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# SCHOOL OF COMMONS

## Open Call 2022

Call for projects! School of Commons is looking for groups and individuals who would like to conduct their research and practice as a part of the SoC community in 2022.

## What is School of Commons?

School of Commons is a community-based initiative dedicated to the study and development of self-organized knowledge, located at the Zurich University of the Arts. With SoC, we hope to establish a community of practitioners in which reciprocal exchange, peer learning, and a friendly atmosphere are the main ingredients. The content and position of SoC is defined by our community rather than a predetermined program; research is conducted in our three labs (LEARN, MAPP, and READ), all of which are run as peer-based collaborative endeavours with annually changing members. Our labs bring together a wide range of participants, guests, and contributors who share their curiosity, skills, and visions. We aim to develop a programme that is open to all, making the knowledge and practices that arise from our labs publicly available. We encourage working across different age groups, disciplines, and (educational) backgrounds. Our participants actively shape our programme, either by organising and hosting events themselves, or by inviting guest speakers and tutors that are relevant to their research. SoC is there to support and help organise the educational programme you would like to have.

For more information on School of Commons, our previous projects, and our programme visit [www.schoolofcommons.org](http://www.schoolofcommons.org).

## Key Info

- o We will accept between 14 – 18 projects for 2022
- o The program will run from March – December 2022
- o You can participate in SoC remotely (online)
- o We prefer to avoid the ethos of DIY (do-it-yourself) and instead embrace the logic of DIWO (do-it-with-others). All participants must have an interest in working, thinking and being with peers.[1]
- o We encourage applications from people with underrepresented backgrounds, including (but not limited to) BAME, female, first-gen, and LGBTQIA+ persons as well as persons with disabilities.
- o SoC is increasingly concerned with the topic of climate change. We therefor encourage projects that want to engage with this theme, however all other topics will be equally considered.

## Q&A

There will be an online Q&A session on Monday October 18th, 17:00 - 18:30 CET, where we can give more information about the programme. The Q&A will be held in English and German. Zoom link:

<https://zhdk.zoom.us/j/7722590433?pwd=Q0ExRUxoQmh6NzJITIZBVII5aVZwUT09>

Meeting ID: 772 259 0433

Password: 740584

[1] borrowed from the Onassis Air website, with whom we have a lot in common :)

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## Labs

Most of our research is conducted in our three labs: LEARN, MAPP, and READ. Each lab has a specific focus within SoC, but all labs work together and cross-exchange. Applying to one lab means you will still be able to engage with the other labs.

## LEARN

### What:

LEARNs (Learning Environment and Research Nucleus) are collaborative, self-organised research projects. They are collaborative units consisting of at least three members.

### For who:

LEARNs are intended for groups that want to collectively pursue a research project, we are therefore looking for persons who value collaborative working methods and peer exchange.

### How:

LEARNs can decide for themselves what topics, methods, styles, content, and outcomes they want to put their energy towards, so long as they are worked on together. LEARNs are process-oriented and do not necessarily work towards a predetermined outcome.

## MAPP

### What:

MAPP (Methods, Affects, & Practical Pedagogies) is directed at practice-based research into different forms of knowledge production and its translation into workable structures, exercises, and methods for learning.

### For who:

MAPPs are intended for individuals and collectives who have a practicing interest in the field of experimental pedagogy and commoning. We are looking for doers and makers, persons with a pro-active attitude that are able to lead a group of learners and devise creative pedagogical experiments.

### How:

Through self-conducted research and experiment, the creation of practical exercises and work sessions, MAPP aims to produce practicable tools, methods, and prompts in support of different forms of future living, learning, and working together.

## READ

### What:

READ (Research Ecologies & Archival Development) develops, presents and collects theory within the broader field of knowledge production. READ offers space to research and reflect on the theoretical framework of education, commoning, peer learning, and other topics related to SoC.

### For who:

For READ, we'd like to invite individuals and collectives that are attracted to critical, analytical thinking and have an interest in theoretical groundwork.

### How:

As the main output of READ research projects are text- and language based, we are looking for writers, wordsmiths, poets, and critics who want to think through the different ways in which we learn, live and work together.

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## What we offer

- o SoC support for your research project for a period of 10 months (1st March – 31st December 2022) in the form of personal guidance, financial resources, and an active, international community of peers and experts engaged in a wide range of topics.
- o Project Budget: CHF 4000.- for LEARN & CHF 2500.- for MAPP and READ
- o A supportive environment, frequent exchange with peers, openness to experiment, and the opportunity to share your work with a wider audience
- o Self-determination of working hours/effort and content

## What we expect

- o Participation in monthly lab meetings and bi-monthly SoC meetings
- o Online presentation of your project during our [Kitchen Sessions](#)
- o One public event
- o One contribution to our end-of-year publication
- o Three contributions to our [ways & workings](#)
- o full participation in key dates: kick off SoC: 11 - 13 March 2022 / Intensive weekend: June 30 - July 4 2022 / End of year event: November 25 - 27 2022
- o contribution to and active participation in the general SoC programme

## Application Requirements

- o No CV's, no biography, no formal educational requirements
- o A LEARN must have three or more members, applications from duo's or individuals will not be considered. For MAPP and READ, we accept applications from individuals, but duo's and collectives are also welcomed.
- o Applicants may only apply to one of our labs at a time
- o Applications must be submitted either in English or German

## How to Apply?

- o Deadline: November 14, 2021, 11.59 p.m. CET
- o Fill in the application form via [this link](#)
- o Please submit your application anonymously, thereby omitting as much personal information as possible to prevent personal bias during the review process.

## Selection

Selection is made by the SoC team and a group of international peer reviewers who are currently participants at SoC. Selection is based upon completeness of submitted materials, feasibility of the project, and how well the project connects to the aims and research areas of SoC. You will be notified about the results of the selection within six weeks after the application deadline.

**Please keep an eye on your spam folder**, as our emails tend to end up there. For any questions, please get in touch via: [apply@schoolofcommons.org](mailto:apply@schoolofcommons.org). We're looking forward to receiving your applications!