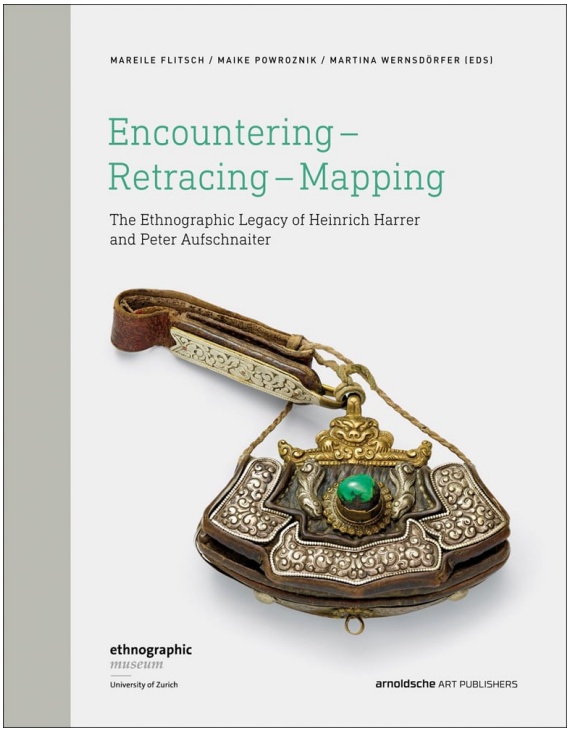
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- The unique ethnographic collection of H. Harrer and P. Aufschnaiter
- Objects from Tibet, Western New Guinea, Brazil, Suriname, French Guiana
- Very first compilation of all collections of Harrer and Aufschnaiter

Since the 1970s the Ethnographic Museum at the University of Zurich has held culturally significant collections of Heinrich Harrer (1912-2006) and Peter Aufschnaiter (1899-1973).

Between 1945 until 1951 both lived in Tibet. Aufschnaiter then worked in Nepal, whereas Harrer undertook numerous expeditions. In the 1960s he traveled to Asia, South America and Oceania. In the artifacts brought back, craft skills as well as social organizational structures and world views from the local communities are represented. They also reflect the viewpoints of the travelers themselves.

For this publication all of the Zurich collections have been researched for the first time. 'Starting with the object', moments of encountering and social change as well as historical and cultural developments can be retraced, and the seemingly obvious is thus pieced together into an extended map or knowledgescape.

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