

Curriculum Vitae

Franz A. Winter,

born February 1971 in Graz, Austria

Elementary School in Gratkorn 1977–1981

High School: Bundesgymnasium Stift Rein
1981–1989

Final exam: Matura June 1989 (summa cum
laude)



Academic career:

1989-1994 *Classical Philology* (Greek/Latin Language) in Graz; further studies in *Indo-European Languages* (especially Sanskrit)

1991–1998 *Religious Studies* and *Theology* in Graz/Salzburg/Vienna

1997-2000 PhD in *Classical Philology* at the University of Salzburg

2000/2001 Postgraduate-studies in *Rome* (at the *Università La Sapienza* and the *Augustinianum*)

2002-2004 Second PhD in *Religious Studies* at the University of Vienna; final exam on the 29th March 2004.

2002-2004 Japanese Language Studies and Buddhist Studies at the University of Vienna

Autumn/Winter 2004 *Visiting researcher* at the *NCC-Center for the Study of Japanese Religions* in Kyoto, Japan

March 2005 research stay in Kyoto (*NCC-Center for the Study of Japanese Religions*) und Tokyo

November/December 2008: research stay in Tokyo

October 2010: “Habilitation” in *Religious Studies* at the University of Vienna

Since December 2010: “Dozent” at the Institute for Religious Studies at the University of Vienna

February-Mai 2011: *Fulbright Visiting Professor* at the Department of Religion at
Boston University, USA

March-August 2013: Visiting Professor (in Religious Studies) at the Institute for
Religious Studies at the University of Salzburg

Since Autumn 2016: Institute for Religious Studies of the University of Graz, Austria;
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graz.at/kfu_online/visitenkarte.show_vcard?pPersonenId=048A32251A1097C9
&pPersonenGruppe=3](https://online.uni-graz.at/kfu_online/visitenkarte.show_vcard?pPersonenId=048A32251A1097C9&pPersonenGruppe=3)

University Degrees:

PD MMag.DDr.

Shortlists:

2014: Shortlisted for Professorship in Religious Studies, University of
Freiburg/Breisgau (*primo loco*)

2015: Shortlisted for Professorship in Religious Studies, University of Vienna (*primo
loco*)

2015: Shortlisted for Professorship in Religious Studies, University of Salzburg
(*secundo loco*)

Academic posts/grants:

1997 bis 2000 *Research Associate* of the *Institute of New Testament Studies* at the
University of Salzburg

2000/2001 *Post-Graduate-Grant* of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education for a one
year stay in *Rome*

2002-2006 *Research Associate* at the *Institute of Religious Studies in Vienna*

Autumn/winter 2004 *Visiting researcher* at the *NCC-Center for the Study of Japanese
Religions* in Kyoto, Japan

2006-present: *Lecturer* at the Institute of Religious Studies at the University of Vienna;
research associate at the Bundesstelle für Sektenfragen, Vienna

Winter 2012-present: Lecturer and Dozent at the Institute of Religious Studies at the University of Vienna

Spring 2011: Fulbright scholarship

Summer Semester 2013: Visiting Professor (in Buddhism) at the Institute for Religious Studies at the University of Salzburg

September 2016: Dozent for Religious Studies, Institute for Religious Studies, University of Graz

Academic honors and awards:

December 2004 Honorary Award of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Cultural Affairs (for the doctoral thesis in Religious Studies)

March 2005 "*Promotio sub auspiciis presidentis rei publicae*": a special Austrian Ceremony for my second doctoral thesis where the Austrian Federal President is personally congratulating for the good results in the course of the study. It is the highest honor to be given to a PhD in Austria.

Professional Memberships:

1995–1997 Member of *PRO SCIENTIA*

Since 1996 Member of the *Grazer Morgenländische Gesellschaft*

Since 1997 Member of the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Assistentinnen und Assistenten an bibelwissenschaftlichen Instituten in Österreich*

Since 2000 Member of the *Österreichischen Gesellschaft für Religionswissenschaft*

Since 2003 Member of the *Deutschen Vereinigung für Religionsgeschichte DVRG* (since 2006: *Deutsche Vereinigung Religionswissenschaft DVRW*)

Since December 2008 member of the *American Academy of Religions (AAR)*

Since 2014: Member of the *Executive Committee of the European Association for the Study of Religion (EASR)*; cf. <http://easr.org/index.php?id=1318>
