Sustainability Now! Transformative Education for Societal Change

As part of the lecture series “Sustainability Now!” – organised by the Sustainability Team and the Right Livelihood Centre of the University of Zurich, laureates of the Right Livelihood Award, also known as the “Alternative Nobel Prize”, will report on their engagement in various fields of sustainable development. In the subsequent panels, these experiences will be reflected on from the perspective of research, politics and civil society.

The format will discuss global societal challenges and cross-disciplinary issues such as human rights, social inequality, biodiversity loss, and resource scarcity. Each lecture will focus on a specific aspect of sustainable development, such as indigenous peoples as preservers of biodiversity or the role of peace education for a safe environmental space.

The lectures will take place from 17 March to 2 June. The event will focus on the theme of transformative education for social change.

Information: The majority of the events will be held in English.
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17 March
Co-Creation: Successful Solutions for Reforestation with the People, for the People
Tony Rinaudo: Alternative Nobel Prize 2018
Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Bernhard Schmid, Department of Geography, UZH, and Dr. Iris Menn, Managing Director Greenpeace

24 March
Female Empowerment for a Just Society in Afghanistan
Sima Samar: Alternative Nobel Prize 2012
Panel discussion with Prof. Dr. Bettina Dennerlein, Institute of Asian and Oriental Studies / Gender Studies, UZH, and Corinne Huser, Senior Gender Equality Policy Advisor DEZA

31 March
Indigenous Peoples as Guardians of Biodiversity
Panel discussion with Fanny Pulver, Trainee at the Directorate of International Law FDFA/EDA, and Christoph Wiedmer, Co-Managing Director Society for Threatened Peoples

7 April
Shrinking Spaces: The Harassment of Civil Society in the Russian Autocracy
Anna Dobrovolskaya, Memorial (Organization): Alternative Nobel Prize 2004
Panel discussion with Dr. Sandra Frimmel, Department of Slavonic Studies, UZH

28 April
A Culture of Remembrance as a Prerequisite for Reconciliation
Vesna Teršelič: Alternative Nobel Prize 1998
Panel discussion with Andrej Marković, Department of History, UZH, and Ruth Schweikert, Board Stolpersteine

12 May
The Role of Peace Education for a Safe Environmental Space
Alyn Ware: Alternative Nobel Prize 2009
Panel discussion with PD Dr. Elham Manea, Department of Political Science, UZH, and Marzhan Nurzhan, Swisspeace

19 May
Responsible Science: Transformation for the Future
David Suzuki: Alternative Nobel Prize 2009
Panel discussion with Dr. Gabriela Wülser, Head of Sustainability Research SCNAT and Sandra Wilhelm, Member Working Group Education for Sustainable Development, SAGUF

2 June
Environmental Education for Transformation
Vladimir Sliyak: Alternative Nobel Prize 2021
Panel discussion with Dr. Jeannette Behringer, Project Manager Sustainability Team, UZH, and Dr. Kristina Lanz, Alliance Sud

Online lectures on Zoom
Registration is required:

Thursday, 6.15 to 7.45 pm
Entrance free of charge
All information subject to change

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