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This seminar week program is produced to accompany students of the design and research studio.

NEW ECOLOGIES is a studio series at Architecture of Territory dedicated to ecologising architecture. Ecological thinking, which foregrounds the interactions between organisms (or by extension between objects, or social and technical systems) and their environments, is applied in considering design practises in their social and environmental effects. The studio series is affiliated with the Future Cities Laboratory and the ETH EPFL Master of Advanced Studies MAS UTD. Citizens, experts, fellow designers and artists will accompany us in the process.

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Seminar Week

Agrarian Project: Commoning Land and Labour around Zurich

19.03.2023 - 24.03.2023

The common days in the beginning are dedicated to exploring agricultural territories, villages and farms around Zurich. In conversations with locals, farmers, workers, pioneers and experts, we will learn about current agricultural practices, land ownership models and labour organisation.

The common days are followed by a period dedicated to individual fieldwork in respective student teams.

Sunday, 19.03.2023 - Common Day 1
History

Monday, 20.03.2023 - Common Day 2
Hands-On & Common Apéro

Tuesday, 21.03.2023 - Common Day 3
Farming Practise & Education

Wednesday, 22.03.2023 - Day 4
Individual Field Research

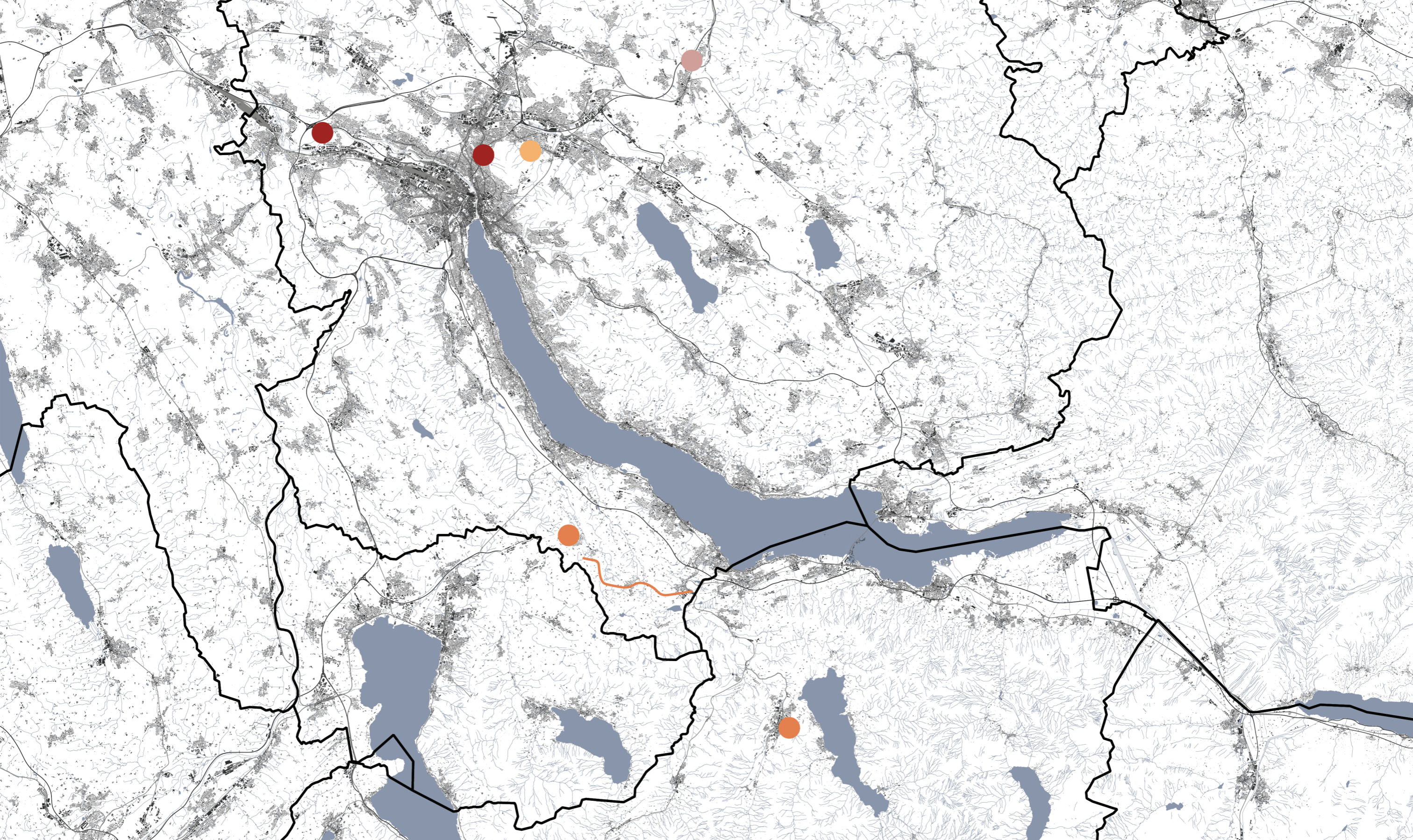
Thursday, 23.03.2023 - Day 5
Individual Field Research

