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## Studying at the University of Innsbruck/Austria

Dear Friends!

An indispensable requirement for living in a Jesuit community is humour. This is my experience, especially now in this time of Covid-19 challenges.

At the Jesuit College in Innsbruck we currently have a nice group of Jesuits from all over the world doing their studies - please see their stories on the following pages. All of them have a great sense of humour 😊.

As Jesuit College, we are happy to give full scholarships to Jesuit students who want to focus on their doctorate. Currently, our men study theology, philosophy, biology and management.

How to proceed if a Jesuit intends to study in Innsbruck/Austria:

- A finished **master's degree** (e.g. in theology) is very helpful in order to enter directly into doctoral studies.
- Either the Provincial or the Jesuit student himself contacts the **Rector of the Jesuit College** in Innsbruck ([christian.marte@jesuiten.org](mailto:christian.marte@jesuiten.org)): first contact, first questions and answers.
- Application for admission to the **University of Innsbruck** ([www.uibk.ac.at](http://www.uibk.ac.at)). We do this together in order to find the best possible way to get previous studies accepted.
- **Learning German** should not deter you from thinking about studying in Austria. All our students get good teachers to learn German. German opens a door not only to scientific literature, but also to an important culture in Europe. At university, the doctoral thesis can be written in English.

It is helpful to keep in mind that it usually takes **at least one year of preparation** in order to come to Innsbruck: many small steps, but it is worthwhile starting the process. Innsbruck offers high academic quality – and it is a great place to study! And: You will return home with a good network of friends and colleagues in your field.

If you are a Jesuit thinking of studying in Innsbruck, do not hesitate to contact me:  
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Joy + blessings from Austria,

