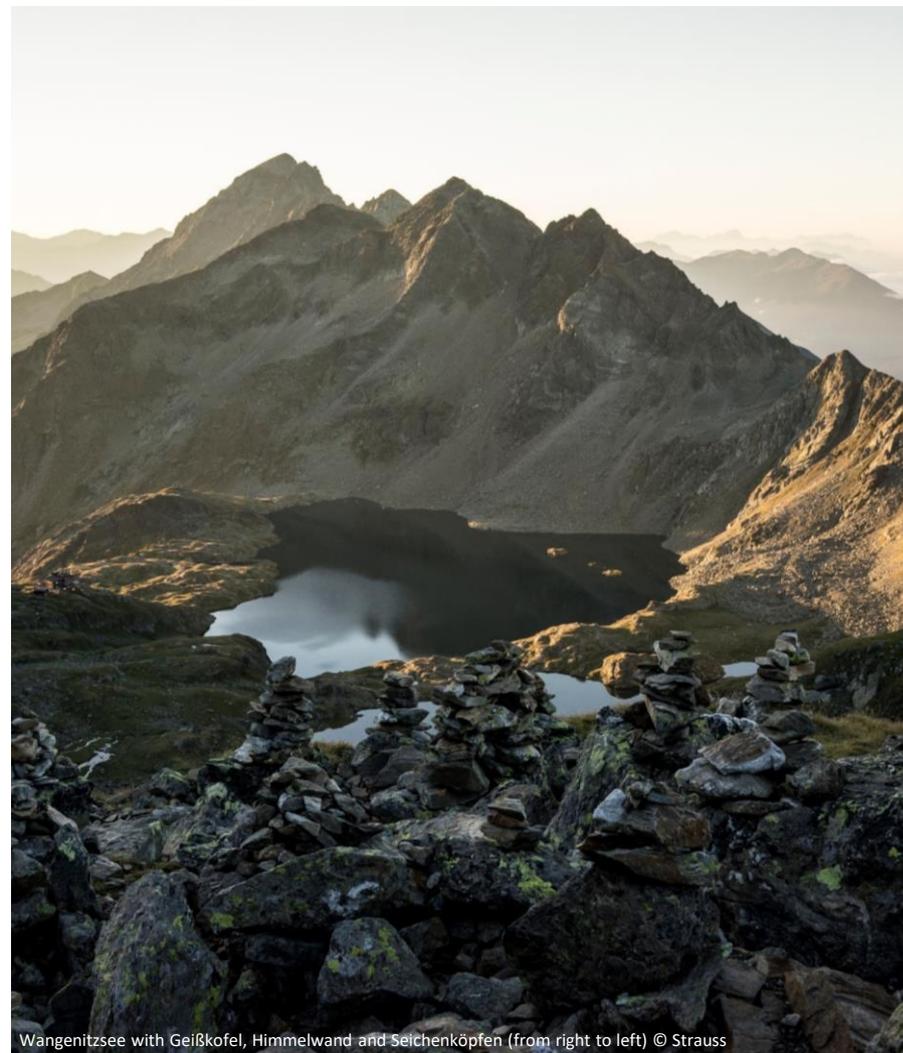


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A inter- and transdisciplinary exchange and impulse format, dialog and interaction between regional stakeholders and scientists in the National Park Region of Hohe Tauern Carinthia



Wangenitzsee with Geißkofel, Himmelwand and Seichenköpfen (from right to left) © Strauss

Project goals

- to network diverse stakeholders within and outside the region and, in particular, to encourage young people, young adults and interested individuals to participate and collaborate,
- to offer a platform for discussion, reflection and the further development of the Hohe Tauern National Park and in this way to make qualified contributions to current topics and discourses,
- to recognize, initiate, strengthen and accompany social, technical and economic innovations in the region, and
- to set and develop new scientific accents, especially in the areas of citizen science, transformative science and inter- and transdisciplinary research projects.

Joint exploration of the past, present and future of the national park region



Annually recurring format with changing locations, people and aspects



Scientific preparation

- Recording of short statements
- Transcription
- Qualitative content analysis with reflection workshop
- In-depth scientific processing of the main topics
- Transdisciplinary synopsis
- Preparation in book form, as well as in digital form
- Transdisciplinary final workshop
- “Tua ma wos!” (“let’s get going!”) workshop with experts



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Thematic priorities 2024

- Changes to alpine infrastructure in high mountains due to climate change
- mainly affected: high alpine paths and trails, water supply to huts, structural problems due to thawing permafrost, drought
- The challenge of voluntary work to maintain the infrastructure
- Alpine refuges in a conflict of interest between simple refuge and highly profitable and comfortable gastronomy in the mountains

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Geographical focus

- Schober group as “contrast” or “in the shadow” of the Glockner group
- Focus municipality of Mörtschach, municipality of Winklern as “gateway” to the Schober group
- Focus on high alpine terrain for the first time (“real” expedition)
- “Wiener Höhenweg” as connecting element

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