

Open Call for Contribution and Participation

to the post-IMC synthesis workshop

Towards a Mountain Resilience Report: Regenerating Mountain Systems by Systemic Innovation

What? Following up on the same topic's Open Think Tank at IMC 2019 (International Mountain Congress) in Innsbruck, this post-IMC synthesis workshop will deepen the discussions after IMC on the development of the first Mountain Resilience Report (MRR). It brings together leading scholars from academia and practice to design and develop a resilience report for mountain regions, with geographical foci. The specific resilience angle in this synthesis workshop is on understanding and incubating innovative capacities to create ("design") and implement effective, real-world solutions for building regenerative mountain systems – and how this innovative capacity relates to and builds upon resilient landscapes and land use. Innovation within complex systems is systemic and should be regenerative by design – (re)generating systems that contribute net-positive to their surrounding socio-cultural-economic and ecological environment.

Intended output The main goal of this synthesis workshop is to recap and build upon the IMC Open Think Tank to form a core group who organizes the development of the first MRR. We will recap on MRR methodology and outline a joint review paper on the state of assessment and implementation of resilience in mountains, and their innovativeness, in line with the IPCC AR6 WGII deadlines for paper submission and paper acceptance. With this paper, we will set the base for writing a joint research funding proposal to fully develop the first Mountain Resilience Report in by 2021/2022.

Adaptive Waves of Resilience:

Systemic Innovation is specifically relevant in the Reorganization phase of complex (mountain) systems. What is mountain system's state of innovativeness and their preparedness to (re-)design in a regenerative way? What methods, tools, cooperations and governance changes are needed?



Where and when Universität Innsbruck (room to be announced), Friday, September 13th 2019, 9h-14h including a joint lunch.

Who can participate? IMC participants, other interested collaborators from academia, practice, the mountain industry (i.e. tourism, agriculture, forestry, transportation...) the creative sector, the public sector, and those who want to engage in a regenerative, resilient future of mountain systems.

Types of participation We strongly encourage interested collaborators, who already are at the IMC in Innsbruck, to extend their stay for this Friday workshop. Personal participation is encouraged as well in reach of transportation by public train and bus. Those who would have to travel far/by plane to Innsbruck just for this day, are encouraged to participate online/digitally (details to be announced). We especially encourage PhD students, early career researchers, and people from the Global South to participate.

Funding opportunity Participation is free of costs. Through the generous support of the Mountain Research Initiative (MRI), there are opportunities for supporting expenses to participate in this workshop, for extended accommodation and adoption of travel itineraries.

Sign-up and application for funding support Please email to Tobias Luthe (luthet@ethz.ch) or Romano Wyss (romano.wyss@epfl.ch) for further information and for signing up to this workshop.

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