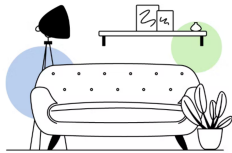




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## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE CENTER

### KNOW THE AIR YOU BREATHE



#### Do you "Know the air you breathe"?

Together with researchers from ETH Zurich and interested citizens, we started a new Citizen Science project "Know the air you breathe". The project aims to monitor indoor air quality. In two co-creation workshops we exchanged about the "why" this project is important, the "what" we want to measure and the "how" we will do that. In the upcoming weeks the first citizens will start with the data taking. Stay tuned!

[to the project site](#)



#### The Outbreak - Co-Designing a Graphic Novel on Pandemics & Bioethics

This newly launched project aims at documenting, illustrating and communicating bioethical concepts that have emerged in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Together with Generation Z the project co-designs a graphic novel on the topic "Pandemics & Bioethics". The project is lead by the Institute of Biomedical Ethics and History of Medicine at University of Zurich and is supported by the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNFS) Agora Grant.

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## New EU project: HEALTHFERM

Thanks to a close collaboration with researchers at ETHZ - DHEST, the CS Center is joining an interdisciplinary consortium of 22 international partners targeting the impact of fermentation on human health and how fermentation can be leveraged to enhance the use of sustainable plant-based raw materials. The project kickoff was on September 1, 2022.

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## CC-CS (on) publications

In the context of the [CROWD4SDG](#) collaboration, the CS Center contributed to the UN Policy Brief "Citizen science data to track SDG progress: Low-hanging fruit for Governments and National Statistical Offices", have a look if you are curious about how Citizen Science data (CSD) can track progress towards the SDGs.

Also, the Center and the Air Quality project were featured in the Nature article "Community science draws on the power of the crowd"!

[to the UN Policy Brief](#)

[to the Nature article](#)

## NEWS FROM THE PARTICIPATORY SCIENCE ACADEMY

**CITIZEN SCIENCE MODULAR RESEARCH COURSE**

- Organized by the Participatory Science Academy (UZH & ETH)
- At University of Zurich, Sälgstrasse 59, 8006 Zurich or online
- For PhD students, post docs and practitioners outside of academic institutions
- 1 ECTS credit for visiting the basis module and 3 advanced modules or more

Citizen Science research projects actively involve citizens in participatory research, which makes them face different challenges compared to disciplinary research projects. In order to involve citizens in a meaningful way, various overarching competencies are required. These competencies are taught through the corresponding modules of the research course. In doing so, we draw on interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research, sustainability research, impact research, and current practical examples.

**Basis Module**  
18.10.2023, 19:30 - 19:50 (online)  
or 13.11.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
What is Citizen Science? Is what I do called Citizen Science?

**Impact-oriented Planning of Citizen Science Projects**  
17.08.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
How can I identify the impact of my project, and how can I work towards it in the most effective way possible?

**Research Design for Participatory Citizen Science**  
24.11.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
What do I need to consider when planning my research project?

**Community Management**  
24.11.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
How do I find citizens who are willing to participate in my project? And how do I motivate them to stay involved?

**Facilitating Participatory Research Processes**  
13.12.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
How do I need to facilitate a participatory process?

**Inter- and Transdisciplinary Integration**  
21.12.2023, 19:30 - 19:50  
How can I bring together different types of knowledge? What is the role of researchers in this endeavor?

**Evaluation Step-By-Step: How to Assess Project Impacts**  
22.02.2024, 19:30 - 19:50  
What do I need to consider when planning and implementing my Citizen Science project's evaluation?

Further information and registration on [www.pwa.uzh.ch](http://www.pwa.uzh.ch)

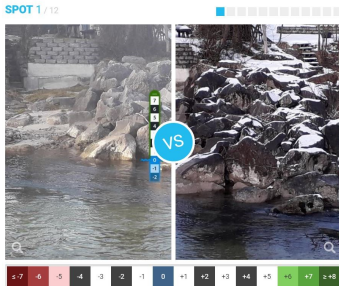
## New courses

This autumn, the Participatory Science Academy (UZH/ETH) offers two new courses for doctoral students, postdocs, and practitioners in Citizen Science: The **Citizen Science Modular Research Course** (in English) which consists of a basis and several advanced courses where participants acquire specific skills (community management, impact-oriented planning, or facilitation), and the **Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Learning Lab** (in German) which utilises methods from peer-to-peer coaching.

[to Modular Research Course](#)[to Peer-to-Peer Learning Lab](#)

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## NEWS FROM PARTNERS & PROJECTS



### Playfully closer to the truth

The truth lies in between – that is usually true when different views collide. When estimating something, we often hit the correct value pretty well by averaging our estimates. Even if individual estimates deviate, the average is often close to the real value. This is the "wisdom of the crowd". The CrowdWater game makes use of this principle: citizen scientists estimate the relative water level on photos. In this way, the quality of the data collected with our app can be improved. You can join by playing the game, help science and have the chance to win a prize every month!

[to the game](#)

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### Senior University Zurich UZH3: Learning at the Age-Friendly University

The autumn semester of the Senior University starts on September 27, 2022 and offers a diverse lecture program for people 60+. The lectures will be livestreamed on the learning platform "myUZH3" and will be available on the platform for time-shifted viewing. Recently, the University of Zurich became part of the international network of [Age-Friendly Universities](#). Members of the Senior University Zurich UZH3 have also contributed to this success, thereby demonstrating that UZH3 maintains a community of people familiar with research and interested in participatory research, as sought after in Citizen Science projects.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday,  
28.09.  
14:30 - 18:00**

### **Festival of Soil Life: Underpants and healthy soil**

In the project "Piece of Evidence: Underpants", 1000 participants buried underpants in the soil and dug them up again after 2 months. Depending on how decomposed they are, one can conclude the activity of the soil organisms. At the 'Festival of Soil Life' (*Fest des Bodenlebens*) on September 28, 2022, the project team will present the results and show what buried underpants have to do with soil health, our food and climate change. There will also be soil creatures and underpants on display, a walk-through soil profile, an aperitif and more. The project team is looking forward to seeing you!

[More information and registration](#)

**Tuesday,  
11.10.  
15:00 - 15:30**

### **The CO-ffee Break**

The CO-ffee break: COllaboration, COcreation, and COntribution with the Swiss Science COmmunity! *Schweiz forscht* and the Participatory Science Academy invite you to a virtual coffee break - with members of the *Schweiz forscht* network. Next date is October 11, 2022, from 15:00-15:30. Welcome! Willkommen! Bienvenue! Benvenuti!

[More information](#) (no registration necessary)

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