Fr. Christian Marte SJ  
Rector

## BACK HOME

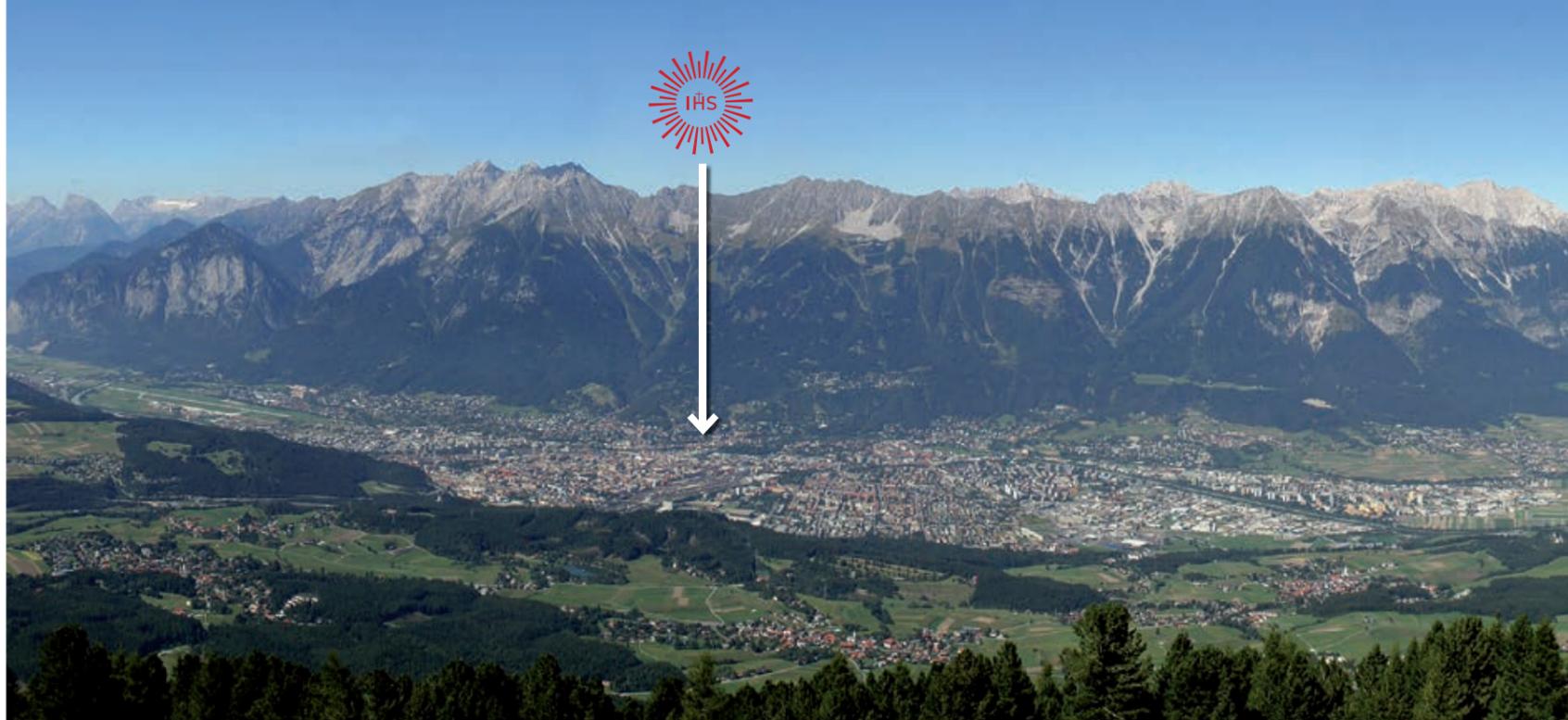


**GEORGE NJERI SJ**  
EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE

On 30 November 2016, I arrived in a snow-covered Innsbruck. On 23 October 2021, I left a clear-skied Innsbruck after completing STL and STD in the New Testament. Three pillars sum up my success.

Firstly, the Jesuit community

introduced me to the Austrian language (German) and culture. My desire to immerse myself in the Tyrolean culture made my stay an unforgettable experience. Secondly, the intellectual apostolate at the university has adequately equipped me for my new mission of teaching the Bible. A network of friends comprises the third pillar. I met great friends. This network facilitated quick immersion in the language and culture. To anyone who comes to Innsbruck, I say 1) you are in safe hands, 2) develop an open attitude and be positive, and 3) remain focused on the mission.



## JESUITS STUDYING IN INNSBRUCK – 2022



**STANLEY TIRKEY SJ**  
DUMKA-RAIGANJ PROVINCE

I am Seraphim Stanley Tirkey, an Indian Jesuit belonging to Dumka-Raiganj Province. The working title of my doctoral thesis is: A Dramatic Understanding of the Church as Communion and its Relevance for Community Building in India.

I arrived in Innsbruck in October 2019, only a few months before the first Covid-19 lockdown in Austria. Ever since, I have attended all my lectures and seminars online. I find the overall atmosphere in the university warm and hospitable. The professors are quite friendly. The Jesuit community where I reside is lively, warm-hearted and welcoming. Along with my studies, getting to know people, acclimatizing myself to the culture, building friendships, contacts and networks are an integral part of my formation here.



**KIRAN KUMAR SJ**  
KARNATAKA PROVINCE

**The World is Our Home!**

Two concepts sum up four years of my stay in Innsbruck: universality and intercultural encounters. Living in Jesuitenkolleg among Jesuits from different nationalities has been a challenging and enriching

experience. In Innsbruck, I have met people from diverse countries; Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Syria, Turkey, Chile, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Lithuania, Lebanon, Israel, Ethiopia, South Korea and the European Union. These encounters were fascinating and enriching. I have had the opportunity to get to know people from different walks of life at the university, students' center, the Jesuits' "mk" youth centre and "Future Lab" for young adults as well as the CLC group. Cham, a parish in the Regensburg diocese where I help out, has become my third home. With my friends, I have learned to bake and cook an assortment of delicious Austrian dishes: Sachertorte, Marmorkuchen, Marillenknödel, and Palatschinken.



