

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022



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July 3, 2022



First day in Chur was about walking together and discover the most interesting parts of the city.

July 4, 2022



After lectures and debates about the concept of youth and its various interpretations, we visited the cathedral of Chur (a holy place full of history) and we enjoyed the rainy day.

July 5, 2022



This is me near Benedikt Fontana, considered one of the most popular heroes of Graubünden back in 1499. During our visit at Calanda beer factory, I enjoyed taking as much random photos I could with my friends and our tourist outfits

July 6, 2022



After some challenging debates about youth and young people preoccupations for political issues both in Swiss and Romanian societies, we were so grateful to visit a real Swiss chocolate factory, almost with Willy Wonka itself as tour guide. The evening went by so quickly after the train ride to Bilten. We just enjoyed the sunset and the chocolate.

July 7, 2022



I think our one-day trip in Lucerne was my favourite day. The history in this city is just speaking for herself. We took a lot of pictures at this these grandiose columns, a symbol of peace and harmony between Swiss cantons.

The architecture of Lucerne is unique. I was obsessed with the clear water and bridges and beautiful towers. After visiting the city, we climbed Mount Pilatus by cable car. The view we had chance to see was magnificent.

July 8, 2022



The last day was amazing. I loved St. Gallen, an elegant city with delicious food and very friendly people. The Abbey of Saint Gall library is now in my top 3 tourist attractions from the world. After that, we went to Saint Gallen Cathedral and had the chance to reconnect with ourselves throw divine orchestra music. I cried. A lot.

When we watched the last sunset together, after our last academic discussion about young people and their beliefs, which ended with a concert and a pray in the chapel (I cried again), I realised that I just lived one of the most beautiful and challenging experience of my student life, one I will be grateful for ever.

SUMMER CAMP 2022 SWITZERLAND

FIRST DAY



We got very surprised by the beauty of Switzerland

SECOND DAY



Got to visit beautiful Chur and attend the first presentation about the concept of youth in Switzerland and Romania, with a pretend

THIRD DAY



Visit to the Calanda brewery and a day full of new and interesting activities of learning about each other's country

FOURTH DAY



We ate and learned how the best chocolate in the world is being made.

FIFTH DAY



Went on a visit to the beautiful city of Lucerne and got to go to the peak of Mount Pilatus in the same day

SIXTH DAY



Got to travel to the beautiful city of St. Gallen and visit its wonderful cathedral. After that we attended the last activities of the summer school

SEVENTH DAY



Had the chance to visit the city of Chur by ourselves and get more familiar with the Swiss way of living

LAST DAY



Unfortunately we had to say farewell to our Swiss friends but only to promise them that we will be back soon



