

Constructed Spaces – Spatial Constructs

Research fellowships (duration: one-month) for PhD students and Postdocs at Innsbruck University, affiliated with the Research Area “Cultural Encounters – Cultural Conflicts”

Deadline: 01 April 2025

The Research Area “Cultural Encounters – Cultural Conflicts” at Innsbruck University in cooperation with the International Relations Office, offers **up to three** one-month research residency fellowships for PhD students and Postdocs from October 1st – October 31st, 2025.

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to 400 € within the EU and up to 800 € from outside the EU. After submitting a final report at the end of the fellowship, a stipend of 1.400 € will be paid to reimburse accommodation and living costs.

Aim of the FSP-Fellowships 2025

The research area "Cultural Encounters – Cultural Conflicts" strives to intensify interdisciplinary exchange at Innsbruck University. To this end, the Research Fellowships 2025 are announced on inter- and transdisciplinary studies on Third Space concepts. The project investigates how the concept of ‘thirding’ - the discursive production of space - can be applied to the relationships between the heartland and the peripheral zones of empires or major powers. It investigates the material and archaeological traces of this phenomenon as well as the sociolinguistic factors that shape the production of space. The aim is to analyse the effects of spatial concepts and perceptions on cultural developments and thus open up new perspectives in the study of ancient empires and geopolitics. The project aims to broaden the fields’ perspectives by means of broad, theory-driven research of the invited fellows.

The scholarship is aimed at PhD students and Postdocs currently working within this thematic area. Candidates are likely to come from the disciplines of linguistics, history, archaeology, philology, anthropology, cultural studies, geography, and sociology but any disciplinary background is welcome.

The fellows will engage in various ways in the ongoing interdisciplinary research on space in the broadest sense within the framework of the Doctoral College “Entangled Antiquities”. The scholarship holders are expected to give a lecture in the workshop “Third Spaces and Ancient World Studies” (working title). In this way, they will be able to present and discuss their projects with relevant academic colleagues working on similar topics as well as interested scholars of the Innsbruck research area "Cultural Encounters – Cultural Conflicts".

In addition, the fellows will participate in the meetings of the Doctorate College “Entangled Antiquities”

Application requirements

- MA degree or PhD (or equivalent).
- Research project that focusses on studies on Third Space
- Interest to actively contribute to interdisciplinary discussions
- Very good knowledge of English
- Accident- and Health-Insurance

Required Application Documents

- Exposé of the research project on 5 pages max.
- Cover letter (approx. 1-2 pages) detailing your motivation and thematic input for the workshop
- Curriculum vitae (with publication list, if applicable)
- Copy of relevant diplomas

Please submit the application documents – if possible as one pdf file – via email to fsp-kultur@uibk.ac.at by April 1, 2025.

For further questions, please contact the same email address.

Applicants will be informed about the decision in the second week of April 2025.

In order to receive the funding, Fellows are obliged to submit a short written report at the end of their stay at Innsbruck University. The fellowship can only be realized within the specified timeframe of October 1st–30th, 2025. Applicants have no legal claim to the fellowship.

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