

Invitation to the 3rd ESERA SIG4 Science|Environment|Health 2022 Mini Conference in Obergurgl, Austria

Dear members of ESERA Special Interest Group 4 Science|Environment|Health,
dear international scholars in science education,

it is our pleasure to invite you to the already announced intermediate conference of the ESERA SIG 4 Science|Environment|Health in Obergurgl (Austria).

Date and Place

The conference will take place from Sunday, the 21st until Tuesday, the 23rd of August 2022 at Obergurgl University Center (<https://uz-obergurgl360.q-e.at/>).

Goals and Formats

The goal of this conference is to foster contacts between participants and continue to develop a common ground for research and development in the field. Thus, we would like emphasise talks and discussions and offer innovative exchange formats.

► *Interactive Poster session with discussant:* After a series of mini conferences which have been dedicated to getting to know each other and sharing research findings this meeting aims for providing the space to work on and further develop research questions and research ideas. To reach this aim, the conference will focus on interactive poster walks and adjutory moderated discussions to provide space for sharing ideas, critical friend feedback and scientific discussion. Those who may not want to present a poster may apply for the position of a discussant in a particular poster session. The discussant needs to declare his field of expertise and will receive the abstracts for his/her session beforehand.

► *Round Table:* The second format will be the round table session, which is dedicated to share ideas and research questions which may not have developed into a research project yet but will help us as a community to grow and develop a better understanding what makes a research project unique for our SIG.

Application Process and Registration

To apply for participation in this conference please hand in the application form attached and send it back to us by email (Susanne.Rafolt@uibk.ac.at) until the 29th of April 2022. The conference location is able to host 30 participants. If too many participants will apply for the conference, the organising team will decide who will be invited. If you return the application form and your application is accepted, you are automatically registering for the conference. The registration is binding.

Conference Fees and Junior Fellowship

The cost of participation is a maximum of €376 and includes two overnight stays with full board, all conference fees, a cable car drive to the *Hohe Mut* mountain and a bus ride from Innsbruck to Obergurgl and back.

By kind support of ESERA and the University of Innsbruck we are able to offer reduced conference fees and contributions to travel costs to a selected group of junior researchers. To apply for a fellowship please hand in a CV, a poster proposal and a motivation letter (250-500 words) explaining why the participation in this conference will contribute to your research project.

The conference is organised by the Department of Subject-Specific Education, University of Innsbruck, Austria and the ESERA SIG4 coordinators. On behalf of the local organisation team and the coordinators of ESERA SIG 4, Prof. Dr. Kerstin Kremer, Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen, Germany and Dr. Julia Arnold, University of Teacher Education Muttenz, Switzerland

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Preliminary Conference Agenda

Sunday, 21 August 2022

- before 16:00 Arrival at main station *Innsbruck Hauptbahnhof* in Innsbruck
- 16:00–17:30 Collective bus ride to Obergurgl
- 18:30–19:00 Introduction and Conference Information
- 19:00 Welcome Dinner at the Obergurgl University Center
- Get together at the fireside

Monday, 22 August 2022

- 7:00–9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Social gathering
- 9:15–10:00 Key note (topic to be announced)
- 10:15–10:45 Coffee and tea break
- 10:45–12:15 Poster walk and discussion 1 (thematic focus to be announced)
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00–16:00 Excursion to the peak of mountain *Hohe Mut* by cable car
- 16:30–17:00 Coffee and tea break
- 17:00–18:30 Poster walk and discussion 2
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:00–21:00 Climate Change in the Alps – a research perspective

Tuesday, 23 August 2022

- 7:00–9:00 Breakfast
- 9:00 Social gathering
- 9:15–10:30 Poster walk and discussion 3
- 10:30–11:00 Coffee and tea break
- 11:00–12:30 Round tables (max 3 parallel tables)
- 12:30–14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00–15:00 Round up
- 16:00–17:00 Collective bus ride to Innsbruck main station

Information on the Conference Location

Meeting point Innsbruck The conference hotel is a 1.5 h drive away from Innsbruck, the capital of Tyrol. Innsbruck is perfect for a visit before or after the conference. The so-called Capital of the Alps is nestled between two Alpine giants. It is famous for its climbing, skiing and biking hotspots. Visit the lovely old town with *The Golden Roof*, *Amras Castle* or go up to 2000 m above the sea level right away from the city centre by hiking or using the cable car. By train you can get to Salzburg in two hours and to Vienna in four hours.



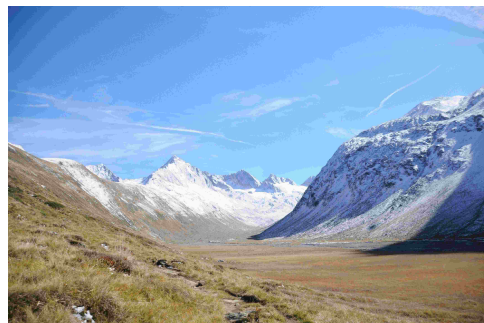
Innsbruck Old Town (c) Innsbruck Tourismus / Christof Lackner

Conference Hotel The small village Obergurgl is located at 1940 Metres above sea level in the mountain range Ötztal Alps. In the 1950s, the Obergurgl University Center was founded by the Innsbruck University's Alpine Research Center. The Obergurgl University Center has a cosy atmosphere. Relax in the Center's sauna, steam bath or infrared cabin after a hike in the fresh mountain air. For more views visit: <https://uz-obergurgl360.q-e.at/>



(c) Obergurgl University Center, Gaisbergweg 5, 6456 Obergurgl, Austria

Excursions The top of mountain *Hohe Mut* allows a panoramic view of 21 three-thousand meter mountains and the surrounding high-alpine glaciers. From Obergurgl, the summit is pleasant to reach by cable car (covered by the costs of the conference package) or by hiking through the Rotmoos Valley. Near by the Obergurgl University Center, the fragrant Stone Pine Forest (*Obergurgler Zirbenwald*) with over 300 years old trees represents a pronounced rarity.



Rotmoos Valley (c) Susanne Rafolt