PRESENTATION MADE BY GRIGORE SEBASTIAN

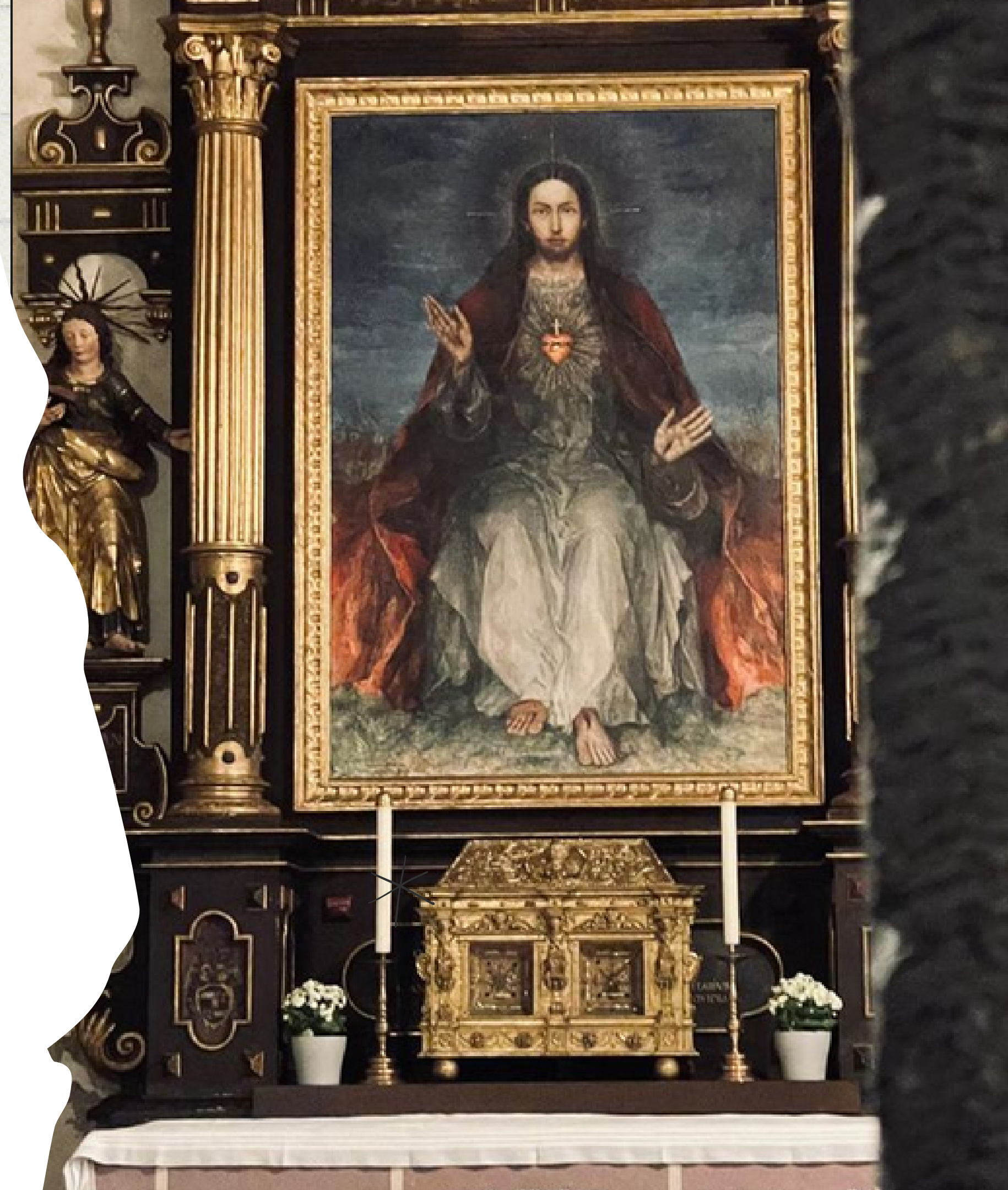
MĂRTINAȘ COSMIN

With or without the summer school, the youth would exist, it would be more or less involved in politics, religion or education, and would definitely have intricate ways of spending spare time. But to understand, not only your personal, cultural but also intercultural side of the problem, that takes a good summer school. For I indeed expected to learn about the problem at hand and add my own input, but the experience I took part in this summer delivered more than anticipated. I was surprised that despite coming from different cultures we seemed to have agreed on the topics at hand whilst holding, overall, different views. For me it was a really pleasant experience of rational disagreement.



IOAN COROAMĂ

The Summer School Youth as a Challenge, Theological-Philosophical Institute of Chur, Switzerland, 2022 was a fascinating experience both in my academic/professional training and in my personal development through an ethic of motivation and intercultural openness. I have absolutely nothing to object to the structure of the Summer School, the whole infrastructure (from the food served to the conferences or cultural tours through the Swiss cities) is in accordance with my needs and interests. Thanks to father Michael Fieger and professors Conțiu Șoitu, Petru Bejan and Romeo Asimina for facilitating this bilateral partnership, transformed into an academic and cultural friendship, which I hope will resonate in the long term.



Nicole Pricop

Journal from Switzerland

Challanged Youth as a Challenge 2022



On our first day, after a long day of delays, we arrived in Chur, Switzerland. Of course, we couldn't sleep, so we explored the city, even if we were tired.



On the second day, after the presentations, we had a tour of the city,



and discovered some amazing sights (and shops!).



On Tuesday, we went to Calanda for some amazing beer and bonding time,



and we had some time to explore more of Chur and see some really cute cats :)



On Wednesday, we ate our weight in chocolate at the Läderach Chocolate Factory,



and of course we had to buy some for back home!



Thursday was reserved for exploring Lucerne and Mount Pilatus.



Both were breathtaking. The perfect place to take a breath and relax.



Friday was St. Gallen day. An amazing city with rich history.



The traditional Swiss food was also a highlight of the day!

Things I love about Switzerland

Extremely pretty views

The view from my room



Very friendly pets

I loved all the animals there



Fantastic chocolate

I will come back for it



Fresh Fruits

At a decent price



Amazing art

Everything is done
overwhelmingly perfect here



Divine architecture

The country itself is a work of art



Scooters everywhere

Loved every Vespa I've seen



Really friendly people

The people are as great as
the country. I miss them all..



Made by Ioana Olariu

ANAMARIA-GABRIELLA DIACONU

Day 1

We started our learning experience by learning about Switzerland from our hosts.

I really enjoyed the fact that we got the chance to discuss afterwards, and ask whatever questions we were having.

I believe that this was a unique experience, as we got the chance to actually get to know Switzerland from a Swiss` person perspective.

After that, the Swiss got to know more about Romanian culture, tradition and our university. I was surprised by their receptivity and curiosity regarding our country.

