

Summer School 2022 in Tramelan, Switzerland
13 – 21 June 2022



**Politics, natural resources and health systems
from a conflict perspective**

**Focus, goals,
and target
groups**

The 2022 Summer School of the International Graduate School (IGS) North-South will focus on conflict sensitivity and governance, and will cover the tentative topics of **political conflicts in the Bernese Jura, natural resource management, and public health services**. The ongoing crisis in the Ukraine will be addressed in the program. The aim is to provide methodological and conceptual insights into integrated approaches to engage in research for sustainable development in different (political and societal) contexts.

The goal of the Summer School is to offer an intercultural, inter- and transdisciplinary learning and exchange platform for PhD students from different countries around the world and from different academic disciplines who are involved in interdisciplinary research on sustainable development and global change.

The main target groups of the course are students from the global South and North to exchange and collaborate on the topic of sustainable development and global change. Please note that the number of participants is limited.

- Place** Tramelan, Switzerland
- Time** **13 – 21 June 2022 (arrival on 12 June in Tramelan)**
- Organizers**
- swisspeace, associated with the University of Basel, Switzerland
 - Centre for Development and Environment (CDE), University of Bern, Switzerland
 - Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Swiss TPH), associated with the University of Basel, Switzerland

- Lecturers /
Organizers**
- Dr. Roger Bär, Prof. Dr. Thomas Breu, Sara Frey, Prof. Dr. Laurent Goetschel, Dr. Sarah-Lan Mathez,
Dr. Heino Meessen, Prof. Dr. Susan Thieme, Dr. Lilian Trechsel, Prof. Dr. Juerg Utzinger

Overall course programme

The course will last 9 days and consist of a mix of lectures, exercises, coaching, interdisciplinary group work, and fieldwork. The program includes the following blocks:

- **Conceptual seminars** providing insights into concepts of and debates on sustainable development, global change processes, and emerging dynamics, as well as reflections on the methodological implications of research on global change and sustainable development, conducted with an inter- and transdisciplinary research approach. Special attention will be given to conflicts and their implication on sustainable development.
- **A methodological seminar** with a social science perspective and a focus on fairness, ethics and conflict sensitivity skills.
- **Lectures and exercises to develop** “soft skills” in scientific writing and publishing.
- **Case studies** focusing on the topic of the summer-school. Participants will prepare for the fieldwork in interdisciplinary groups with support from local resource persons (inputs). They will conduct 2.5 days of fieldwork with transdisciplinary elements, then jointly analyse and present their findings.

Application process

To apply for the IGS North-South Summer School, you must fulfil one or more of the selection criteria listed below.

- You are a PhD candidate from the global North or South, or a senior researcher from the global South.
- You are interested and engaged in a research partnership project and wish to apply an integrated approach in development research.
- Your English is fluent.
- If the number of applicants exceeds the maximum number of participants, we will give priority to students involved in a research project in the area; and to students who are affiliated with one of the Swiss partner institutions.



To apply, please fill in the official [online application form](https://www.igs-north-south.ch) on www.igs-north-south.ch and upload the following documents (in English) as PDF file. Submission deadline: **12 April 2022**.

- Curriculum vitae
- Copy of the first page of your passport
- A personal letter of interest (maximum 300 words). Please explain why you would like to participate in the IGS North-South Summer School.

Students who are affiliated with an institution or programme that is linked with the IGS North-South (University of Basel: swisspeace and Swiss TPH; University of Bern, University of Lausanne and University of Zurich) have the possibility of applying for financial support. Limited funds are available to support participation of students and senior researchers from the global South; the selection criteria are the same for all groups.

A limited number of places are also available for self-payers; the course fee amounts to CHF 4200, and includes local transport for field trips, accommodation, and full board for the duration of the whole course, but not the price of the journey to the venue.

Upon sending your application, you will receive a confirmation email containing further information about the timetable.