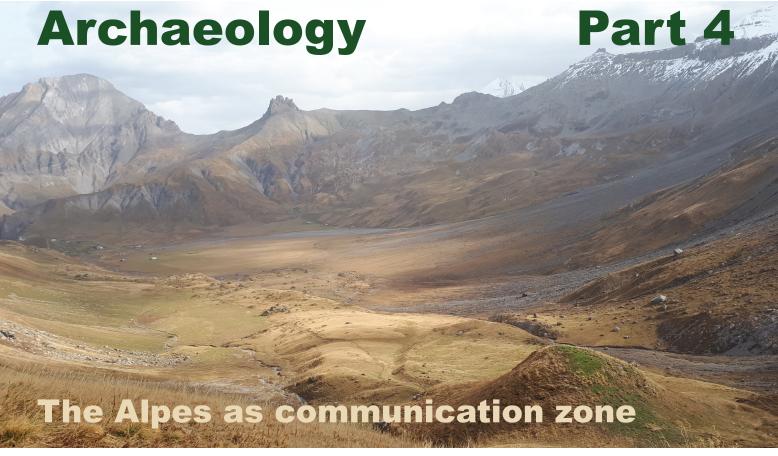
# Swiss International Summer School for Alpine Archaeology







The Universities of Bern and Zurich are organising the fourth SISA workshop (2023) in Adelboden and Engstligenalp in the Bernese Alps. The SISA will focus on the Alps as a communication and interaction zone, alpine landscapes, alpine agriculture, prospecting and excavation methods, and social and economic systems in the Alps through time. It comprises invited keynote speakers on specific topics and the teaching of practical fieldwork. The lectures and fieldwork will take place in an archaeologically under-researched but highly promising region in the Bernese Alps at up to 2400 m.a.s.l.. Please note that we are in an alpine setting. Appropriate equipment and fitness are therefore required.

#### Topics:

- Mountain Archaeology
- The Alps as communication, economic and social space
- · Alpine setting through time
- Excavation methods in the Alpine region
- Surveying and handling metal detectors

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### **Program**

## SisA

#### Monday, 14.08.2023

Arrival of participants

18:00 Welcome

#### Tuesday, 15.08.2023

09:00 – 09:30	Rouven Turck, Mirco Brunner, Martin Hinz, Caroline Heitz, Cynthia Marti: SISA 2018–2022 – Review of past Alpine Summer Schools and major insights
09:30 – 10:15	Cynthia Marti, Mirco Brunner, Martin Hinz, Caroline Heitz, Rouven Turck:  Ammertenpass/Engstlingealp – current archaeological investigations
10:15 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:30	Jakob Pieren: Some information about a selection of historical sites in and around Adelboden
11:30 – 12:15	Brigitte Andres: Alpine huts, livestock and cheese. Remains of summer farming activities from medieval and modern times in the Bernese Alps (Switzerland)
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch
13:15 – 14:00	Regula Gubler: The Bernese Alps above 2000 m. Old and new traces of Roman and prehistoric presence
14:00 – 14:45	Albert Hafner: Schnidejoch and Lötschenpass – Archaeological investigations of ice patches and glaciers
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:00	Donat Fulda: Geology of the Adelboden region
16:00 – 17:30	Discussion
19:00	Dinner

#### Wednesday, 16.08.2023

09:00 – 09:45	Christian auf der Mauer: From microliths to cartridges. Alpine Archaeology in the heart of Switzerland (Canton of Uri)
09:45 - 10:30	Christoph Schwörer: Using paleoecological tools to reconstruct the impact of human land use in the Alps
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:45	Fabio Wegmüller: Neanderthals in the mountains. An overview of the Middle Palaeolithic sites in the Alps
11:45 – 12:30	Ebbe Nielsen: The Palaeolithic in the Steigelfadbalm cave, Mount Rigi (Canton of Lucerne)
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	Rouven Turck: New evidence of copper mining in the Alps
14:15 – 15:00	Jessica Keil: The Alps as a sphere of contact in the Bronze Age. A Tyrolean Perspective
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:15	Romano Agola: Methodik Metallprospektion
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion
19:00	Dinner

#### Thursday, 17.08.2023

Engstligenalp, Ammertepass

- Survey with metal detectors in the Ammertepass area

#### Friday, 18.08.2023

Engstligenalp, Ammertepass

- Visit of the current excavation (test trenches) at the rock shelter near the Ammertepass
- Survey in the region

#### Saturday, 19.08.2023

Departure of Participants