



## **Workshop 1/4:**

# **Toponyms and Geoheritage in the Alps – cultural approaches in geoheritage research**

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### **Concept:**

Geological and geomorphological processes, whose dynamics has shaped the form of the main valleys, drastically influence alpine landscapes. Nevertheless, geoconservation and geoheritage research are poorly developed in the Alps. Landscape studies are mostly concerned with aesthetic and biological (landscape as habitats) aspects and do not really study the geological and geomorphological characters of alpine landscapes. This workshop aims at considering the topography of the alpine landscapes with two perspectives. The first one will point on the importance of geology and geomorphology (the so called Geoheritage) for a complete analysis of the alpine landscapes. The second one will focus on the contribution of cultural and linguistic (toponymy) sciences to the analysis of the alpine topography and geomorphology. The two introductory speeches will prepare a larger discussion. Emmanuel Reynard (University of Lausanne) will give an overview of geoheritage research (assessment, mapping, geoconservation, geoparks, geotourism) that is currently developing in the Alpine countries. Isolde Hausner (Austrian Academy of Sciences) will illustrate how a cultural science can contribute to Geoheritage research by giving information on the relationships between a society and its natural environment.

### **Speakers:**

**Emmanuel Reynard** (University of Lausanne): Geoheritage conservation and fruition in the Alps

**Isolde Hausner & Gerhard Rampl** (Austrian Academy of Sciences): Alpine toponyms: their value for the cultural-historical reception of the Alpine space