



### About

This newsletter is in line with the [REHES Research on Higher Education and Science in Switzerland initiative](#) to strengthen the network of scientists that contribute with research on the Swiss higher education system. The newsletter is divided into three parts: We invite colleagues to share information about (1) publications and projects, (2) conferences and calls as well as (3) further news related to higher education research and science studies that might be interesting to the network.

### 1. Publications and Projects

- **CHES studies digital transformation in the Swiss Higher Education System (SNF NRP 77, 2020-2024)**

In October, the SNSF-funded research project "Digital strategies: universities and fields of study as agents of change?" started at CHES. (NRP 77: Digital Transformation).

Over the next four years, CHES will investigate how universities and science are responding to the social trend of digital transformation. Of particular interest are initiatives by universities as organizations and disciplines as collective actors to actively shape digitization and to position themselves in this context.

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Further information: <https://www.nfp77.ch/en/portfolio/digital-strategies-universities-and-fields-of-study-as-the-agents-of-change/>

- **Handle with care: Implementation of the List Experiment and Crosswise Model**

Julia Jerke, David Johann, Heiko Rauhut, Kathrin Thomas, and Antonia Velicu. 2022.

Handle with care: Implementation of the List Experiment and Crosswise Model in a large-scale survey on academic misconduct. *Field Methods*, 34, 1.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1525822X20985629>

- **Satisfaction of scientists during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown**

Isabel J. Raabe, Alexander Ehlert, David Johann, and Heiko Rauhut. 2020. Satisfaction of scientists during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown. *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*, 7.

<https://doi.org/10.1057/s41599-020-00618-4>

## 2. Conferences and Calls

- **Session "Digital Transformation of / in Research and Higher Education" at STS-CH 2021**

On February 15-17, 2021, the Swiss Association for the Studies of Science, Technology and Society (STS-CH) will host a conference on the topic of Multiple Matters. Members of REHES will also be represented at this meeting. Christian Leder, Philippe Saner and Luca Tratschin have organized a double session on the topic of digital transformation in science and higher education. It will take place on Wednesday, February 17 (10-15h) and brings together talks that will explore the topic from different disciplinary and subject-related perspectives.

<https://sts-ch.org/sts-ch-2021/>

- **ISSI 2021 - 18th International Conference on Scientometrics and Informetrics**

The conference will be held from 12 to 15 July 2021

“The ISSI 2021 Conference will provide an international open forum for scientists, research managers, authorities and information professionals to debate the current status and advancements of informetric and scientometric theories and their deployment. In addition to the traditional evaluative focus, this conference will also discuss practical applications in related fields such as library and information science, data mining, information retrieval, history of science and philosophy of science.”

<https://issi2021.org>

- **REHES III Workshop: Higher education and science in transition? Theoretical considerations and empirical results at the macro, meso and micro level.**

The workshop will be held at Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Winterthur on September 6-7, 2021. We invite you to submit a short proposal on one of the topics described in the workshop call. Deadline for submissions is March 31.

<https://www.zhaw.ch/en/about-us/news/events/events/event-news/rehes-iii-workshop/>

- **EAIR – The European Higher Education Society**

“We are delighted to invite you to submit a paper to the 43rd Annual EAIR Forum 2021, which is to be hosted by Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany. The theme of the 2021 EAIR Berlin Forum is Transformation Fast and Slow: Quality, Trust and Digitalisation in Higher Education. The Forum opens on Thursday 9 September 2021 and closes on Saturday 11 September 2021.”

<https://www.eairweb.org/call-for-proposals-2021>

- **GfHf-Tagung 2021**

The conference will be held from 16 to 17 September 2021

“Die 16. Tagung der Gesellschaft für Hochschulforschung mit dem Titel ‘Qualität im Hochschulsystem’ in Gießen diskutiert Kontroversen, Potenziale sowie Anforderungen in der Hochschulforschung”

<https://www.uni-giessen.de/fbz/fb03/institute/ifezw/prof/hd/gfhf2021>

### 3. Additional News

- **REHES: Network launched on the foundation of new REHES principles. Luca Tratschin and Christian Wassmer elected as coordinators for a first term.**

On January 18, the REHES network was officially launched based on the previously discussed and approved REHES network principles. Luca Tratschin (UZH) and Christian Wassmer (ZHAW) were elected as network coordinators for the first term of two years. Their first goal as network coordinators is to develop a working paper series that will serve as an additional outlet to strengthen the visibility of research on topics relevant to the study of higher education and science in Switzerland.

Further information: <https://www.rehes.uzh.ch/en.html>

- **Webinar Series: Researching Student Engagement**

In the course of the further professionalization of academic development and adult education, Zurich University of Teacher Education is expanding its research activities. The objectives of this webinar trilogy are to provide insights into relevant research projects from scholars around the world, and to offer a space and questions for debate to faculty and leadership in Swiss higher education institutions and beyond. The presentation of research projects is an equally important element, as is the discussion in small groups or the plenary among researchers and practitioners.

For more information and registration for the free events see: [tiny.phzh.ch/he-research](https://tiny.phzh.ch/he-research)

#### Next newsletter

*We plan to publish the next issue of the REHES newsletter on 15 June 2021. We invite you to send us your inputs for the next newsletter by 10 June 2021. The aim of the newsletter is to inform about relevant publications, projects, conferences and calls as well as any other news that might be of interest to our community. The more information you provide, the more interesting the newsletter will be.*

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