

The organisers

Through its sustainability strategy, the **University of Lausanne (UNIL)** intends to propose examples of new lifestyles that respect local and global limits and balances. By stimulating research and teaching on sustainability issues, becoming a hub of reflection in this area, reinforcing the culture of sustainability within the university community and managing its infrastructures and its functioning in a sustainable manner, the Rectorate of the UNIL intends to make sustainability a focus of its daily concerns.

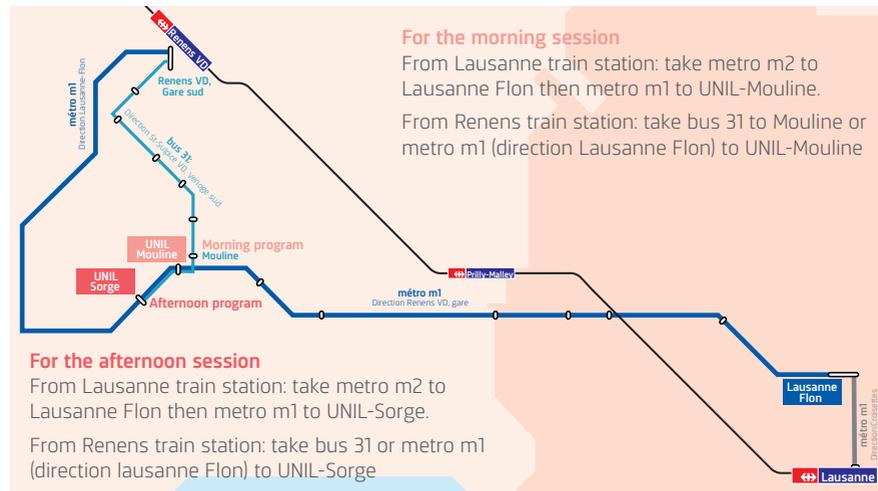
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The congress is free of charge.

Registration and detailed information: www.sd-universities.ch

Directions

Route to buildings and rooms will be signposted.



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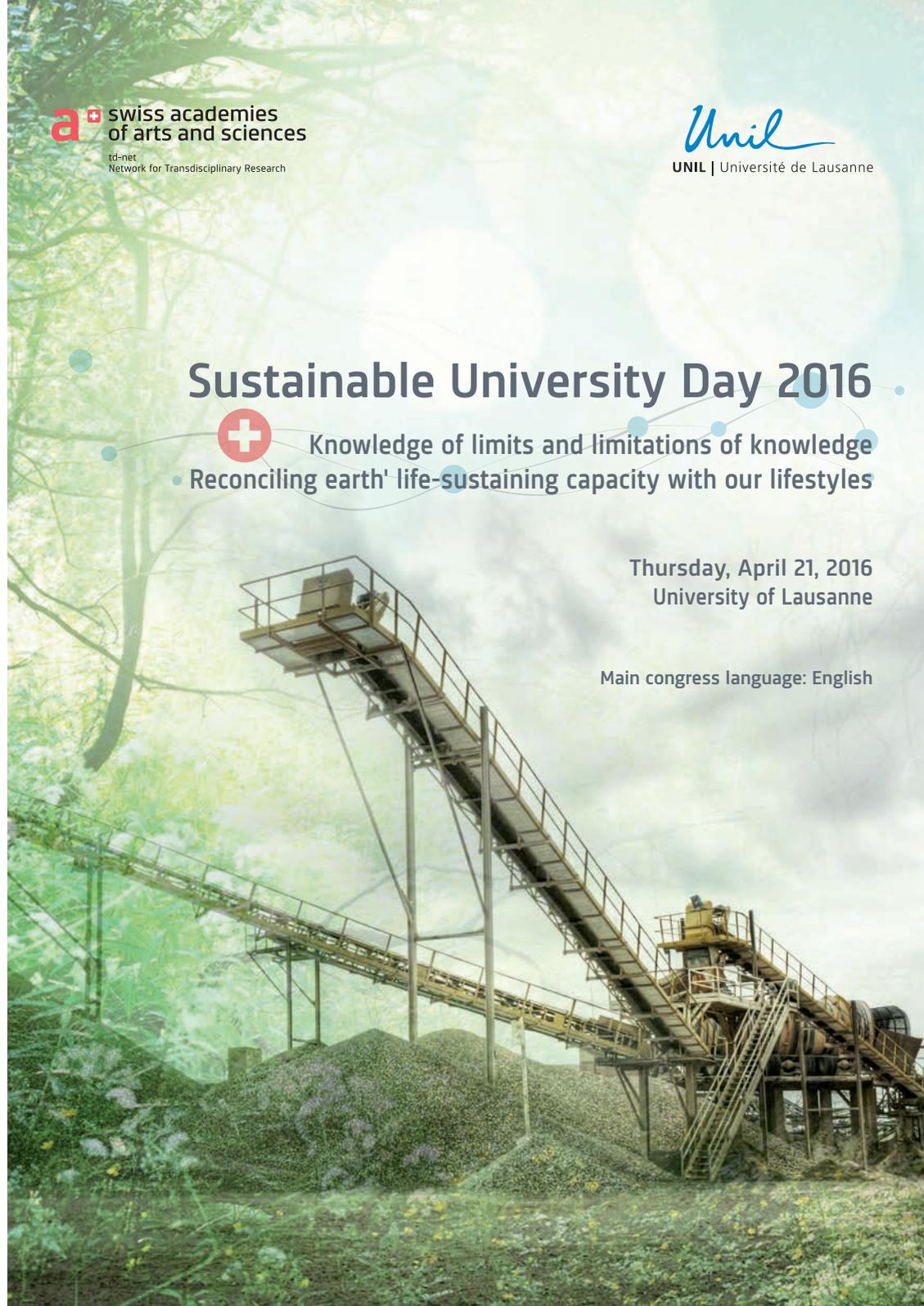


