

On October 12th we had our first participation within the Research Area Mountain Regions of the University of Innsbruck. Our project, the Future of Mountain Forests, is embedded within this research area through the Innsbruck Doctoral School of Alpine Biology and Global Change. It was our first opportunity to meet other PhD students with similar research backgrounds from the University of Innsbruck. At the start we were given an information lecture on the structure and the benefits of the research area by Wolfgang Gurgiser and Stefan Mayr. This was intermitted by a lunch break in the sunny botanical garden.

Afterwards we started a hike up to Umbrüggler Alm. On the way we were divided into groups with the task of coming up with a research/project idea spanning multiple areas within the research focus group. Once we arrived at Umbrüggler Alm we were able to continue working on ideas over drinks and eventually present them right before dinner. After experiencing what the local cuisine has to offer, we started our hikes back down to Innsbruck through the dark forest equipped with headlights. (Text: Markus Neurauter)



Group photo of everyone joining the hike up to Umbrüggler Alm.



Discussions about our research/project idea during a quick stop at Höttinger Bild.



Presentation of ideas right before dinner at Umbrügler Alm.