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Raphael Zuber studied architecture at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ) and directly after opened his own office. His work is widely published and internationally recognized. His first building is the Schoolhouse and kindergarten Grono. In 2016 he completed the Apartment building in Domat/Ems. Among his important projects are the Ethnographic museum Neuchâtel, the University campus SUPSI in Mendrisio and the Funeral chapel in Steinhausen. At the moment the Public indoor swimming pool in Gossau, Switzerland and the House at the Black Sea, in collaboration with Laura Cristea, are under construction. Raphael Zuber has taught at several architecture schools including the Accademia di Architettura di Mendrisio, the Oslo School of Architecture and Design AHO, the EPF Lausanne and the ETH Zurich. At the moment he is teaching with Landscape Architect Maurus Schifferli at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology KIT.

Chur, January 2026

RAPHAEL ZUBER, Architect

2025- Teaching at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
 2019 PELINU PROJECTS, collaboration with Laura Cristea
 2017/18 Visiting lecturer, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)
 2015/16 Guest professor, Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
 2014/15 Guest professor, Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO)
 2009 Visiting professor, Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio
 2006 Visiting tutor, Bern University of Applied Sciences
 2003 Own architecture office in Chur, Switzerland
 2001-03 Own architecture office in Riva San Vitale, Switzerland with Helena Brobäck
 2001 Diploma in Architecture, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ)
 1973 Born in Chur, Switzerland

Selected works

2025- Apartment building, San Bernardino; competition, 1st prize, ongoing
 2024- Colentina Lakes, Bucharest, Romania; competition, with Laura Cristea, 1st prize, ongoing
 Apartment building, Rhäzüns; ongoing
 Apartment building, Langnau; ongoing
 2023 Mamaia Seaside, Romania; competition project, with Laura Cristea, 2nd prize
 Funeral chapel, Landquart; competition project, 2nd prize
 2022 Schoolhouse and Kindergarten Grava, Savognin; competition project, 2nd prize
 2021 Indoor shooting facility, Monte Ceneri; competition project, 4th prize
 2020 Comprehensive Transplant Centre, Cluj, Romania; competition project
 2019 Extension of the County Council, Cluj, Romania; competition project, honorable mention
 2018-26 Public indoor swimming pool, Gossau SG; competition, 1st prize, under construction
 2018-25 House at the Black Sea, Romania; with Laura Cristea, under construction
 2018-20 House in Stuls; project
 2018 Extension Schoolhouse Bünda, Davos; competition project
 2017 Office and residential tower, Lausanne; competition project, with Raumbureau
 2016 City of Common Space; project
 2015-16 Inverted House, Hokkaido, Japan; with Team AHO, Oslo School of Architecture
 2015 Apartments for the elderly, Savognin; competition project, 1st prize
 City theater Chur; competition project, 1st prize
 2014 Weekend house, Isle of Harris, Scotland; project
 2013 Schoolhouse, Port; competition project
 2012 University campus SUPSI, Mendrisio; competition project
 Schoolhouse Erlenmatt, Basel; competition project, 2nd prize
 Funeral chapel, Steinhausen; competition project, 4th prize
 Lamp A
 2011 Office building, Monte Carasso; competition project
 2010 Sports hall, Igis; competition project
 Theater, Lyceum Alpinum Zuz; competition project
 2009-16 Apartment building, Domat/Ems
 2008 Auditorium Plantahof, Landquart; competition project, with Rudolf Fontana und Partner AG, 3rd prize
 2007-11 Schoolhouse and kindergarten Grono, Grono
 2004-05 Residential and warehouse, Maienfeld; project
 2003 Ethnographic Museum und Ethnological Institute Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel; competition project, with Helena Brobäck, 1st prize
 2002 Sports hall, Chur; competition project, with Helena Brobäck, 4th prize
 2001-04 St. Peter Church, Sigurd Lewerentz, Klippan, Sweden; drawings, with Helena Brobäck

Teaching

2025- Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Chair of Landscape Architecture; teaching with professor Maurus Schifferli
 2017/18 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ); guest lecturer
 2015/16 Ecole polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL); guest professor
 2014/15 Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO); guest professor
 2013 Porto Academy 2013, FAUP Porto, Portugal; Workshop, 20.-27.7.2013
 2009 Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio, Università della Svizzera italiana (USI); visiting professor
 2006/07 Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH), Burgdorf; visiting tutor

RAPHAEL ZUBER, Architect

- 2005 Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, visiting professor Valerio Olgiati; teaching associate
- 2001-04 Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio, Università della Svizzera italiana (USI), professor Valerio Olgiati; teaching assistant
- 1999/2000 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich (ETHZ), Gastdozent Valerio Olgiati; teaching assistant