Sustainable University Day 2016

- Knowledge of limits and limitations of knowledge
- Reconciling earth' life-sustaining capacity with our lifestyles

Thursday, April 21, 2016
University of Lausanne

Main congress language: English



Topic and goals of the congress

More than 40 years after the publication of the report „The Limits to Growth“ sponsored by the Club of Rome, the need to reconcile our lifestyles with the finiteness of the earth' life-sustaining capacity is more urgent than ever. In the context of the universities' contributions to sustainable development, the Sustainable University Day 2016 will discuss how scientific work on these limits can more effectively be linked to individual and collective awareness, understanding and decision-making. What is and should be the contribution of universities to our transition to more sustainable lifestyles?

The Sustainable University Day is the annual congress of the **Sustainable Development at Universities Programme 2013-2016** (sd-universities programme). As a hub for research and education projects as well as for student initiatives for sustainable development, it fosters networks between universities and supports further developing and implementing their innovative ideas.

Morning Programme

IDHEAP BUILDING (ground floor)

- 8h30 **Registration and coffee**
- 9h00 **Welcome note**
- **Dominique Arlettaz**, Rector, University of Lausanne
 - **Christian Pohl & Gabriela Wülser**, Network for Transdisciplinary Research (td-net), Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences
- 9h10 **Launch of the Swiss platform for sustainable development research**
- **Olivier Graefe**, University of Fribourg & **Hannes Weigt**, University of Basel
- 9h20 **Opening keynote**
- Knowledge of limits and limitations of knowledge: dealing with the earth' limited life-sustaining capacity
- **Jean-Pascal van Ypersele**, Professor of climatology and environmental sciences, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium)
- 10h00 **Workshops**
- How to integrate sustainability into university teaching? What are students' visions of a sustainable university? How can research more effectively take up practical concerns? These and other questions will be discussed in 6 parallel workshops.*
- 12h15 **Lunch break**

Afternoon Programme

AMPHIPOLE BUILDING, auditorium B

- 13h15 **Campus activities**
- Free shop visit, permaculture garden guiding tour, beehives guiding tours, animated student project exhibition, networking, and more*
- 15h00 **Welcome note afternoon session**
- **Benoît Frund**, Vice Rector Sustainability & Campus, University of Lausanne
- 15h15 **Workshop highlights**
- Workshop reporters share and discuss most important lessons learnt, outcomes and messages*
- Moderator: **Christian Arnsperger**, University of Lausanne
- 16h00 **Panel discussion**
- What contributions to sustainable development do societal actors expect of universities? Which arguments do they need to more sustainably deal with the earth' carrying capacity? How can the momentum of the new UN Sustainable Development Goals boost the transition to more sustainable lifestyles?*
- **Michael Gerber**, Ambassador, Special Envoy For Global Sustainable Development, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
 - **Anne-Catherine Lyon**, Head of the Department of Education, Youth and Culture, Canton of Vaud
 - **Oriana Schällibaum**, Swiss students association (VSS-UNES-USU) and University of Zurich
 - **Christian Arnsperger**, Professor of sustainability and economic anthropology, University of Lausanne
 - **Jean-Paul Paddock**, International Business Development Director, WWF International
 - **Pier Gribaudi**, Head of Environmental Sustainability, LafargeHolcim Ltd.
 - Moderator: **Philippe Moreillon**, Vice Rector Research and International Relations, University of Lausanne
- 17h00 **Coffee break**
- 17h15 **Keynote**
- What should universities do to make the world more sustainable?
- **Jørgen Randers**, Professor of climate strategy, BI Norwegian Business School and co-author of the The Limits to Growth published in 1972.
- 18h00 **Conclusion and apéro**