressors during this window have been associated with an increased risk of poor health outcomes, some of which are irreversible. The book, [The Biology of the First 1,000 Days](#), addresses this crucial interval of early life across biological disciplines

### **Reiseziel Ayurveda - indisch-schweizerische Forschungsk Kooperation zu Medizintourismus**

[Careum Blog von Kaspar Heid](#)

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