

SMILE - DAY 1

Sustainability

01.09.2025 | 15:00-17:00
MITTELSTRASSE 43, ROOM 320

15:00 - 17:00

Introduction to the three key areas of the Summer School, followed by interactive sessions that will allow the students to get to know each other and the organizers' team.

SMILE - DAY 2

Education

02.09.2025 | 09:00-17:30
MITTELSTRASSE 43, ROOM 320

09:00 - 09:30

Riem Spielhaus and Nijmi Edres- Introduction: the role of education in sustainable development in the Middle East, and related challenges

09:30 - 10:00

Farah Hallaba - Bottom up initiatives for 'quality' education: the case of anthropology_bel3araby

10:00 - 10:30

Discussion

11:00 - 12:30

Reading activity and tour the table.

14:00 - 15:30

Tobias Hodel: AI and sustainability (including hands on-exercise)

16:00 - 17:30

Aymon Kreil - Group work: challenges for quality education and global north-global south academic partnership

SMILE - DAY 3

Reducing Inequalities

03.09.2025 | 09:00-17:30

UNITOBLER, LERCHENWEG 36, ROOM F-121

09:00 - 09:15

Riem Spielhaus: Introduction.

09:15 - 10:00

Gennaro Gervasio: An overview on Arab socialism: which sense of justice and what it makes in Arab societies?

10:00- 10:30

Discussion

11:00 - 11:30

Societal Transformations in the legal field: Reading of the article by Yasmine Berriane and Aymon Kreil, "The social life of norms. On love and rights in Egypt and Morocco"

11:30 - 12:30

Tour the table and discussion

14:00- 16:00

Is Islamic finance sustainable? Input by Stefan Leins and Michael Saleh Gassner

16:30 - 17:30

Time to work on the portfolio

SMILE - DAY 4

Environmental Issues

04.09.2025 | 09:00-17:30

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09:00 - 09:15	Aymon Kreil: introduction
09:15 - 10:00	Tobias Haller and Ramez Eid: Theoretical and practical perspectives from political ecology
10:00 - 10:30	Discussion
11:00 - 12:00	Dalila Ghodbane: architecture, domestic microclimates, and building practices in contemporary Cairo
11:30 - 12:00	Discussion
14:00 - 15:00	Nicole Harari, Rima Mekdaschi: input on sustainable land management and related experience at the CDE, University of Bern
15:00 - 15:30	Discussion
16:00 - 17:00	Art and the environment: Joan Grandjean
17:00 - 17:30	Work on the portfolio

SMILE - DAY 5

Water Management

05.09.2025 | 09:00-17:00

UNITOBLER, LERCHENWEG 36, ROOM F-121

09:00 - 09:20

Introduction of the day. Presentation of the program.
Presentation of Lisode: History of Lisode - why? Missions in France and internationally.

09:20 - 11:30

Role-playing game SIMUL'WATER. Presentation of the role-playing game. Animation of the game SIMUL'WATER.

11:45 - 12:30

Debriefing. Participants will be invited to take a step back to talk about what happened during the simulation.

13:30 - 13:45

Energizer

13:45 - 14:45

Brainstorming about water management principles.

15:00 - 16:15

Case study in the Middle East

16:15 - 16:45

Debate

16:45 - 17:00

Closing session

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Additional Information

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Lunch

Will be provided. Please inform us of any dietary restrictions.

Leisure

You will receive information regarding leisure activities closer to the start of the Summer School.

Assessment

Students will receive a grade according to the evaluation system applied by the University of Bern (grades from 1 to 6). Assessment will evaluate active participation and individual reflections included in a portfolio that the students will fill during the summer school. Final assessment will also include the evaluation of an essay on one of the topics of the summer school, to be submitted after the completion of SMILE. Guidelines for the final essay and deadlines will be provided at the beginning of the summer school.