Friday, 24.03.2023 - Common Day 6
Archive

Schedule

	DAY 1 Sunday, 19. March	DAY 2 Monday, 20. March	DAY 3 Tuesday, 21. March	DAY 4 Wednesday, 22. March	DAY 5 Thursday, 23. March	DAY 6 Friday, 24. March
	Common Day 1: History	Common Day 2: Hands-On at Huebhof	Common Day 3: Farming Practise & Education	Individual Field Research	Individual Field Research	Common Day 4: Archive
7:00		Breakfast at Hofspeisesaal 07:30 - 08:00				
8:00		1 h 45 min travel				
9:00	9:30 → Meeting at Zürich HB		09:15 → Meeting at Zürich HB			
10:00	60 min travel	Introduction SoLaWi & Farm, Huebhof 10:00 - 11:00 Introduction to the concept of a SoLaWi-Farm and the motivation behind the project.	45 min travel			
11:00	Visit Johanna-Spyri-Museum, Hirzel 11:00 - 12:30 Presentation about the history of the Johanna-Spyri-Museum and the live on the Hirzel.	Work at Huebhof 11:00 - 12:30 We support the Huebhof in various works on the farm and thus contribute to transforming the farm into a SoLaWi-business.	Lecture by Philippe Sauvin 10:30 - 12:00 Presentation by Philippe Sauvin about his work on the subject of working conditions in agriculture.			10:45 → Meeting at Kloster Fahr
12:00		Lunch at Huebhof 12:30 - 13:30	Lunch at Mensa Strickhof 12:00 - 13:00			Tour of Kloster Fahr, Unterengstringen 11:00 - 12:00 Guided tour of the monastery by the farmer Andreas Benz.
13:00	20 min walk					Lunch at Kloster Fahr 12:00 - 13:00
13:00	Lunch at Spreuermühli, Hirzel 13:00 - 14:30	Work at Huebhof 13:30 - 17:00	Tour of Strickhof with Christoph Jenni, Strickhof 13:15 - 14:15 Guided tour of the campus at Strickhof Lindau by Christoph Jenni, division manager of animal farming.			
14:00						
15:00	Scenic Walk, Hirzel to Samstagern 14:30 - 16:00		Input on Education with Erik Meier, Strickhof 14:30 - 16:00 Presentation about the education at the Strickhof by Erik Meier, head of the basic education in agriculture and animal professions.			
16:00	30 min travel					30 min travel
17:00	Tour through the Stiftsbibliothek, Einsiedeln 16:45 - 17:45 Guided tour through the over thousand years old library of the Kloster Einsiedeln.	Lecture by Irmí Seidl, Huebhof 17:00 - 18:00 Presentation by Irmí Seidl about post-growth work.				Visit Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich 15:00 - 17:00 Guided tour through the archives and its architecture by Karin Huber, followed by a presentation by Christian Just. After that, the students have time for individual research in the archives.
18:00		Common Apéro and bonfire with MAS, Huebhof 18:00 - 20:00				
19:00	Dinner at Klostergarten, Einsiedeln 19:00 - 20:30					
20:00	Overnight Stay at Holzhof					