Awards

- 2022 Swiss Architectural Award, 2022; shortlisted
- 2018 Recognition Award of the City of Chur (Anerkennungspreis der Stadt Chur)
- 2014 Award Good Buildings Graubünden 2013 (Auszeichnung Gute Bauten Graubünden 2013); Schoolhouse and Kindergarten Grono
- BSI Swiss Architectural Award, 2014; shortlisted
- 2012 Swiss Earthquake Award 2012, Foundation for Structural Dynamics and Earthquake Engineering, Zurich; Schoolhouse and kindergarten Grono

Selected exhibitions

- 2024 Tallinn Architecture Biennale, Estonia; SPACE OF EARTH, with Laura Cristea, 11.10.-1.12.2024
- 2017 OAR Bucharest, Casa Mincu; Inverted House, 19.10.-5.11.2017
- 2016 The Royal Norwegian Embassy, Tokyo; Inverted House, presentation, 9.6.2016
- 15th International Architecture Exhibition - La Biennale di Venezia, curated by Alejandro Aravena; SPACES, 28.5.-27.11.2016
- 2015 Lighthouse, Glasgow; ISLAND, Eight houses for the Isle of Harris; group exhibition, 24.7.-4.10.2015
- 2014 AHO Gallery, Oslo; SPACES - designed by students with Neven Fuchs and Raphael Zuber; 19.8.-9.9.2014
- London Metropolitan University, CASS; Young Swiss Public; group exhibition, 25.6.-6.7.2014
- 2013 Stadtgalerie Chur / Architekturforum Zürich / Hochschule Luzern; Zwischen-Formen: Wenn Haltung Raum bildet; group exhibition, 9.3.-7.4.2013 / 30.4.-18.5.2013 / 28.11.-13.12.2013
- 2011 swissnex San Francisco; Teaching Architecture: 3 positions Made in Switzerland; group exhibition, 9.9.-30.9.2011
- 2010 Istituto Svizzero di Roma, Sede di Venezia; 19 Important buildings. A personal choice, exhibition series: Teaching Architecture. 3 positions Made in Switzerland, 7.10-30.10.2010
- 2008 Architekturforum Zürich; Was wird sein? - Gedanken zur Architektur der Zukunft, group exhibition, 5.6.-19.7.2008

Selected lectures/juries

- 2025 Ion Mincu University UAUIM, Bucharest, Studio Andrei Serbescu, Cartierul Creativ; Two buildings I love, lecture, 6.12.2025
- China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, China; 91, lecture, 17.06.2025
- 2024 Southeast University SEU, School of Architecture, Nanjing, China; Places, lecture (online), 21.3.2024
- 2023 Global Dean's Forum, Quinhuangdao City, China; 93, lecture, 3.12.2023
- TU München, Department of Architecture; 95, lecture, 3.7.2023
- ETH Zurich, Department of Architecture; AMAG 29 book presentation and panel discussion with Roger Boltshauser, Ana Leal, Martin Tschanz, Raphael Zuber, 16.5.2023
- 2022 Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio, OSA; 96, lecture, 21.11.2022
- 2019 Barbican Centre, London, The Architecture Foundation; 99, lecture, 5.11.2019
- 2018 ETH Zurich, Department of Architecture; lecture series Institute of Design and Architecture: Serendipity, 100, lecture + discussion with Momoyo Kaijima, 4.12.2018
- Bienala Arhitectura.6, Brasov, Romania; jury president
- KRUH, Prague; 101, lecture, 1.3.2018
- 2017 Escola da Cidade, Sao Paolo; 102, lecture, 25.10.2017
- OAR Bucharest, Bucharest; 103, lecture, 20.10.2017
- Concrete Award 17; jury member
- 2016 Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and Built Environment, 57°10, Aberdeen; 106, lecture, 16.3.2016
- 2015 EPFL Lausanne, Section Architecture, guest professors Giuliani&Hönger; 109, lecture, 28.4.2015
- UBS Arts Forum, Wolfsberg; 110, lecture, 24.3.2015
- Universidad Internacional de Catalunya, Barcelona, Foro ESARQ; 111, lecture, 16.2.2015

- Universität Stuttgart, Fakultät für Architektur und Stadtplanung; 112, lecture, 19.1.2015
- 2014 Anuala Timisoreana de arhitectura, Timisoara; 113, lecture, 22.11.2014
- Oslo Arkitektforening, Oslo; 114, lecture, 6.5.2014
- 2013 FAUP, Porto, Porto Academy 2013; 116, lecture, 21.7.2013
- ETH Zurich, 7. Swiss concrete forum, Cemsuisse; 117, lecture, 10.6.2013
- ETH Zurich, Department of Architecture, professor Christian Kerez; 119, lecture, 23.4.2013
- 2012 Oslo School of Architecture and Design AH0; lecture, 11.10.2012
- AE Foundation for Architecture & Education, Dundee Contemporary Arts, Dundee; lecture, 4.05.2012
- 2011 Schoolhouse Grono, opening of the new schoolhouse Grono; lecture, 1.10.2011
- 2010 Concrete Design Competition, Irish national jury, Dublin; jury member, 22.5.2010
- 2009 Galerie Sandra Romer, Chur; Kazuo Shinohara. Centennial Hall, lecture, 23.6.2009
- 2006 Dhaka Architecture Association, Dhaka, Bangladesh; lecture, 6.10.2006