The discussion was so interesting. We compared the 2 countries, its` traditions and cultures. Some differences were pretty impressive (for example, the fact that as a Swiss person you can volunteer as a firefighter, or that in Switzerland the army is mandatory, meanwhile, in Romania we have professional firefighters and army).

The discussion was so captivating, that it went on even during lunch.

After lunch, we discovered Chur in a guided tour. The old city is filled with history and interesting stories. We discovered the (not so) hidden well in the church (that is still working) and the fantastic animals that decorate the pillars.

Visiting the church of Chur, photo from personal archive

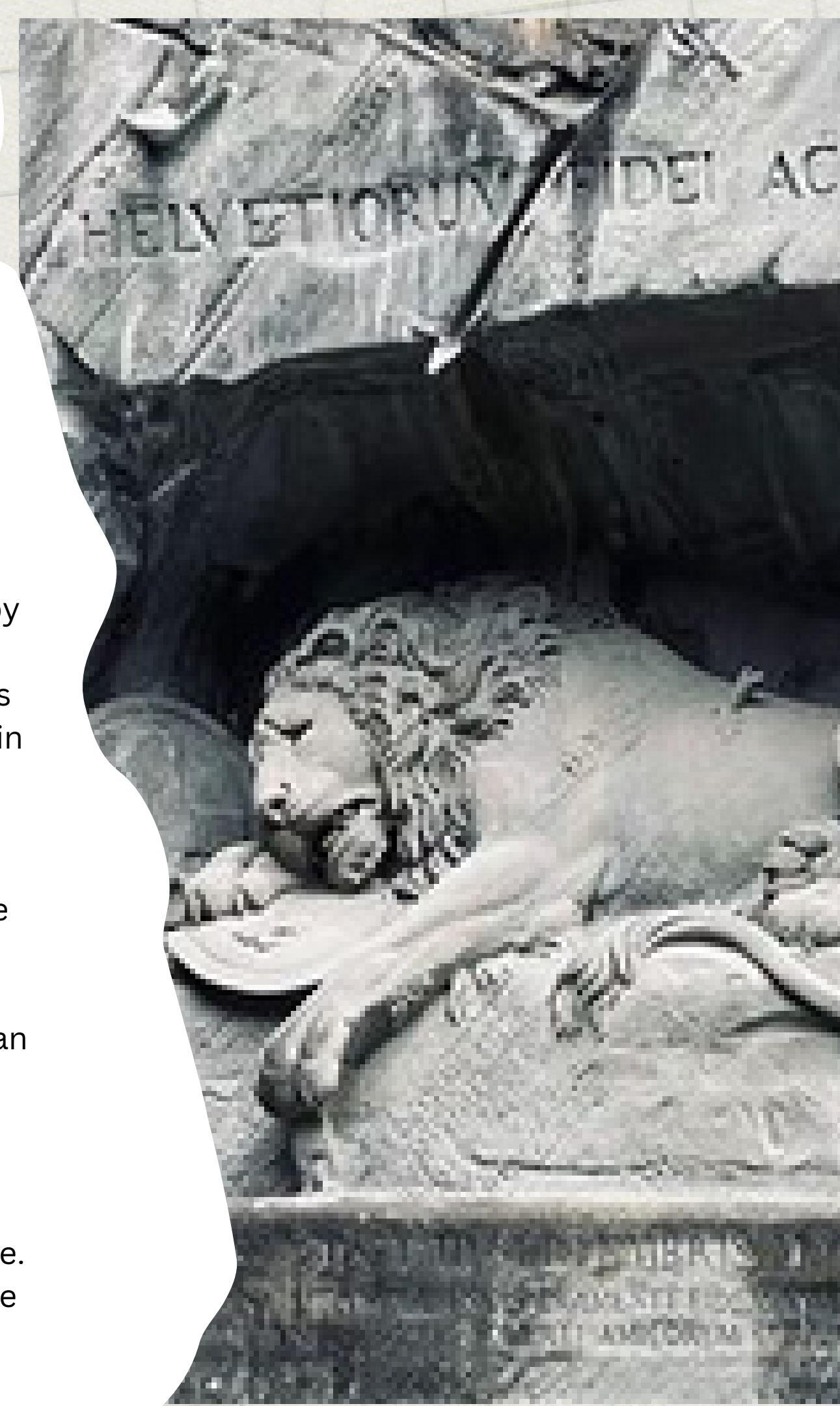
We visited the City Hall, and discovered all the stories of the (many) public fountains. We found out that you can even save your marriage, just by drinking from one of the public fountains. J

Fountain from Chur, photo taken during the guided tour of the city, photo from personal archive

We found one of the oldest houses in one of the oldest cities in Switzerland.

After this journey in the past, we traveled back to our current days, and discussed youth and leisure time.

Again, there were many differences between the activities of an average Swiss young peer, and a Romanian one. I believe that these discussions helped both us, and the Swiss students to broad our perspective on the leisure activities.



