# Innovating teaching at the science-society interface – opportunities, barriers, and ways forward

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## Sustainability and teaching approaches

#### Sustainability as societal (rather than purely technical) challenge

- Trade-offs and conflicts about goals
- Knowledge to navigate trade-offs
- Exchange with society as integral part

#### **Education for sustainable development (ESD)**

- Democratic participation / active citizenship / civic engagement
- Engagement beyond the classroom

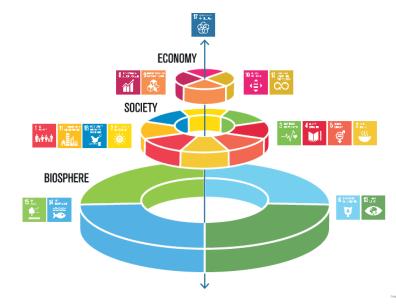


Figure: Stockholm Resilience Centre

**Berlin Declaration on Education** 

for Sustainable Development

Learn for our planet: Act for sustainability

#ESDfor2030



### Our project



Promote innovative teaching formats at Swiss HEIs that go beyond classroom and address a broader audience (not limited to sustainability)





Map existing courses and formats



Build network of interested lecturers



## **Examples of science-society teaching**

#### **Coproduction with stakeholders:**

Tackling Environmental Problems, ETHZ

#### **Service learning:**

Microbes Go to School, UNINE

**Consulting:** Sustainability Consulting in an Evolving ESG Landscape, *HSG* 

**Podcast**: Sustainability now! Inequalities as an obstacle to achieve sustainable development, *UZH* 

**Art**: Age, Time and Change — Temporal Explorations on the Furka Pass, *ZHdK* 

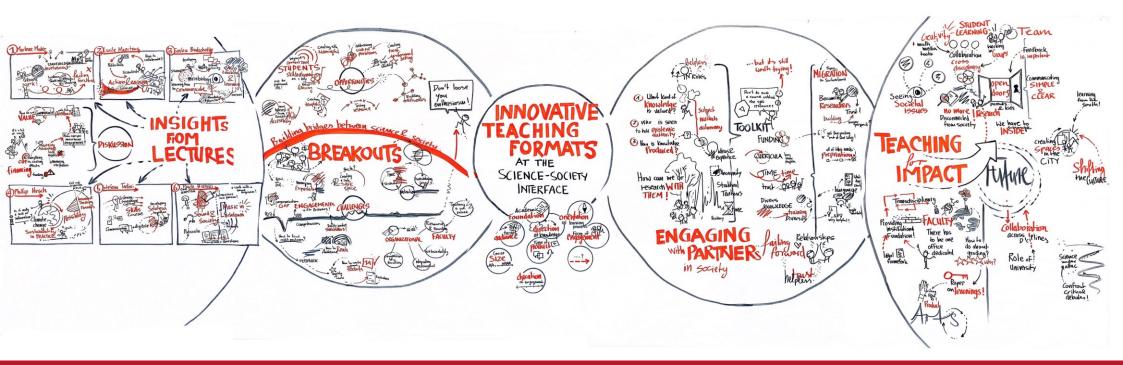


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## Insights from workshop 06/2024



