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NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTER

Scientifica 2021 – Synthetic naturally



On September 4 and 5, 2021, the Zurich Science Days *Scientifica* took place. Rosy Mondardini and Anirudh Krishnakumar run two workshops to introduce visitors to our tools – the [Project Builder](#) and the upcoming Citizen Science Logger. With more global perspective, Ursina Roffler explained how Citizen Science can contribute to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

[more information](#)



Coming up on the Center's platform

A new version of the *Citizen Science Project Builder* was beta-released a few weeks ago. New templates feature the possibility to build full-fledged questionnaires for media analysis (with conditions and multiple formats for questions) and to geolocate content on Open Street Map (e.g. mark the location of the content of an image or delimitate an area of interest). Very soon we will also release the beta version of the *Citizen Science Logger*, which allows you to create data collection projects in the form of a smartphone App (iOS and Android). In this case as well, the creation happens via a web interface with a simple step-by-step process. Stay tuned!

[to the Project Builder](#)

NEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY



Scientifica 2021

Together with the team of the project *Piece of Evidence: Underpants*, the Participatory Science Academy (PSA) was represented at Scientifica with a booth. They had exciting talks and together with visitors they tested soil samples, looked at the decay of underpants and dug in the soil for soil animals. As a reminder, the [Piece of Evidence: Underpants project](#) was funded by a seed grant from PSA.

[more information](#)



Citizen Science Course for Bachelor and Master students

For the first time, the School for Transdisciplinary Studies of the University of Zurich offers a Citizen Science course for Bachelor and Master students. In the module *Introduction to Citizen Science*, participants learn about Citizen Science through concrete examples of participatory projects from different disciplines. Goals and functions, type and intensity as well as challenges of practical implementation in the field will be discussed interactively.

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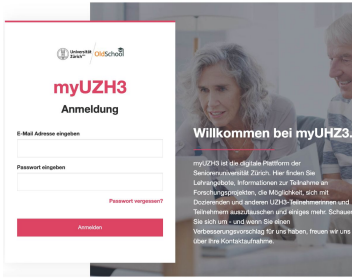
NEWS FROM PARTNERS & PROJECTS

2000 underpants for a subterranean good world



Last April, the *Piece of Evidence: Underpants* project was launched with great media hype. Together with 1000 Citizen Scientists, the health of our soil is being tested. The interim result is an overwhelming success! To date, a good 700 returns have been received with soil samples and degraded underpants, which will be analyzed over the next few months. A laboratory visit and collaboration day is being organized, where participants can look over the shoulders of the project team or help directly with the analyses.

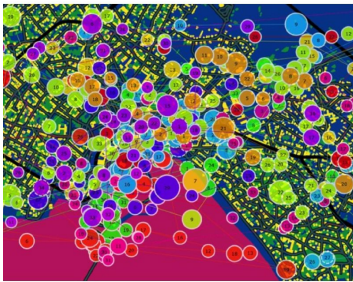
[to the project](#)



In the lecture hall, via Zoom, later via myUZH3

The fall semester of the Senior University Zurich UZH3 starts today. After 24 online lectures in the spring semester, lectures will again be held on site at the University of Irchel – now with a live broadcast via Zoom. On myUZH3, the lectures can be accessed for a later viewing exclusively for UZH3 members. In this way, UZH3 takes into account the diverse educational needs of 60+. At the same time, it creates and maintains a community of people familiar with research and interested in participatory research, as they are sought after in Citizen Science projects.

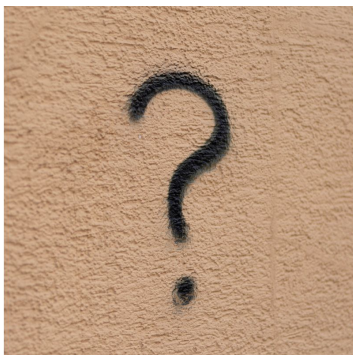
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MapOnTap: Smartphone map app use study

Do you want to help to design future map apps that support your mobility better? Then take part in the MapOnTap Project. It is a research project of the University of Zurich [Digital Society Initiative](#), that wants to better understand when, how, and where people use mobile map apps. They seek participants between 18 and 85 years old, who are residents of Switzerland, and own an Android Smartphone. All you need to do is to register and download a free app that runs unnoticeably in the background.

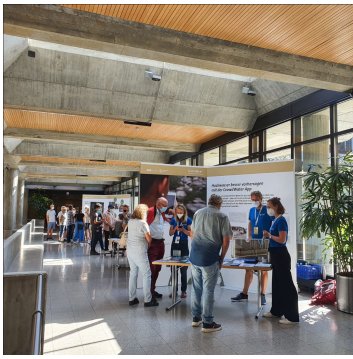
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Survey about unstructured data

Digitalization leads to new types of data offering exciting research opportunities: social media, speech, photos, videos, electronic records, etc. However, many of these data are unstructured, requiring extensive pre-processing. Have you ever worked with unstructured data? The [Digital Society Initiative](#) of the University of Zurich invites researchers to share their experiences with such data. Support them by completing their survey.

[to the survey](#)



Great encounters at Scientifica and the Swiss Water and Climate Forum!

In September, the [Crowdwater](#) team had the opportunity to present its project at two events. Scientifica offered the chance to get in touch with many interested people and to have inspiring conversations. At the Swiss Water and Climate Forum, they got to know other water experts from a wide range of disciplines. The Crowdwater team is already looking forward to the next opportunities to exchange ideas and meet new people.

[to the walk through Zurich from Scientifica](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday,
September 29
12:00 - 13:00**

Postdoc Meet Up! Online via Zoom (only in German)

Jan Freihardt, PhD student in political science at ETH Zurich, talks to us about his book *Draussen ist es anders. Auf neuen Wegen zu einer Wissenschaft für den Wandel*. In this Postdoc Meet Up! the team of the Graduate Campus and the PSA want to talk about if and how Citizen Science is or can be transformative science and how early career researchers can profitably engage in a different form of science. The event will be held in German.

[More information and registration](#)

**Tuesday,
November 16
09:30 - 12:30**

Online Workshop: Methods and Tools for Co-Creation in Participatory Research (only in German)

To address societal challenges, collaboration between researchers and practitioners is increasingly important. But how do you bring them together? In this workshop organized by the PSA for researchers, concrete tools from the *td-net toolbox for co-production of knowledge* will be applied to challenges in participatory projects and discussed.

[More information and registration](#)

**Monday,
November 22**

Advanced Citizen Science: Designing and facilitating participatory research process competently (only in German)

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The course focuses on the application of selected methods and tools for the design, planning and monitoring in one's

**Wednesday,
December 01
09:00 - 17:00**

own research practice. The course is for doctoral students, postdocs and researchers in Citizen Science. It is organized by the PSA and the Graduate Campus.

[More information and registration](#)



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