

## **RAMOSCH LAB – Interdisciplinary Research on Terraced Landscapes in Mountain Environments**

**Call for Papers: Workshop in Tschlin and Ramosch, Switzerland, August 3–5, 2024**

\*\*\*\* Apologies for cross-posting! \*\*\*\*

Dear Colleague,

ancient terraces hold important information about land use, human-environment interaction, landscape perception and social ecology in the past and are essential elements of landscape preservation and heritage management in the present.

To discuss these topics in an inspiring setting, the workshop **Ramosch Lab – Interdisciplinary Research on Terraced Landscapes in Mountain Environments** will be held from August 3 to 5, 2024 (Sat to Mon) in the Lower Engadine, Switzerland. It will bring together experts from various disciplines – environmental sciences, geosciences, and humanities – in order to stimulate discussions of ancient terrace systems from a variety of perspectives.

The workshop will feature keynotes by invited experts, regular papers, plenary discussions, and a **field trip** to the well-preserved prehistoric terraces near Ramosch that have been investigated by the TERRA project since 2014. Participation is limited to 20 persons in the order of registration.

The **programme outline** is as follows:

### *Saturday, August 3*

Morning/noon: Arrival of participants

Early afternoon: Welcome and introduction

Invited keynotes

Evening: Public lecture

### *Sunday, August 4*

Morning: Field trip to the terraced landscape of Ramosch

Afternoon: Workshop

### *Monday, August 5*

Morning: Workshop and final discussion

Afternoon: Departure of participants

We invite papers that address one of the following or related topics from a theoretical, methodological, analytical, comparative, or other perspectives:

- Interdisciplinary studies
- New analytical approaches
- Case studies from around the globe
- Land use and adaptive strategies through time
- Ecological, economic and technological dimensions
- Social, cultural and demographic perspectives
- Impact of environmental and climate change
- Ecosystems services
- Regional/local perception and identity
- Heritage preservation and future perspectives

**Abstract submission:** If you are interested, please send a title, author list with contact details and institutional affiliation, and an abstract (up to 250 words) to [terraces\\_2024@archaeologie.uzh.ch](mailto:terraces_2024@archaeologie.uzh.ch). The deadline for submissions is **May 5**, 2024. All abstracts will be reviewed by the organizing committee, and authors will be notified by **May 19**, 2024.

**Registration:** Registration is free but required. Please register before **May 30**, 2024 via web form on [https://www.archaeologie.uzh.ch/de/Veranstaltungen/terraces\\_2024](https://www.archaeologie.uzh.ch/de/Veranstaltungen/terraces_2024).

**Venue:** The workshop will be held in Tschlin, Lower Engadine, Switzerland, in a former school building converted to a conference venue. A limited number of rooms are available at the conference venue and can be requested through the organizers on a first come, first served basis at your own expense. Other accommodation has to be arranged individually.

**Transport:** The Lower Engadine is reliably accessible by public transport (3:30 hrs from Zurich airport, 2:20 hrs from Innsbruck main station, 6:00 hrs from Milano Centrale), crossing the impressive landscapes of the Alps. Transport between accommodation and conference venue has to be arranged individually. Tschlin can be reached by public transport (bus from Scuol). For the field trip, local transport between Tschlin and Ramosch will be arranged by the organizers.

Please feel free to circulate this announcement among any colleagues who might be interested. We are looking forward to hearing from you soon.

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