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Citizen Science Summer School

Transforming research through public participation

Theme

What are the **potentials of citizen science** for increased **dialogue between science and society**? How can citizen science contribute to **solving societal challenges** and **transforming science**? How do I **improve equity and inclusion** in and through my participatory research project? What **skills and competencies** do researchers and citizens need to do citizen science?

Citizen science and other participatory approaches in scientific research have received broad attention in recent years. The motifs for involving citizens in science are manifold and range from the empowerment of marginalized groups to increasing the amount of collected data. Activities encompass small-scale local projects as well as large-scale international projects.

Goals

In this Summer School at the University of Zurich and ETH Zurich, Switzerland, you will identify and develop skills needed to engage in participatory research. Based on an interactive format with ample time for discussion and hands-on activities, you will

- get an overview of current citizen science debates and know the essential arguments
- get to know different approaches of citizen science, its methods and tools, their limits and possibilities
- be able to decide how participatory approaches can be useful for your own research project
- become familiar with principles, methods and tools for participatory process design and support
- gain insights from current citizen science activities in Zurich with a high degree of participation
- exchange ideas and experiences with researchers connected to citizen science and local citizens.

Participant requirements

We welcome researchers from all research institutions and disciplines to apply for the Summer School. The program is primarily designed for doctoral students and postdocs. However, we also encourage practitioners who work in the field of citizen science to apply. We strive for a diverse

group of participants with different disciplinary backgrounds, a keen interest in research with societal relevance and new ways to interact with (non-academic) citizens. Sessions will be conducted in English, therefore fluency in both spoken and written English is essential. Since the Summer School takes place in Zurich, Switzerland, some parts of the program may be held in German, (passive) knowledge of German is an asset.

Participation costs

The fee of 290 CHF incl. tax entails access to 5 days of lectures and practical course work, accommodation, lunch and coffee breaks. In cases of special financial burden (for example for single parents), we are able to grant a participation fee reduction of CHF 100 for a limited number of applicants. The participation fee must be paid by May 8, 2023. Participants will be responsible to manage any

reimbursement from their institution individually, if applicable.

Disclaimer

At the time of publishing this call, face-to-face meetings and international travel to Switzerland are possible. However, from the past years we have learned that public health measures may change on short notice. We follow the situation closely and will act in accordance with regulations and recommendations by the federal government and the Canton of Zurich. For this reason, we reserve the right to make changes to the program and format. Please understand that changes do not entitle participants to a refund.

How to apply

Applicants are requested to provide the following material:

1. a motivation letter which outlines your interest in the Summer School and the experience and skills you can contribute
2. your current CV
3. a short abstract indicating the current status of your doctoral thesis (max. 350 words). Please make sure that your abstract is presented in a language that is accessible to people from other disciplines

for practitioners, please hand in a short description of your work and how it relates to citizen science (max. 350 words).

Please apply online via
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by March 12th, 2023, **23:59h**.

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