Memorial
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26.10.:Spent yesterday in St. Georgen an der Gusen in Upper Austria. Visited “Bergkristall”, a tunnel system that was built by imprisoned forced labourers and that served as an underground factory complex for the Nazis. Apparently the biggest Nazi-construction on Austrian soil. We attended a guided tour in the tunnels after an introductory lecture in German at the so-called Heimathaus. I had a very stereotypical image of what we were about to experience before arriving here, it felt a bit disappointing to walk into a polished concrete tunnel wearing white hardhats. What was interesting was the coldness in the tunnels: it made the somewhat clean experience very intense; the cold temperature working almost as a potent smell in contrast to the sunny autumn heat outside.