

26th Swiss Global Change Day

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ProClim's Annual Conference on
Climate and Global Change



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The Swiss Global Change Day, organised by ProClim, is a unique event that provides insights into the latest advances in climate research. We are delighted to announce the following keynote speakers:

Andreas Prein is a Professor of High-Resolution Weather and Climate Models at the Department of Environmental Systems Science at the Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ). His research focuses on the role of small-scale processes in shaping the weather and climate system, including extreme events.

Stephan Lewandowsky is a Professor at the University of Bristol and the University of Potsdam. As a cognitive scientist, he examines the persistence and spreading of misinformation in society. He is particularly interested in the variables that determine whether or not people accept scientific evidence about climate change.

Gabriela Schaeppman-Strub is a Professor of Earth System Science at the Department of Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Studies at the University of Zurich. She conducts research in the fields of spatial ecology and remote sensing, arctic biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, and radiation-vegetation interaction.

The climate scientist **Valérie Masson-Delmotte** is Research Director at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) and has contributed to several IPCC reports. Her research includes water vapour monitoring and combines past climate variability with simulations to address current climate models.

Science Talk

Another highlight will be the Science Talk on the state of disinformation and political influence on research in Switzerland with **Tobias Brosch** (University of Geneva), **Viktoria Cologna** (Eawag), **Toralf Staud** (Klimafakten) and **Claudia Brühwiler** (University of St. Gallen, University of Notre Dame).

Poster Session and Networking

During the breaks, there will be plenty of time to check out the poster session and information stands in the foyer. Researchers, students, and postdocs have the opportunity to present their latest projects and discuss their findings with peers during the Poster Session. As part of the Poster Contest, a 1000 CHF travel voucher will be awarded to the best scientific poster in each of the categories Geosphere/Biosphere, Atmosphere/Hydrosphere, and Human Dimensions/Sustainability. This year, in collaboration with the ETHIC Consortium, an additional distinction will be offered to the best health-related poster. At the information stands, organisations will showcase their work and initiatives.

Programm

8.30 Coffee, Preparation of Posters

9.00 Introduction

KARIN INGOLD, President of the Forum for Climate and Global Change, University of Bern

9.15 From Single Storms to Global Waves: How High-Resolution Models Are Changing Climate Science

ANDREAS PREIN, Federal Institute of Technology Zurich

9.50 Climate Change Misinformation: Supply, Demand, and the Challenges to Science in a 'Post-Truth' World

STEPHAN LEWANDOWSKY, University of Bristol, University of Potsdam

10.25 Poster Session

10.50 Coffee Break

11.10 Science Talk

The State of Disinformation and Political Influence on Research in Switzerland

TOBIAS BROSCHE, University of Geneva • VIKTORIA COLOGNA, Eawag
TORALF STAUD, Klimafakten • CLAUDIA BRÜHWILER, University of St. Gallen, University of Notre Dame

12.15 Lunch

13.15 Poster Session

13.45 Wrap-up

JONAS RAEBER, Live-Cartoonist

14.00 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Functions in the New Arctic

GABRIELA SCHAEPMAN-STRUB, University of Zurich

14.35 Award Ceremony

15.05 Coffee Break

15.30 Challenges in Climate Science Research in a World 1.5°C Warmer and Amid Political Obstruction

VALÉRIE MASSON-DELMOTTE, French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

16.05 Wrap-up

JONAS RAEBER, Live-Cartoonist

16.20 Closure

16.30 Apéro

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Location

Freies Gymnasium Bern • Beaulieustrasse 55 • 3012 Bern
Please take bus no. 11 direction 'Neufeld P+R', get off at the stop 'Brückfeld'. The trip takes about 15 minutes from the main station.

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