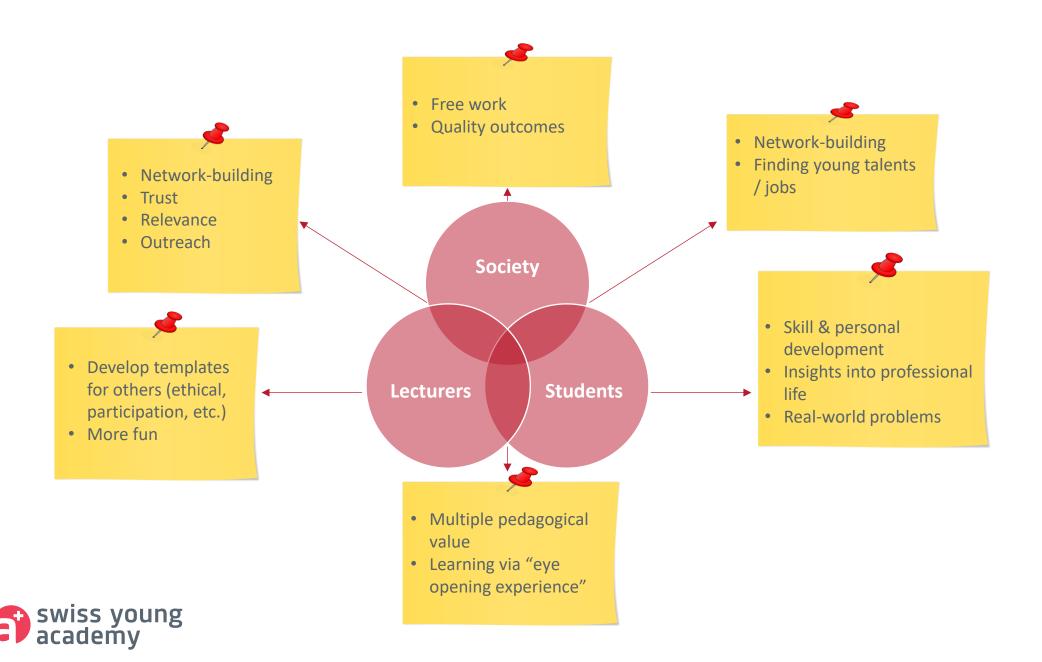




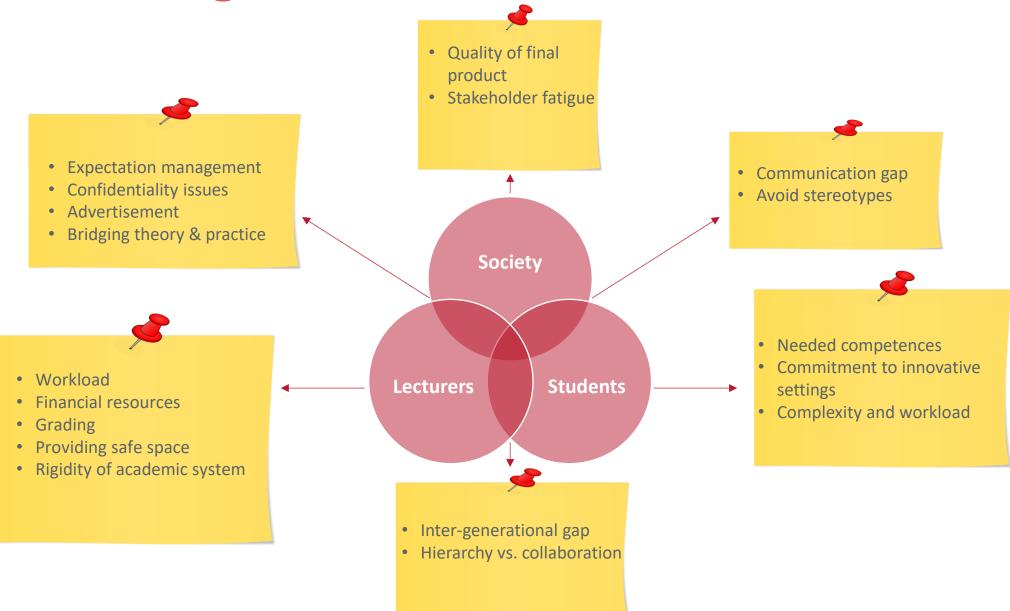




## **Opportunities**



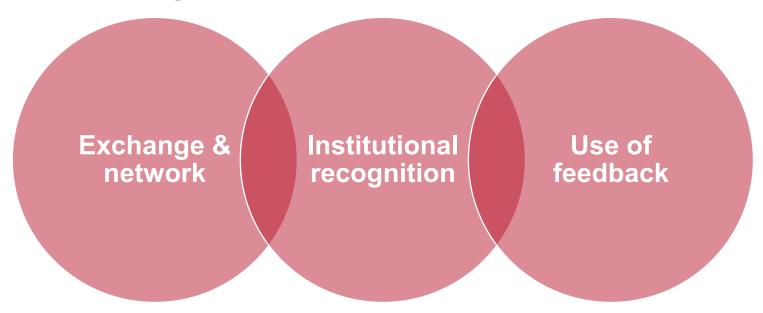
## Challenges





## **Coping strategies**

#### **Practical strategies**



#### **Strategies involving stakeholders**

- Stakeholders as part of the process: target audience should become partners and knowledge contributors
- Relation-building: Invest more time in beginning to find the right partners and to build a network of faculty members and stakeholders



## What to think about as lecturer







## Let's connect!

Project: <a href="https://swissyoungacademy.ch/de/laufende-projekt-12/">https://swissyoungacademy.ch/de/laufende-projekt-12/</a>

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