

## Tutor(s) for “Transdisciplinary Case Study: Climate Adaptation in the Alps” – spring 2026



### Background – Information on the “Transdisciplinary Case Study” (Td CS)

The Td Case Study is a master's course offered by the Transdisciplinarity Lab (TdLab, D-USYS) in spring semesters at ETH Zurich. The course is attended by up to 25 students, mainly from the Environmental Sciences and Agricultural Sciences studies at ETH Zurich. In the course, students examine environmental and sustainability issues in a region and contribute to the development and discussion of possible solutions. In spring 2026, the course will focus on the topic of “Climate adaption in the Alps”. In collaboration with societal partners from the mountain region of Surselva in the canton of Grisons, the course topic will be tailored to local needs, e.g., for various sectors such as natural hazards, agriculture, tourism, and water. Students will work in teams, designing, implementing, and managing their own transdisciplinary research projects by applying methods and tools to engage diverse scientific disciplines and perspectives of various local stakeholders in the knowledge production process. An advisory group consisting of selected representatives from various fields in the region will provide guidance during the implementation of the course and support it, e.g., by providing feedback on research ideas and facilitating appropriate contacts. Furthermore, the course is conducted in collaboration with the Zurich University of Arts (ZHdK) with additionally 15 arts students reflecting on the case study topic in an artistic manner. Lecturers at ETHZ are [Dr. Benjamin Hofmann](#) and [Dr. Ariane Wenger](#).

### Responsibilities

As a tutor in the Td Case Study, you will

- Participate in the introductory course to introduce yourself and get familiar with the students and course outline.
- Participate in some of the courses (Wednesdays 14:00-18:00) to help with student coaching on different qualitative and quantitative social science and transdisciplinary methods.
- Help set up and maintain the Moodle platform.

- Merge students' contributions and do a final check of the course's ethics application (with support from the lecturers).
- Help organize excursions, a block week, and the final event in the case study region.
- Participate in and assist with organizational support during the excursions, the block weeks, and the final event to immerse yourself in the case study (tentative dates see below).

## Profile

- We are looking for proactive and highly motivated MSc students at ETHZ in the field of environmental or agricultural sciences.
- Ideally, you have previously participated in one of the following courses: "Td CS", "Integration in Science, Policy and Practice: Inter- and Transdisciplinary Concepts, Methods, Tools", "Agrarian and Environmental Values: Tensions, Synergies, Practices and Policies", or "UPL I & II". However, this is not a must.
- Experience with applying social sciences and transdisciplinary methods (e.g., interviews, focus group discussions, participant observations, workshops) are advantageous.
- You should be able to communicate clearly and professionally in English and German.
- You enjoy teamwork and contribute to a positive work environment.

## Detailed Tasks and estimated workload

Task	Time needed	Tentative dates
Preparatory meetings before semester	4h	Dec 2025, Jan 2026
Participation in advisory group meetings	3h	Dec 2025, Apr & Jul 2026
Participation in introductory course	2h	25.02.2026
Preparation of Moodle / courses / tasks	30h	Jan – May 2026
Participation in courses	30h (max.)	Wednesdays 14:00-18:00 25.02.2026 – 27.05.2026
Preparation of excursions	10h	Jan – April 2026
Participation in excursions	12h 12h 8h	11.03.2026 20.03.2026 15.04.2026
Support writing ethics application	4h	April 2026
Preparation of block week	10h	March – June 2026
Participation in block week	40h	14./15.06.2026 – 19./20.06.2026
Support with administration, e.g., finances	10h	June/July 2026
Preparation & participation in TdLab block week	10h (max.)	22.06.2026 – 26.06.2026
Preparation of final event	5h	June 2026
Participation in final event	8h	01.07.2026
Debriefing meeting	2h	July 2026
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Max. 200h</b>	

## We offer

- An open, inclusive, and collaborative work environment
- Insights into transdisciplinary teaching and stakeholder engagement
- Paid participation in the excursions
- Salary in line with ETHZ provisions (CHF 30.70/hour)

## Interested?

Please send your application, including a cover letter (max. 1 page), a short CV, and your transcripts of records to [ariane.wenger@usys.ethz.ch](mailto:ariane.wenger@usys.ethz.ch). Applications are evaluated on a rolling basis, starting on Nov 24 until the position is filled.