Map



● Day 1 ● Day 2 ● Day 3 ● Day 4

Information

- Check List
- Student card
 - Credit card / cash
 - Drivers license
 - ID card
 - Warm and weatherproof clothing
 - Sturdy shoes

Reimbursement - Keep receipts for public transport and other expenses

- Field Research
- Multiple copies of individual maps
 - Questions for interview partners
 - Digital camera, tripod, recording device
 - Sketch book, pens etc.
 - Permission letter ETH

Sunday, 19.03.2023 - Common Day 1 History

09:30 Meeting at Zürich HB, Gleis 3

60' travel

11:00 - 12:30 Johanna-Spyri-Museum, Hirzel
Presentation about the history of the Johanna-Spyri- Museum and the live on the Hirzel.

20' walk

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch at Spreuermühli, Hirzel

14:30 - 16:00 Scenic walk from Hirzel to Samstagern

30' travel

16:45 - 17:45 Stiftsbibliothek, Einsiedeln
Guided tour through the over thousand years old library of the Kloster Einsiedeln.

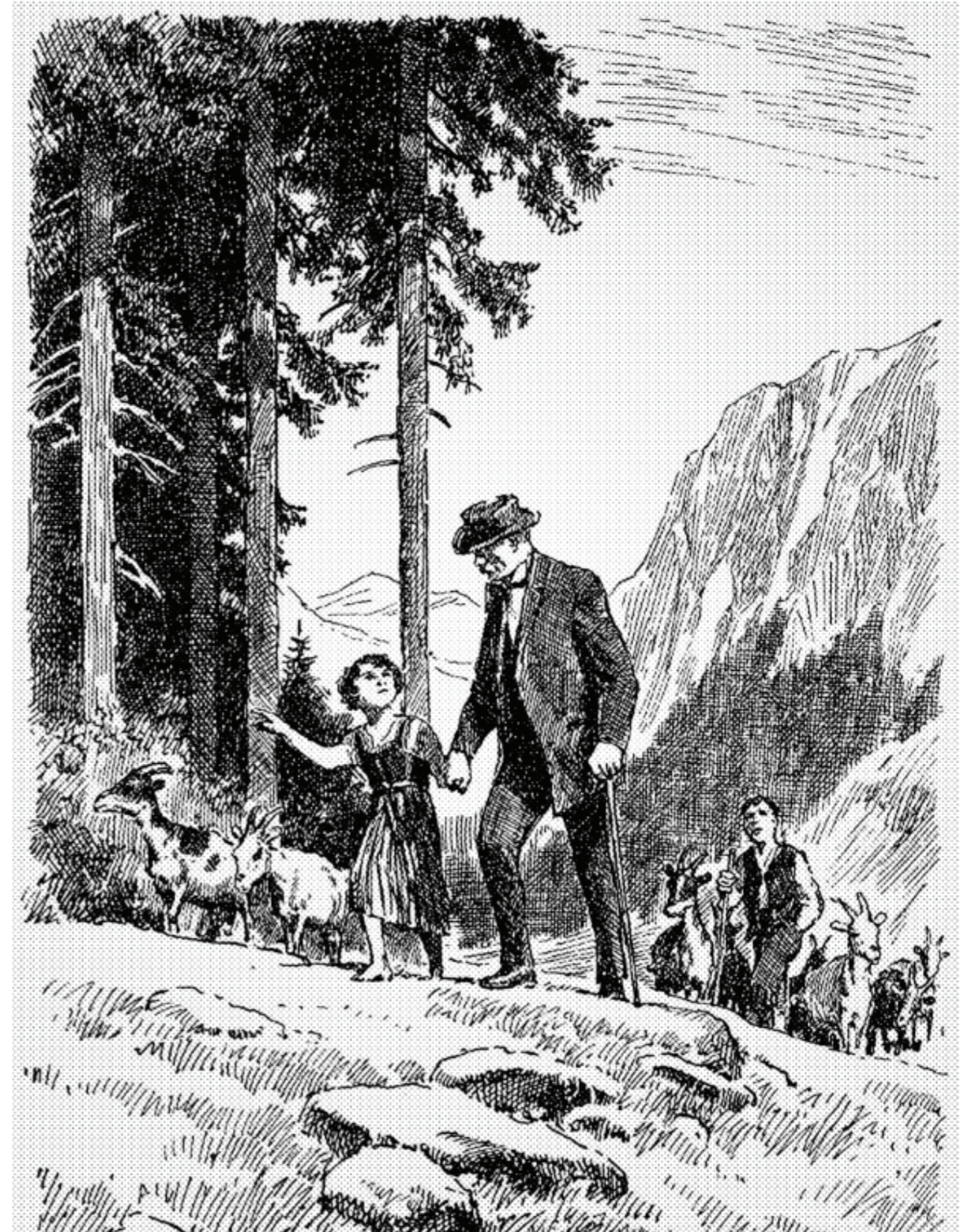
19:00 - 20:30 Lunch at Romantica, Einsiedeln

