

Inaugural Lecture Event

of the Public Outreach Initiative:

“So it was that we trained in this valley shrouded with smoke”

Shifting Perspectives on Mountains, Wars, and Recreational Businesses

Lecture — Case Studies — Photo Exhibition

on Austrians in the 10th US Mountain Division
of World War II



Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 6 p.m.
Café Exchange
Ehemalige Postsparkasse
Georg-Coch-Platz 2, Wien

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Mostly refugees from National Socialism, about one hundred Austrians, among them ski stars and mountaineers, served with the 10th Mountain Division—the only unit in the U.S. Army of World II specialized in mountain warfare and operations in climatically extreme conditions. Their experiences, from training in a high valley in Colorado, to combat duty in Italy, to their postwar journeys, are currently in the focus of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on the Consequences of War. A bilingual public outreach initiative supported by the U.S. Embassy in Austria will launch June 6, 2023, at Ehemalige Postsparkasse in Vienna with a guest lecture, insights into the ongoing research, and a pop-up photo exhibition.

Program

Welcome Address: John R. Hearn (Lt. Col., Bilateral Affairs Officer, Vermont National Guard)

Introduction: Florian Traussnig (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on the Consequences of War)

Keynote on the 10th Mountain Division in World War II: Joseph Scanlin (former Director, 10th Mountain Division Museum & Fort Drum Museum)

In the Focus. Austrian Exiles in the U.S. Mountain Troops: Florian Traussnig & Robert Lackner (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Research on the Consequences of War)

Commentary: Siegfried Beer (University of Graz)

Get-Together with drinks and snacks & viewing of the rollup exhibition of contemporary photographs, including those of the Austro-American U.S. mountain soldier Curt Krieser.

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