**LUKA ILIĆ SJ**  
CROATIAN PROVINCE

My name is Luka Ilić and I am a Jesuit from Croatia. I arrived in Innsbruck in September 2021 to pursue a Doctorate in Fundamental Theology. However, before I begin my Doctoral studies, I will have to complete my 2nd-cycle studies

in Catholic Theology. I hope to commence my Doctorate in the next academic year. In the following weeks, I will be looking for a guide that will help me with my Diploma thesis and then accompany me during my Doctoral studies. I hope that the following years will be fruitful and promote my intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral life. Furthermore, I hope this time in Innsbruck will help me build lasting friendships and immerse myself in Austrian culture.



**JINESH SCARIA SJ**  
DELHI PROVINZ

I am a Jesuit from India, Delhi Province. I am one of the latest additions to the Jesuit Community in Innsbruck. The last two months have been a great joy for me getting acclimatized to the new culture, language and food. The vibrant Jesuit

community gave me no chance to feel home sick. I am doing my research in 'Green Human Resource Management' at the Faculty of Business and Management at the University of Innsbruck. My doctoral guide is Professor Manfred Auer. As management courses are offered in English, I was able to start off my studies without delay. There are many students from various countries and the interaction with my colleagues from across the globe enhances my network and enlightens me about new perspectives and cross-cultural awareness. I am looking forward to an enriching experience in Innsbruck.



**YOSEP FRISTIAN YULIANTO SJ**  
INDONESIAN PROVINCE

Since 2021, I have been living in the Jesuit College Innsbruck to pursue a PhD in Philosophy at the University of Innsbruck. The Jesuit College Innsbruck is a community that supports an intellectual climate as well

as an atmosphere of friendship. Here, I am not only in contact with Jesuits but also with employees of the Jesuit College and residents of the *Collegium Canisianum* who live in the same building. There are 25 nationalities represented in this large house. Interacting with them and also building networks with those outside the home in Innsbruck, a small and quiet town, reinforces my international experience, an experience that cannot be obtained from books.



**LUMNESH KUMAR SJ**  
KARNATAKA PROVINCE

It has been a year since my arrival in Innsbruck. Jesuitenkolleg provides a conducive study atmosphere to anyone who is interested in an intellectual erudition. I am doing a PhD in Ecology at the Faculty of Biology at Innsbruck University

with the guidance of Prof Michael Bahn. Dr Mirco Migliavacca, European Commission Joint Research Centre and Dr. Edmond Cremonese, ARPA, Climate Change Unit, Italy co-supervise my work. Thus, I feel guided not only by Innsbruck University's professors but by the international scientific community, which is a great advantage of this university. Trying to understand mountain grasslands under the impact of future climate conditions is the area of my study. The methods, techniques and instruments used for such experimental research are innovative. The various science departments here provide wide international perspectives, advanced scientific practice and exceptional networking prospects.



**STEPHEN EYEOWA SJ**  
NORTH-WEST AFRICA PROVINCE

Several passages in the Hebrew Bible refer to mountains such as Ararat, Sinai, Gerizim and Carmel. To me, Innsbruck in Tyrol mirrors this mentioned biblical landscape and experience. Tyrol is a mountainous

Holy Land and an encounter locus for people from across the world. Studying in Innsbruck, for instance, almost automatically shapes and sharpens one to think globally and integratively. About 40% of the university community are foreigners. Therefore, studying in Innsbruck offers a rigour-based academic community, guarantees contacts with world-renowned scholars of various disciplines and facilitates international networks. Consider coming here now!