Overnight stay at Holzhof, Einsiedeln

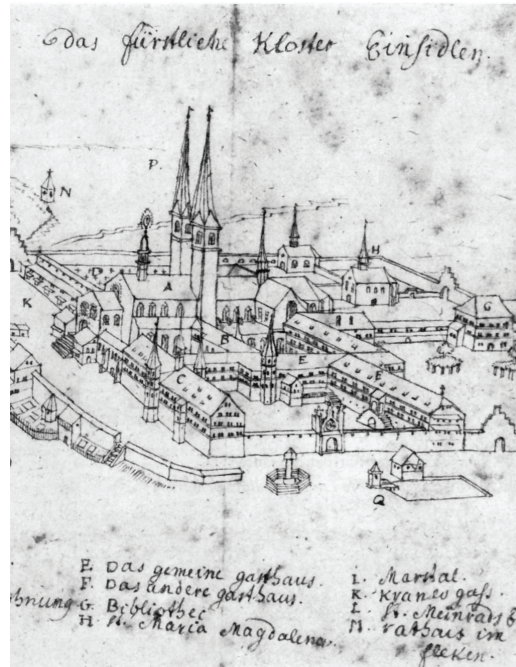
Life on the Hirzel Johanna Spyri-Museum, Hirzel



The Johanna Spyri Museum was founded in 1981 by teacher Jürg Winkler. On the occasion of the 80th anniversary of the writer's death, it was obvious to create a place in her honor where her personality and her works could be presented appropriately. After a comprehensive redesign, the museum reopened its doors at the end of May 2016, with the scenographer shifting the focus away from the Heidi figure and towards Johanna Spyri. The new exhibition concept allows guests to travel back in time to Johanna Spyri's life: biographical elements are embedded in political, social and economic circumstances of the 19th century, thus making Spyri's life impressively tangible for visitors.



Influence of the monastery Kloster Einsiedeln



Around the year 835, St. Meinrad, a monk of the island monastery of Reichenau in Lake Constance, built his hermitage on the site of today's Chapel of Grace. After the violent murder of St. Meinrad, other hermits settled at the place of his martyrdom. One of them, Eberhard von Strassburg, had the ideal of the Benedictine monastery in mind, in which community life and the common praise of God were central. Thus, in 934, he gathered the hermits into a community. He gave them the Rule of St. Benedict as a rule of life and became their first abbot. Today, the abbey is the largest place of pilgrimage in Switzerland and an important stop on the Way of St. James.

