

td-award for eDiversity: protecting cultural diversity in a networked world.

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The td-award 2010 has just been allocated at the [td-conference 2010](#) to the project “[eDiversity: The Legal Protection of Cultural Diversity in a Digital Networked Environment](#).” This project was directed by Prof. Dr. Christoph Beat Graber of [i-call](#), the research center for international communications and art law at the University of Lucerne. It was an integral part of the first phase (2005–2009) of the [NCCR Trade Regulations](#). The project was selected as the winner for its integrative, timely, and path-breaking intervention in the field of media regulation concerning the protection and promotion of diversity of old indigenous as well as very new cultural expressions.

td-net also honoured the life-long engagement in transdisciplinarity of Prof. em. Dr. Thomas Bearth from the University of Zurich, above all his commitment to the international initiative LAGSUS ([Language, Gender, Sustainability](#)), which was carried out in often adverse political circumstances in Indonesia, the Ivory Coast, Uganda, and Namibia.

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