

UNIGIS Salzburg

newsletter

Upcoming Events

21st May 2026
3pm CEST

UNIGIS Optional Modules Day

Online presentation of optional modules and interviews with the lecturers

17th June 2026
4pm CEST

Info-Webinar

Studying GIS online with UNIGIS Salzburg
English-language programs

8th-9th July 2026

Meet us at the AGIT Conference for Geoinformatics

Register here!



Design your GI expertise: UNIGIS Optional Modules Day, May 21

The UNIGIS Optional Modules provide a perfect opportunity for all active students and alumni of the UNIGIS programs to dig deeper into or keep up to date with the rapidly evolving field of Geoinformatics. If you are interested in learning more about this offer take some time this Thursday: Several lecturers will present their optional modules and answer your questions during the **UNIGIS Optional Modules Day** on **May 21, 2026, 3:00–5:00 PM** (Vienna Time). Get to know our optional modules and connect directly with the instructors in this free online webinar!

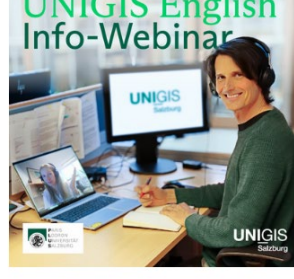
[> Register to join the webinar and learn more about the optional modules!](#)



UNIGIS Master Thesis

Michael Demarmels works in the urban water management department at Infragon Ingenieure AG, Switzerland. In February 2026, he completed his UNIGIS MSc degree with distinction, presenting his **practice-oriented Master Thesis 'Using Network Topology for Data Management: A Case Study from Urban Drainage'** that focusses on improving the company's data models. A special emphasis was put on the question of how to deal with inconsistencies in the underlying network topology during these attribute assignments. If you would like to find out more about his life as a UNIGIS student, have a look at his article in the latest issue of our magazine OFFLINE. Great work Michael!

[> Access Michael's UNIGIS BLOG post here.](#)



UNIGIS Info-Webinar

Wednesday, 17th June 2026, 4:00pm (Vienna Time)

*You want to know more about the distance learning programs UNIGIS Master of Science and UNIGIS professional? We cordially invite you to our free **Info-Webinar**, in which study director Dr. Karl Atzmanstorfer and the academic tutor Mag. Judith Grubinger will inform you about content, procedure, electives, costs, and networks. After the session they will answer all the questions you may have!*

[> Register now and boost your career with GIS!](#)

You can also book a **personal online meeting** with us, to get answers to your specific questions and find out whether all your expectations can be met with the UNIGIS online study programmes.

[> Book a meeting!](#)



Meet us at AGIT: UNIGIS GetTogether

On **July 8 and 9**, the Department of Geoinformatics – Z_GIS will once more invite the global GI-community to join us for **AGIT**, one of the leading geoinformatics conferences in Europe for over 30 years. We are pleased to invite our UNIGIS students, lecturers, and alumni to our joint lunch **'UNIGIS GetTogether'** to exchange experiences, ideas, and suggestions regarding our programs. When? Wednesday, July 8, at 12 noon.

By the way: UNIGIS students and alumni can attend AGIT at a **reduced group rate**. Simply enter 'UNIGIS' in the comments field when registering.

[> Details on AGIT and registration!](#)



New UNIGIS Module: 3D GIS with Unity

*Have you always been interested in exploring how real-time 3D technology connects with Geographic Information Systems? Then you should have a look at the **most recent optional module** of UNIGIS Salzburg - **3D GIS with Unity** - which provides the conceptual and practical foundation for creating exciting visualizations in domains like urban planning, infrastructure management, environmental monitoring, and beyond.*

The lecturer of this module, Winfried Schwan, will be one of the presenters at the UNIGIS Optional Modules Day on May 21. **Don't miss this opportunity!**

UNIGIS Academic Excellence Award 2025

Every year, the UNIGIS International Association honors the best Master Thesis of the past academic year with the **UNIGIS Academic Excellence Award**. We are happy to announce that our alumna Christa Rohrbach was awarded **this year's 2nd place** for her exceptional thesis titled **"Leveraging Least-Cost Modelling to Uncover Multiple Introductions: A Case Study of an Invasive Wild Bee Species"**. **Congratulations, Christa!**

[> Explore the full thesis here!](#)



Welcome Jan Oliver!

We are very pleased to introduce Dr. Jan Oliver Wallgrün, who is joining the UNIGIS team as the new lecturer for the module **Basics of Application Development** in our UNIGIS MSc and UNIGIS Professional programs! Jan Oliver was a long-time Postdoctoral Research Scholar at Penn State University and is now an independent researcher and instructor in GIS/ GIScience, Spatial Data Science, and Immersive Technologies. In his module, he will introduce our UNIGIS students to the exciting world of software engineering and scripting of geospatial applications.

Jan Oliver succeeds Thomas Zuberbühler, who has accompanied our students as the lecturer of this important module for several years. **Many thanks, Thomas – and welcome aboard, Jan Oliver!**



Intergeo Conference

- free EXPO tickets -

This year's INTERGEO will take place in Munich from **September 15–17, 2026**. As it is so close to Salzburg every member of the UNIGIS team will be present at our booth at least some hours, and we would be happy seeing you there as well (Hall C5 Campus Geoinnovation).

INTERGEO is the world's most important trade fair for geospatial solutions, geodata and cutting-edge technologies in surveying, GIS, BIM, drones, smart cities and digital transformation. We can offer you a **free 3-day ticket** for the Intergeo-Expo! Send an email to UNIGIS.office@plus.ac.at if you are interested.

[> More information on the Intergeo EXPO and conference](#)



UNIGIS Retreat 2026

*"What do our students really need to know when it comes to using geoAI in their everyday tasks as GIS professionals?" This was the guiding question of this year's **UNIGIS retreat**, taking place on May 8 and 9, when the UNIGIS Team Salzburg gathered to reflect on and discuss the latest developments in the field of geoAI and the challenge of orienting our students on what they really need to know in this rapidly changing technological environment.*

The process of **integrating concepts, tools, and applications of geoAI** into our study materials - started at last year's retreat of the UNIGIS team - will continue and be deepened over the coming months. **We are looking forward to it!**



Congratulations to our latest graduates!

Three cheers from the UNIGIS team to: Michael Demarmels, Tara Behnsen, Cristo van der Werf, Mandeep Mahajan, Michael Schein, Timon Vrtarić and Osamah Salem Basowaidan.

"Thank you a lot for your help during this study! I think it was a very nice thought out and set up learning program."

We hope to meet our Masters at the graduation ceremony in Salzburg soon!

Greetings from the UNIGIS Salzburg Team!



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