Since its foundation in 1130, the Benedictine monastery of Fahr near Zurich has belonged to Einsiedeln Abbey. As a result, the abbot of Einsiedeln is also the abbot of Fahr monastery. Together they form the world's only surviving double monastery in the Benedictine order.





Monday, 20.03.2023 - Common Day 2 Hands-On at Huebhof

07:30 - 08:00 Breakfast at Hofspeisesaal

1h 45' travel

10:00 - 11:00 Introduction SoLaWi & Farm, Huebhof
Introduction to the concept of a SoLaWi-Farm and the motivation behind the project.

11:00 - 12:30 Work at Huebhof
We support the Huebhof in various works on the farm and thus contribute to transforming the farm into a SoLaWi-business.

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch at Huebhof

13:30 - 17:00 Work at Huebhof

17:00 - 18:00 Lecture by Irmi Seidl, Huebhof
Presentation by Irmi Seidl about post-growth work.

18:00 - 20:00 Common Apéro and bonfire with MAS, Huebhof

Working in Agriculture Huebhof, Zürich

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Solawi* auf dem Huebhof
in Schwamendingen



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In January 2023, Rahel, Bettina and Patrick succeeded Thomas and Claudia Ryffel on the Huebhof. In the coming years, the farm will develop into a SOLAWI farm where participation, biodiversity and agroecology will be central themes. After the retirement of Claudia and Thomas, the buildings and areas in Schwamendingen will be taken over by a tenant community (Rahel, Bettina and Patrick).

The areas near Züriberg, Tobelhof and between Witikon and Pfaffhausen will be leased from local farmers.

The Adlisberghof, which they managed in a tenants' association with the Nussbaum family (Stettbach) and the Huber family (Dübendorf), will be taken over by new tenants from 2024.



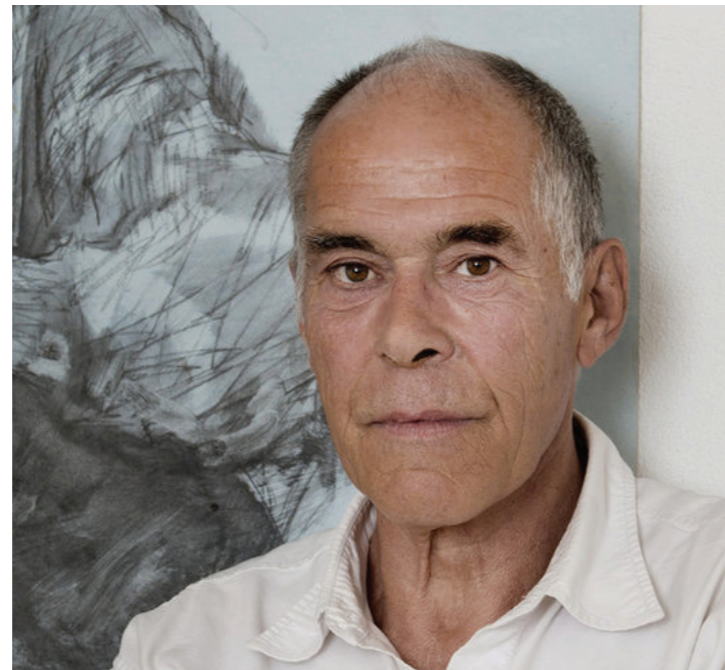
Tuesday, 21.03.2023 - Common Day 3 Farming Practise & Education

09:15 Meeting at Zürich HB, next to the Buffet Express

45' travel

- 10:30 - 12:00 Lecture by Philippe Sauvin
Presentation by Philippe Sauvin about his work on the subject of working conditions in agriculture.
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch at Mensa Strickhof
- 13:15 - 14:15 Tour of Strickhof with Christoph Jenni, Strickhof
Guided tour of the campus at Strickhof Lindau by Christoph Jenni, division manager of animal farming.
- 14:30 - 16:00 Input on Education with Erik Meier, Strickhof
Presentation about the education at the Strickhof by Erik Meier, head of the basic education in agriculture and animal professions.

