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1. Preliminaries

What follows is a collection of Master's and doctoral theses submitted at Austrian Universities in 2021 pertaining to the subject of religion in Austria. Included are six doctoral theses approved at the Universities of Vienna (3), Graz (2), and Innsbruck (1) in the fields of History (2), Catholic Theology (1), Law (1), Sociology (1), and Theatre, Film, and Media Studies (1).

The seventy-nine Master's/Diploma theses assembled here are from the Universities of Vienna (24), Graz (23), Salzburg (13), Innsbruck (7), Linz (6), Klagenfurt (3), the TU Wien (2), and the University College of Teacher Education Styria (1), written in the fields of History (17), Law (13), Catholic Theology (7), Catholic Religious Education (6), (Catholic) Church History (6), Education (6), Art History (5), Religious Studies (4), Development Studies (2), Ethics (2), Islamic Religious Education (2), Literature (2), Social and Cultural Anthropology (2), Communication (1), Global Studies (1), Linguistics (1), Psychology (1), and Sociology (1).

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