

Greetings from the Swiss Global Competence Lab

Dear members and friends,

The Swiss Global Competence Lab has had an inspiring spring semester and summer. Not only are we continuously working on research projects collaborating with partners from Spain, Sweden, and Vietnam, but we have also been very active networking and sharing our knowledge with colleagues across the globe.

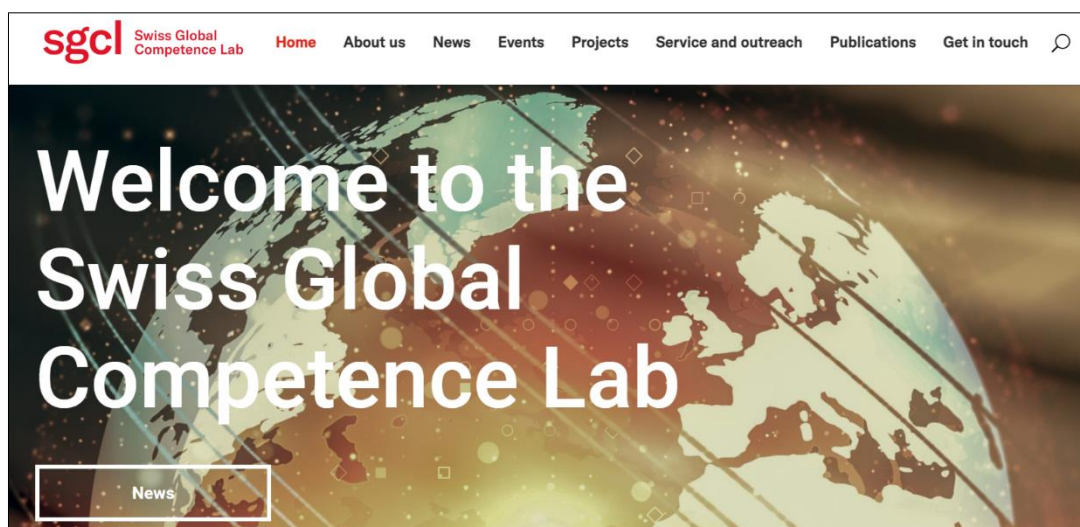
One of the highlights so far this year has been the launch of our inaugural Swiss Global Training Days. With four successful workshops in 2023, the series is going to offer another workshop in early 2024. We will keep you updated about new workshops options in future.

Thank you for your continuous support!

The Swiss Global Competence Lab

Updates from the Lab

We launched our new website. From now on, you can learn about the Lab's history, our activities, projects, and events at <https://swissglobalcompetencelab.ch/>.



Ongoing projects

Developing a Sustainable Global Competence Certificate in Switzerland (funded by Movetia)

Our third Movetia-funded project related to the internationalization of the curriculum (IoC) focuses on the development of an institutional framework for the implementation of a Certificate for Global Competence for students. Some of the

activities include the definition of a conceptual base for a certificate, measuring the value of virtual experiences within this context, and the definition of learning objectives and implementation scenarios in line with global competences. The project kicked off in February 2023 with a meeting between the Lab and the project collaborators from Sweden and Spain. Patrick Studer visited one of the project partners in Spain in early September, and the rest of the team collaborated with the Swedish project partners online. These very fruitful meetings mark the start of the second work package, which includes data collection at our four universities.

Aligning Swiss and Vietnamese Perspectives on Global Competences (funded by the Leading House Asia, ETH)

This exploratory project also kicked off in February this year. In June and July, Sandra McGury visited the project partners at Hanoi University in Vietnam to discuss how the Lab, Hanoi University, and Zurich University of Applied Sciences can collaborate in the future. The discussions helped narrow down future project ideas and collaboration between lecturers and students.

Events and Visits

- [IRUAS Conference 2023](#)
The Lab led the workshop “A Fresh Look at Global Competences in our Degree Programmes”.
In this workshop, we engaged participants in reflecting on what it means to be an IoC champion in Switzerland, how we can foster motivation to drive innovation and how IoC can be integrated systematically in our institutions.
- **Swissnex Visit Boston**
On our networking trip to Boston, three members of the Lab scheduled productive meetings with colleagues from Boston College and Salem State University. Salem State University, recipient of the 2020 AACSB Excellence and Innovation Award for COIL, shared with us their invaluable expertise in developing sustainable virtual exchange opportunities.
- [Swiss Global Training Days](#)
Based on the findings from our intercultural competence survey in 2022, the SGCL launched its inaugural Swiss Global Training Days consisting of four workshops.
In May, Jacqueline Bürki and Patrick Studer led the first workshop on *Identifying the IoC Landscape in your institution*. The participants praised the content and structure of the workshop and emphasized that it helped them understand the relevant issues revolving around internationalization. The second, two-part workshop *Intercultural Competence Development* was facilitated by Stefanie Neumann and Susan Schärli-Lim. The participants

emphasized how applicable and important the workshop was to their individual professional development.

The two remaining workshops in this series are of particular interest to university employees with teaching obligations, study program heads, and other staff involved in curriculum design. On October 5, 2023, Amit Marantz-Gal gave a workshop entitled *IoC Methods: Internationalized Learning Outcomes*, where participants will learn to implement internationalized learning outcomes in their own modules.

In February 2024, Paul Kelly and Patrick Studer will topicalize *English-medium instruction as part of IoC*. They will review common practices and help participants identify challenges and potentials related to English-medium course design and evaluation. [Register here](#) for the last workshop!

If you are interested in collaborating with the Lab or make use of its services, please reach out at: sgcl.linguistik@zhaw.ch If you wish to no longer receive the newsletter or other emails from the SGCL, you can unsubscribe by sending us an email at sgcl.linguistik@zhaw.ch.