

Triangulating Glacier Expertise:

Interdisciplinary Exchange and Collaboration between the Himalayas and the Alps

7- 9 September 2025 (main workshop on 8th), Center for Advanced Studies (CAS), LMU Munich
organized by Dr. Anna-Maria Walter, Rachel Carson Center & Researcher-in-Residence at CAS, LMU

The workshop explores collaborative approaches towards glaciers in the Karakorum-Himalayas and the Alps. What can we learn from triangulating data, methods and theories as well as researchers' positionality and disciplinary traditions? What kind of twists and turns does local knowledge take when it seeks to reach the international scientific community and how can we facilitate meaningful collaborations?

participants:

- Dr. Zakir Hussain Zakir, Baltistan University (CAS fellow)
- Dr. Suryanarayanan Balasubramanian, Acres of Ice (CAS fellow)
- Dr. Felix Keller, ETH Zürich
- Dr. Christoph Mayer, Bavarian Academy of Science
- Prof. Dr. Anne Rademacher, TUM
- Prof. Dr. Mark Carey, University of Oregon
- Dr. Anwasha Borthakur, RCC
- Dr. Sophie Elixhauser, University of Vienna
- Sajid Ali, Baltistan University/Potsdam
- Pia Wimmer, IDK University of Augsburg
- Dr. Charles Beach, UCL
- Quirin Rieder, University of Vienna/RCC

All participants please prepare beforehand:

Think of your own glacier story & bring ONE item, photo, etc.

Pre-event, Sunday 7th Sept 2025 (with Surya & Zakir, whoever else is interested, announce at RCC),
Rachel Carson Center (Leopoldstr. 11a)

4.30	Meet at RCC, show library etc. Watch <i>Into the Ice</i> (conference room, 90 mins)
	Joint dinner?

Main event, Monday 8th Sept 2025- Oval Office, CAS (Seestr. 13)

10.00- 10.30 Coffee in the room	Welcome (Simone/CAS) (5 mins) Welcome, CAS project & Workshop schedule & objectives (10 mins) Special welcome to key guests & quick intro round (who are you & why I have invited you) (15 mins)
10.30- 12.30	Introducing their work: Zakir Hussain Zakir, Suryanarayanan Balasubramanian & Felix Keller (60 mins) On remote sensing by Sajid Ali (10 mins) Pitch Subaltern Glaciology & project strategy by A-M (20 mins) Q&A/Discussion (30 mins)
12.30- 1.30	Lunch (bowls delivered for everyone)
1.30- 2.30	Personal stories - “think with ice”, listen to stories ice can tell & identify connections (positionality of the researcher/ice expert) (60 mins)
2.30- 3.15	Cosmopolitical map: Glaciology (joint activity on digital white board, 45 mins) focus on data, methods, disciplinary context
3.15- 3.30	Coffee break
3.30- 5.30	Watch <i>Signal Fire</i> (33 mins) Discuss decolonial context in South Asia, Alps & Latin America (60 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous context of glaciers in Andes by Charles Beach (10 mins)• Doing Justice Work within the Research Lab by Mark Carey (10 mins)• Introducing the Himalayan University Consortium by AM Walter (5 mins) Develop vision, alternative imaginaries- What’s missing? (30 mins - continue around bonfire and tomorrow)

Dinner & bonfire in garden at Novalisstr. 20

Day 2, Tuesday 9th Sept 2025- Traffic Museum (Am Bavariapark 5) (Zakir, Surya, Felix, Mark, Charles, Sajid, and whoever else is interested)

9.30 - 11.00	Visit exhibition <i>Thin Ice</i> at Traffic Center of German Museum (guided tour by Daniela Menge, invite Spencer Adams)
11.00 - 12.30 Coffee in room at museum	What have we learned Feedback round- What else should we talk about (possibly add to mind map) Tease out potential collaborations but also red lines
13.00	Invited lunch (for all presenters) at Augustiner Keller