

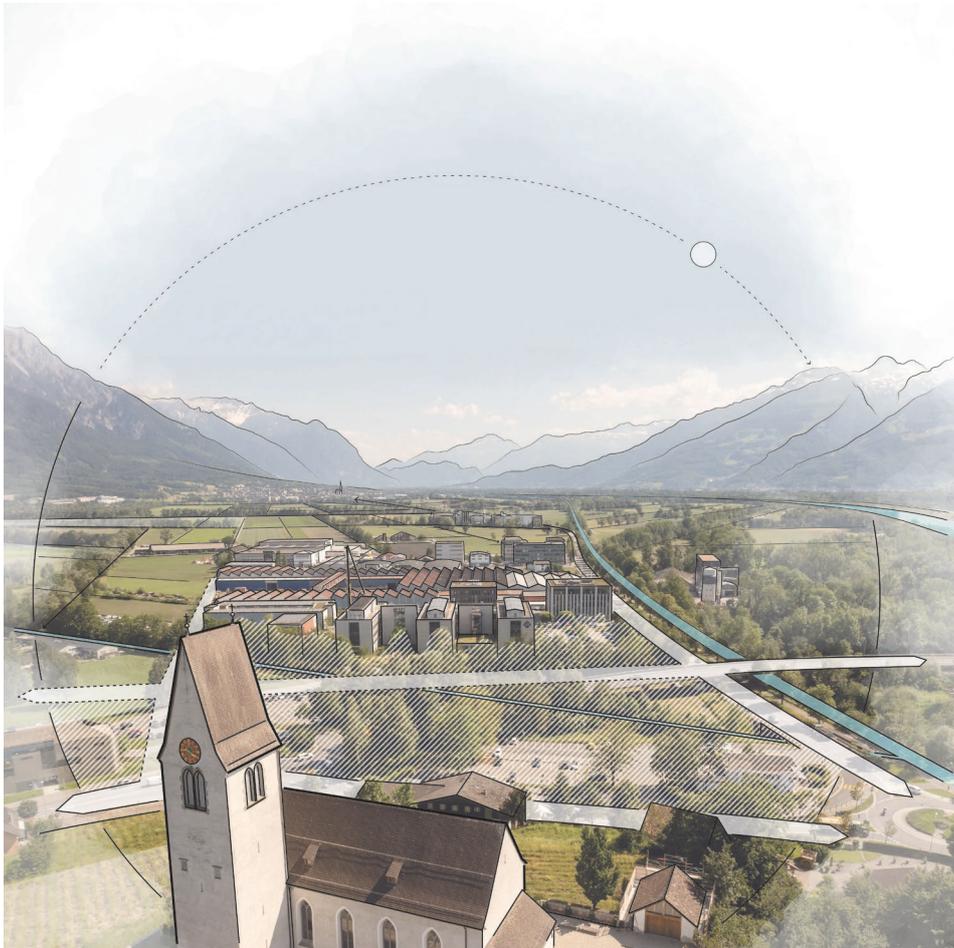
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Advanced Studio **LANDSCAPE (EN)**

Studio Tutors: Luis Hilti and Felix Untergerber

Studio U

Urban Design in Unterbendern



Studio U will design a new urban center at the intersection of various regional and international traffic routes, historic sites, and waterways. Unterbendern is currently characterized by traffic jams and parking lots and is generally considered a residual space. The municipality Gamprin – Bendern plans to overhaul the entire traffic infrastructure and set a development in motion that should turn the pitfall into a potential and create a new administrative, economic and residential center for the region in the following decades. We will work on masterplans, public spaces, architectural typologies, and living environments, dealing with contemporary challenges ranging from social cohesion and climate crisis to biodiversity loss. Studio U will explore scenarios and create visions to be exhibited and discussed among the concerned public.

We will work with cutting-edge urban design tools, dive deep into participatory urbanism and work with local stakeholders. Furthermore, Studio U will collaborate with landscape architecture students from Rapperswil in multiple workshops throughout the semester. Studio U will take place on the campus and on the site, a mere 15 minutes bus ride from the university. The seminar week consists of a trip to the west of Switzerland, visiting pivotal urban design projects and leading architecture and planning studios on the way.

Studio U is a unique opportunity to work in a real-world context and contribute to the future of Unterbendern as a new urban center within the Rhine valley.

Cooperation

Municipality Gamprin-Bendern,
represented by Peter Vogt

Lecturers

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Literature

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