

UNIGIS Salzburg

newsletter

Upcoming Events

18th August 2026
4pm CEST

Info-Webinar

Studying GIS online with
UNIGIS Salzburg
English-language programs

10th September 2026

Application deadlines

for the English study programs
UNIGIS Master of Science
and

UNIGIS professional

(Start 1st October 2026)

15th - 17th September 2026

Intergeo 2026

in Munich, Germany. Visit us
at our booth: Halle C5,
Stand C5H159!

Ask us for free Expo-Tickets!



This was AGIT 2026!

On July 8 and 9, the [Department of Geoinformatics](#) at the University of Salzburg once again welcomed the global GI community to join us for **AGIT**. Besides participating in talks and workshops on the most trending developments and challenges in Geoinformatics, we were happy to see many familiar faces at our traditional **Club-UNIGIS Get-Together** community meeting. As a special feature, UNIGIS refreshed all AGIT participants with its already famous **UNIGIS IceZeit** on Wednesday afternoon! See more photos [here](#).

> [We are happy to welcome you back next year, when we meet again at AGIT on July 7 and 8, 2027!](#)



Honouring a true pioneer in GIS-education

During this year's [AGIT Conference](#), the global geoinformation community also came together to discuss the future of GI education in the age of Artificial Intelligence. On this special occasion, the [UNIGIS International Association \(UIA\)](#) had the privilege of recognizing **Prof. Josef Strobl** with the title of Professor Honorarius of the UIA. For decades, Josef has been a driving force behind the development of GIS education worldwide. His legacy continues to inspire educators, professionals and students throughout the UNIGIS network and around the world! 🍌

Thank you, Sepp, for more than 40 years of vision, leadership and dedication to GIS education!



UNIGIS Info-Webinar

Tuesday, 18th August 2026, 4:00pm (Vienna Time)

Want to become a Geodata - Geoinformatics expert - a Master in GIS? Fully online! Join us for a **free Info-Webinar** about the UNIGIS Master of Science and UNIGIS Professional distance learning programs on **Tuesday August 18, 2026 4:00 PM (Vienna Time)**, where we will introduce the English distance learning offerings. Dr. Karl Atzmanstorfer, our study director, and lecturer Dr. Christian Werner will discuss the program content, structure, elective options, associated costs, and networking opportunities. Following the presentation, they will be available to address any questions you may have.

Register now and boost your career with GIS:

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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 programs.

> [Book a meeting!](#)



Classroom Vibes: AI-support for 'doing Geo' – UNIGIS@Foss4g Europe 2026

This year's **FOSS4G Europe** provided an excellent opportunity to dig deeper into the 'hot topic' of how to integrate concepts and tools of Artificial Intelligence into Geospatial Education. **Prof. Gudrun Wallentin**, Chair of the [UNIGIS International Association](#) and Program Director of UNIGIS Salzburg, shared her ideas on how to use AI as support for 'doing Geo' in the everyday life of a GIS educator and discussed the experiences of using **geoAI in academic practice** within the UNIGIS Programs with an interested audience of GI-practitioners and educators.



AI for Good Global Summit 2026

With the future of AI increasingly depending on spatial intelligence and ethical questions, this year's **AI for Good Global Summit** in Geneva, Switzerland, focused on exploring and advancing the practical application of AI to address global challenges and support the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It was a special honor for us at [Z_GIS](#) to have **Prof. Johannes Scholz** as an invited speaker present the work of his [GeoAI, GeoKnowledge Graphs & Geosemantics Research Group](#), under the title "*Understanding the System 'Earth': Semantic GeoAI, LLMs & GeoKGs for Transparent Spatial Decision Making.*"



Time to Say Goodbye ... and Hello!

With one tearing but one laughing eye, we say goodbye to our respected colleague Mag. [Judith Grubinger-Preiner](#), who will leave the UNIGIS team in mid-August to pursue new endeavors. We are going to miss Judith and her warm and welcoming personality, and her tireless commitment to "her" UNIGIS students, whom she has taken care of for the last several years.

However, our laughing eye welcomes [Dr. Christian Werner](#), who will take over Judith's role as tutor of the English-language UNIGIS programs. As a member of the [ZGIS mobility lab](#), Christian will give us valuable support as a Master Thesis supervisor and in developing and updating our learning materials.

So, thank you, Judith - and good luck! And welcome, Christian - nice to have you on board!



Congratulations to our latest graduates!

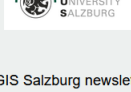
Three cheers from the UNIGIS team to:
Mohammad Asif Akbari and Olivier Wenzek

Graduates voice: "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and the entire UNIGIS team for your outstanding guidance, support and encouragement throughout my studies."

Your continuous assistance, together with my own dedication and learning efforts, has enabled me to reach this important milestone. I truly appreciate everything you have done for me during this study."

We hope to meet our Masters at the [graduation ceremony](#) in Salzburg soon!

Greetings from the UNIGIS Salzburg Team!



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