Working Conditions in Agriculture Presentation Philipp Sauvin



Teaching Agriculture Strickhof, Lindau



Strickhof is a Swiss competence center for agriculture, food and home economics. As the main department of the Office for Landscape and Nature (ALN) in the Department of Construction of the Canton of Zurich, it offers interdisciplinary basic and advanced training as well as services directed at companies. According to the "Mission Statement of Zurich Agriculture", Strickhof is aligned with a cantonal agricultural policy in which training and consulting are central elements. In it, the canton of Zurich also commits itself to multifunctional, family-farming and entrepreneurial agriculture. Strickhof offers a total of 44 courses in the areas of basic and advanced training.



Friday, 24.03.2023 - Common Day 4 Archive

10:45 Meeting at Kloster Fahr

11:00 - 12:00 Tour of Kloster Fahr, Unterengstringen
Guided tour of the monastery by the farmer Andreas Benz.

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch at Kloster Fahr

30' travel

15:00 - 17:00 Visit Staatsarchiv des Kantons Zürich
Guided tour through the archives and the building's architecture by Karin Huber,
followed by a presentation by Christian Just. After that, the students have time for
individual research in the archives.

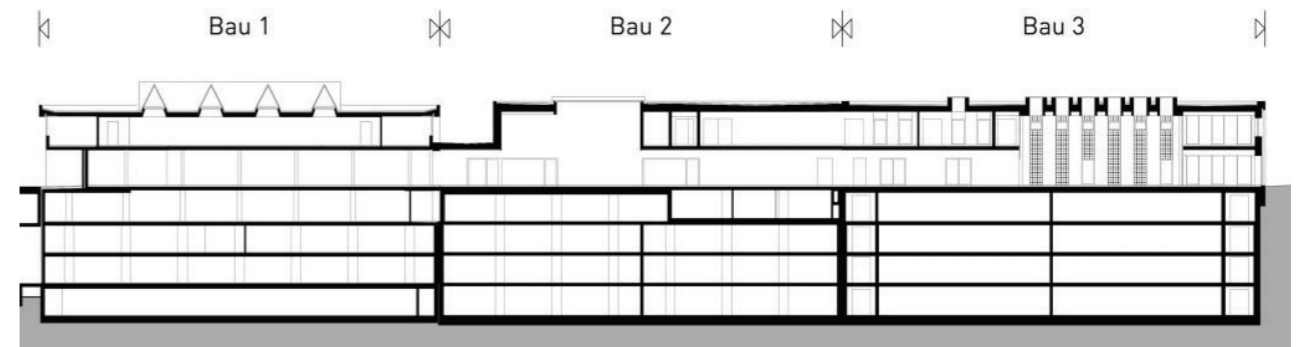
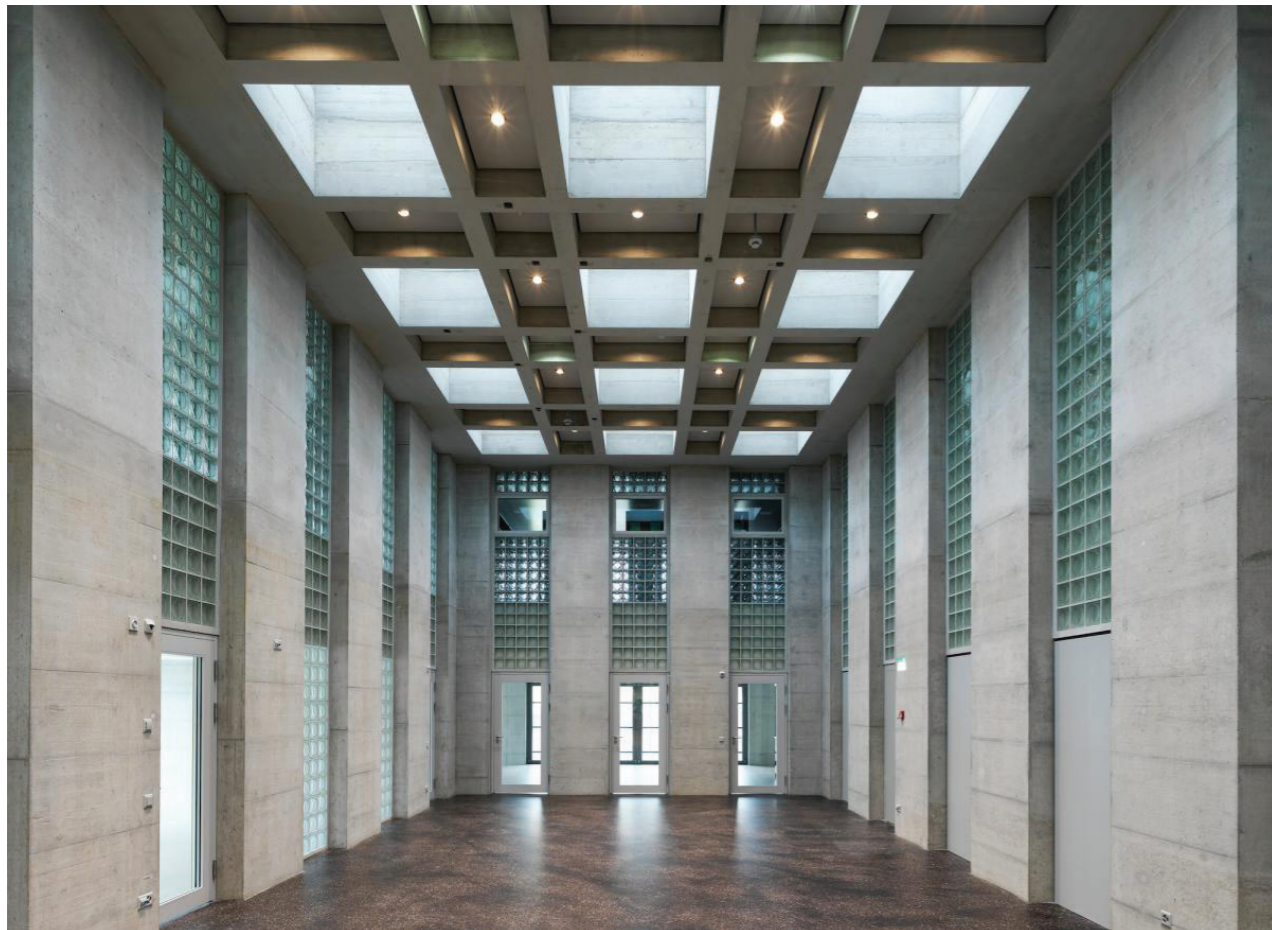
Land Ownership Kloster Fahr, Unterengstringen



Since its foundation in 1130, the Benedictine monastery of Fahr has formed a double convent with the Einsiedeln monastery. This is now the only double convent in the world. The abbot of Einsiedeln has always also been the abbot of Fahr Monastery. The head of the community of sisters is a prioress appointed by the abbot. The relations are not only of an economic or legal nature, but aim at enriching encounters between the confreres and fellow sisters. The Fahr Monastery was, along with the monasteries of Wonnenstein and Grimmenstein, one of the curiosities of Switzerland in terms of religious policy and state law. The monastery complex, situated on the Limmat, has been a 1.48 ha exclave of the Canton of Aargau since 1803, completely enclosed by the territory of the Canton of Zurich.



Filing and Research Staatsarchiv Zürich



Meeting Points & Locations

Day 1 - 19.03.2023	Zurich HB, Gleis 3 8001 Zürich
Day 3 - 21.03.2023	Zurich HB, next to the Buffet Express 8001 Zürich
Day 6 - 24.03.2023	Kloster Fahr 8109 Unterengstringen

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