



Luftseilbahn Rhäzüns-Feldis, 1960, Foto: Geiger Films-Waldhaus

Seminar week: Feldis, not Ibiza

Tutors: Oscar Buson, Michael Wagner. The seminar week is an integral part of the Advanced Studio «Visions for deep local change – Case study Feldis». It takes place from Monday, 29 September to Friday, 3 October 2025. Costs for admissions and including accommodation per person approx. CHF 140. Travel is the responsibility of the students themselves. Contact: oscar.buson@uni.li, michael.wagner@uni.li

In the seminar week, we will spend five days and four nights living and working together in the village of Feldis. This will be an intensive, immersive experience where students not only conduct research and develop design strategies, but also gain direct insight into everyday life in an Alpine village.

Throughout the week, students will engage with local residents, carry out on-site measurements and observations, and develop differentiated spatial development

scenarios. Excursions to nearby locations will provide opportunities to visit and analyse exemplary architectural and planning projects in the region. The aim is to develop realistic strategies rooted in local conditions and shaped by lived experience. Feldis offers a rare opportunity to reflect on spatial transformation while living in a village that has retained its identity and character, largely untouched by mass tourism. Feldis, part of the municipality of Domleschg in Switzerland, sits on a sunny plateau at 1,470 metres above sea level, overlooking the Hinterrhein valley. The village has around 140 inhabitants. Until the 20th century, livestock and small-scale farming were the primary sources of livelihood. In 1904, the construction of a road brought modest summer tourism, followed by the opening of a spectacular cable car from Rhäzüns in 1958. Today, about two-thirds of the houses are used as secondary homes. The local school closed in 2007 due to a lack of children. The former school building, where we will be staying, now serves as a space for holiday camps and community events.