

## **INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

### **VERTICAL MIGRATIONS.**

### **NEW FORMS OF HUMAN MOBILITY TOWARDS THE MOUNTAINS**

#### **Foreword**

After decades of focusing on emigration from mountains to cities and the abandonment of high lands

highlands, reverse migrations to European mountain areas and especially to the Alps have only recently become the subject of research and attracted public attention.

The ForAlps network (Foreign immigration in the Alps: [www.foralps.eu](http://www.foralps.eu)) was established back in 2015

as the first international, self-managed and trans-disciplinary experience, active at the level of the Alpine arc

with respect to the study and exchange of experiences on this topic; several international research projects as well as

various international research projects as well as collective publications.

Salecina, due to its history and location, seems to us the ideal place to continue this

dialogue, having also already hosted a ForAlps seminar in 2017, dedicated to the theme of refugees

in mountain areas.

#### **Date and duration**

May 2025, from 22 to 24

#### **Content**

The 2025 seminar aims to reactivate the ForAlps network and broaden its composition, including under the broad and fluid label of 'vertical migrations' an archipelago of forms of migration and human mobility towards European mountains, and in particular towards the Alps, essentially united by their 'verticality' in the spatial sense (from the bottom upwards) and

their insistence on mountain territories, in an often close relationship with lowland areas and large cities, within mobility systems.

large cities, within mobility systems and economies that we can define as 'metromontane and in a close relationship with climatic-environmental change.

The seminar also aims to strengthen international cooperation and the exchange of information between actors from the countries involved, with a view to future joint initiatives, both on the research and

research as well as on the side of raising the awareness of public opinion and decision makers. Ci

The aim is also to publish a collective volume collecting the contributions presented at the seminar.

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