Selected publications

- 2025 asBUILT 35 – Inverted House, Pax Forlag, Oslo; book, ISBN 978-82-530-4579-5, essays: Danielle Demetriu, Ryue Nishizawa
- archi, Nr.6/2025, espazium, ZURICH; Senza confini – Una casa sul Mar Nero, interview: Riccardo Amarri, Matthew Bailey, Mateusz Załuska
- Suedostschweiz, 28.12.2024, Südostschweiz Publicitas AG, Chur; Erstwohnungen in Tourismusregionen müssen nicht bieder ausfallen, text: Olivier Berger
- 2024 Suedostschweiz, 1.10.2024, Südostschweiz Publicitas AG, Chur; So will ein Bündner das Stadtklima in Bukarest nachhaltig verbessern, text: Olivier Berger
- 2022 AMAG, 29, Boltshauser Architekten/Lillit Bollinger Studio/Raphael Zuber, AMAG PUBLISHER, Matosinhos; ISBN 978-989-53330-5-9
- 2020 Raphael Zuber – Four Projects, Pelinu Books, Bucharest; monograph, ISBN 978-973-0-29819-2, text: Samuel Penn
- 2019 a+u, 19:01, 580, A+U Publishing Co., Ltd., Tokyo; Re: Swiss – Emerging Architects Under 45 In Switzerland, Raphael Zuber
- Accounts, Pelinu Books, Bucharest; Book, ISBN 978-973-0-29787-4, Editor: Samuel Penn
- 2018 The Architect, June 2018, China Architecture Building Press; Inventing Space: An interview with Raphael Zuber, text: Hui Pan and Denisa Balaj
- 2016 Reporting from the Front, Biennale di Architettura 2016, Venezia, Marsilio Editori, Venezia; exhibition catalogue
- Shinkenichiku, 2016/4, Shinkenichiku-sha Co., Ltd., Tokyo; Inverted House
- a+u, 16:04, 547, A+U Publishing Co., Ltd., Tokyo; 'Inverted House' – Completion Announcement
- 2014 Island – Eight houses for the Isle of Harris, Outer Hebrides, AE foundation, Broughty Ferry, UK; book, ISBN 978-0-9930804-0-1
- SPACES – designed by students with Neven Fuchs and Raphael Zuber, Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AH0); exhibition catalogue
- 2013 werk, bauen und wohnen, Nr. 12/2013, Verlag Werk AG, Zürich; Towards Space (Hin zum Raum), essay by Raphael Zuber
- Important Buildings of the last 21 years (2012–1992 – A personal selection by students with Raphael Zuber, Porto Academy; booklet
- 2012 Neue Zürcher Zeitung NZZ, 16.7.2012, NZZ Mediengruppe, Zurich; Architektur als politische Aufgabe – Raphael Zuber's beispielhaftes Schulhaus von Grono im Misox; text: Laurent Stalder
- Abitare, 522 May 2012, RCS Mediagroup, Milano; Scuola e asilo nido Grono, text: Permanent but not forever, by Kersten Geers
- The Architectural Review, May 2012/1383, Emap, London; School play, text: Steven Spier
- Building Design, March 9–2012, UBM Built Environment, London; A textbook example, text: Samuel Penn
- archithese, 1/2012, Verlag Niggli AG, Sulgen/Zurich; La scuola rotonda, text: Eberhard Tröger
- 2011 Important Buildings – A personal choice made by students with Raphael Zuber, Accademia di architettura di Mendrisio; book, ISBN 978-3-033-02464-9
- 2010 Important Buildings, Istituto Svizzero di Roma, Kaleidoscope Press, Milano; exhibition catalogue, ISBN 978-88-97185-01-7
- 2008 Was wird sein? – Gedanken zur Architektur der Zukunft, Architekturforum Zürich; exhibition catalogue
- 2006 2G, Nr.37, Editorial Gustavo Gili SA, Barcelona; Representar un arquitectura/Depicting an architecture, essay by Raphael Zuber

- 2005 werk, bauen und wohnen, Nr. 9/2005, Verlag Werk AG, Zurich; Vielschichtig, bedeutend, sinnlich, text: Christoph Wieser, drawings by Helena Brobäck and Raphael Zuber
- 2004 Quaderns, Nr.242, Editorial Gustavo Gili SA, Barcelona; cover drawing by: floorplan St.Peter Church by architect Sigurd Lewerentz, drawing by Helena Brobäck and Raphael Zuber