Day 2

On the second day, I had the chance to get to know my Romanian colleagues better. Although we all came from the same university, we were all from different majors and courses (both bachelor and master).

During the workshop where we had to research data about the Swiss political system, our group strengthened, along with our knowledge about the culture we were discovering.

From my perspective, the workshop was an interactive way for us to discover for ourselves the details of the political system. Although we were nervous about our presentation, the Swiss were open to listen to us, and to correct any mistakes.

It was a unique learning experience.

I was impressed with the Swiss presentation. Even though most of the data about the Romanian political system were available in Romanian, they managed to make a complex presentation, in such a short time.

After the workshop, we enjoyed the Romanian and Swiss presentation about the political systems, and we've cleared up any doubts.

In the afternoon, we enjoyed Calandas specialties, and we learned about the whole process a bottle of beer has to go through, from the water that is extracted from Calanda, to the wheat that offers the beer its unique taste and color.

Day 3

After we talked about leisure time and the political system, we discussed the educational system.

I found it incredibly interesting that the Swiss educational system offers counseling to students, in order to choose the right path. The fact that there was a student in the Swiss group who had received this counseling helped us understand better the mechanisms of the Swiss educational system.

In the afternoon we took the Swiss train, and enjoyed the amazing views. From the endless green fields, to the beautiful tall mountains, the whole journey to the factory was an experience itself. We even saw colorful flowers that were especially planted for the bees. The red train took us to the factory, in a smooth and quick way.

In the afternoon we had one of the most sensory experiences of this trip. We visited the Läderach factory where we could discover a small part of Swiss gastronomy, and probably the sweetest - chocolate!

We had a wonderful guide, who taught us how a chocolate should be enjoyed and preserved. We learned about the journey of chocolate, from the cocoa fruit, to the cocoa butter, to the finished product.

We sharpened our sense of smell to smell the cocoa beans, and observed the chocolate sculpture. We listened closely to the full-on sound a chocolate bar makes when you break it in half.



And, we indulged our taste buds to the fullest with a wide range of chocolate - from the sweetest varieties, to the most bitter, from white chocolate, to dark chocolate that carries a strong bitter taste. I could feel the creamy texture of the cocoa butter, and the chocolate in the chocolate fountain.

We attended a short geography lesson, where we learned about the long journey that the different cocoa beans take to reach their final destination - the Läderach factory!

We learned about how you can taste each geographical destination in a chocolate bar.

This experience completely changed my experience on the way I should eat chocolate, and the chocolate I chose.

Day 4

Although sadness was beginning to take over us as the day of our return home was fast approaching, our hosts in Switzerland made sure to distract us from the less pleasant feelings, and spoiled us with a visit to the heart of Switzerland - Luzern.

Luzern, a city so different from Chur. While the old Chur is quiet, which is more inclined to meditation, the hustle and bustle of Luzern made me change my perspective on Switzerland. In Luzern, the modern is intertwined with history. The train station and the imposing ships in the port remind us that we were living in the modern day, while the wooden bridge and the beautifully painted houses are evidence of the city's past.

The city guide told us the story about the fire that burned the old wooden bridge, but I believe that the city helped her. From my perspective, Luzern itself tells you its story, you just have to listen and watch.

After that, we admired Switzerland from the top of the Pilatus Mountain. We climbed the mountain by one of the steepest funiculars, and admired the local flora and fauna.

The sound of the cows' talangs was the only sound that interrupted the silence. As we were climbing, we could hear the talangs less and less, until they remind behind us.

A unique experience, which moved me deeply. The higher we climbed, the colder the air became, and the steeper the road. I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little scared, but the smiles of the Swiss reminded me that we were safe.

On the top of the mountain we visited The Devils Cave. Luckily for us we didn't get to meet Pilate's ghost.



Day 5

The last day of the summer school was filled with so many emotions. On one hand, I was so thankful for all the amazing experiences and opportunities I had, but on the other hand it meant separating from our new friends.

During our last day, we visited St. Gallen, a colorful city. We explored the city for a little bit, and we admired all the unique balconies of the tiny houses. The houses looked like they were made of gingerbread.

We visited a unique library, with an amazing ceiling and a mummy, and we saw the book "De consolatione philosophiae".

Our guide also helped us discover the history of the city, and told us about St. Gallus.

After that we visited the St. Gallus Cathedral. As soon as we entered the cathedral, we could hear the deep sound of the organ. The cathedral was filled with lots of wonderful details that filled both the ceiling and the confessionals.

Our guide showed us the relics of the cathedral, and priest vestments. It was such a unique experience. After that, we climbed in the tower, and admired the entire city of St. Gallen.

Our wonderful Swiss experience ended with a unique concert in the church.



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