**CLEMENT JESUDOSS SJ**  
MADURAI PROVINCE

I am Clement from South India. My stay in Innsbruck has given me ample opportunities to come to know people of different tongues, cultures and interests from all over the world. At the University, I am part of an intellectual network

called 'Lesekreis', where we discuss various philosophical issues. Moreover, from 2020 to 21, I was student-president of the Doktoratskolleg of Philosophy of Religion, whose members are also from different countries. Online workshops helped me know scholars at different universities across Europe - Bern University, Fribourg University and Dublin University, to name a few. My visits across Europe have introduced me not only to new places, their history and cultures, but also to hundreds of good-hearted people.



**PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION: MASTER IN PHILOSOPHY**



Aerial view of the Jesuit campus in Innsbruck

The Department of Philosophy at Innsbruck's Faculty of Theology is launching a new master's programme in Philosophy, "Philosophy of Religion". The starting date is autumn of 2022.

The whole course of study can be taken either online via distance-learning or in-classroom. Studied full-time, the course lasts 4 semesters over 2 years (120 ECTS points).

All classes will be conducted in English.

Our Philosophy Department has a 100+ year history as an organ of the Society of Jesus, enjoying the right to award ecclesiastical degrees. Karl Rahner SJ, Emerich Coreth SJ and Otto Muck SJ are some of the outstanding figures representing our department. The "Innsbruck School" stands for high-quality philosophical reflection on traditional topics, using the methods and tools of contemporary philosophy.

The new master's programme includes modules in metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of language, social philosophy and ethics, discussed in light of the "big questions" in philosophy of religion.

The master's programme will provide a solid education in theoretical and practical philosophy. Graduates will be empowered to think and act as responsible and autono-

mous agents in intercultural and interreligious dialogue, equipped with a sensitivity for the plurality of worldviews in a globalized world.

All online courses will be administered according to the highest standards of quality for online teaching.

Austrian universities have a no-tuition-fee-policy for EU citizens; and we are proud to extend very affordable tuition fees to non-EU students, in accordance with the time-honoured Austrian tradition of education for all.

Graduates will receive internationally recognized M.phil. degrees and the ecclesiastical degree of Licentiate in Philosophy. The M.phil. degree in Philosophy of Religion also qualifies graduates for the PhD-programme in philosophy at our department.

For further information, please see  
• **our website:**  
[https://www.uibk.ac.at/philtheol/master\\_philosophy\\_of\\_religion/](https://www.uibk.ac.at/philtheol/master_philosophy_of_religion/)

• **a 3-minute film introducing our Master's:**  
[https://www.uibk.ac.at/philtheol/master\\_philosophy\\_of\\_religion/#video](https://www.uibk.ac.at/philtheol/master_philosophy_of_religion/#video)

Prof. Christian Kanzian,  
Head of Department/Präses IPO

**NEW CANISIUS BELL**



500 years ago, in 1521, Petrus Canisius was born in Nijmegen, now the Netherlands. In 1562, he founded the Innsbruck Jesuit College. Initiated by DDr. Herwig van Staa, the former governor of Tyrol, a new bell was cast by the local company Grassmayr. The new bell weighs 1808 kg and rings daily at noon. It is decorated with an image of Petrus Canisius (artist: Peter Raneburger) and the former bishop of Innsbruck Reinhold Stecher (artist: Nora Schöpfer).

**NOVITIATE MOVES TO INNSBRUCK**

Father General decided to move the Novitiate of the new province Europa Centralis (ECE) from Nuremberg to Innsbruck. Currently, the rooms on the fourth floor of the Jesuit College are being renovated. On 28 February 2022, the novices with their novice master and the

socius shall move into their new home. It is important to have a distinct and separate space for the novices. At the same time, they will be part of the larger group of Jesuits living and working on the Jesuit College campus.



Novices with their novice master

**NEW ROOM FOR CONFESSIONS AT JESUIT CHURCH**



The Jesuit Church in Innsbruck is well known as a church where confession is possible on all weekdays. After some months of renovation, a new room at the base of one of the two church

towers was opened. People can come to this friendly room to speak with one of the Fathers of the Jesuit community. It is an appropriate and prominent place, well used by the faithful from near and far.