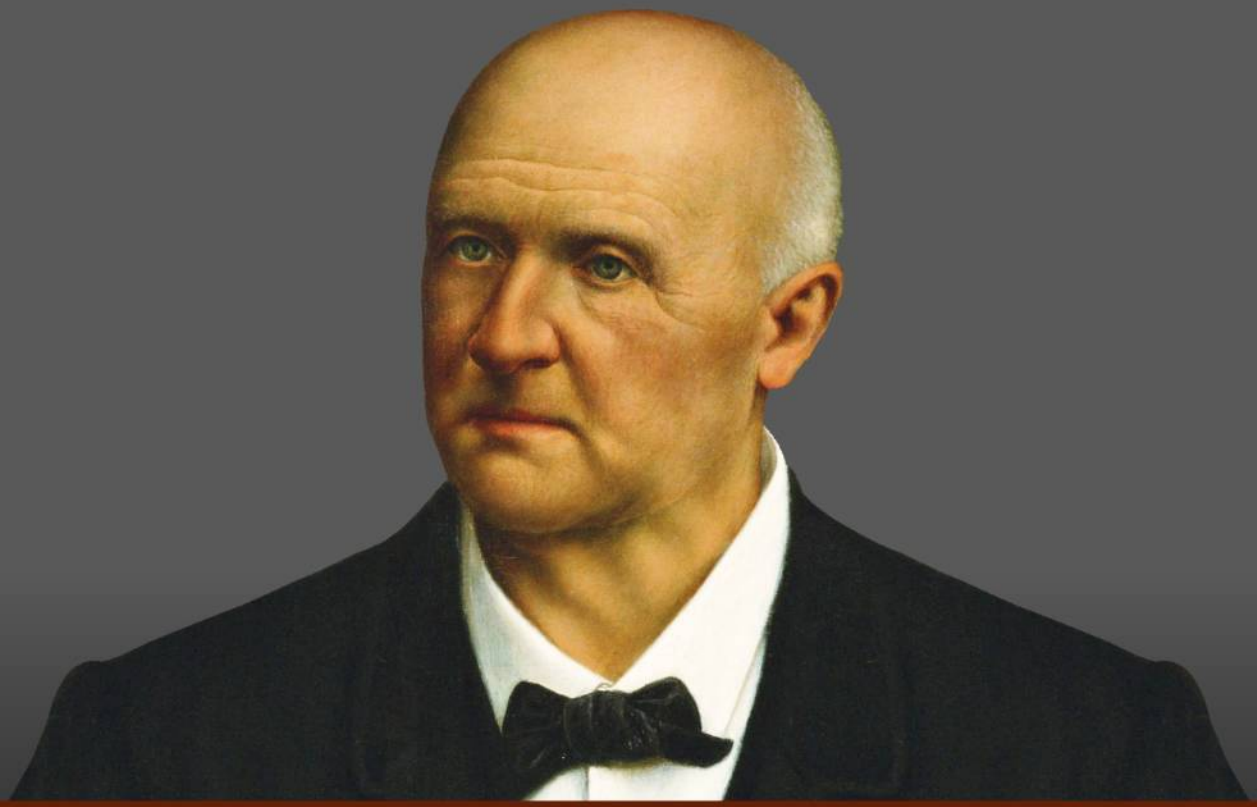
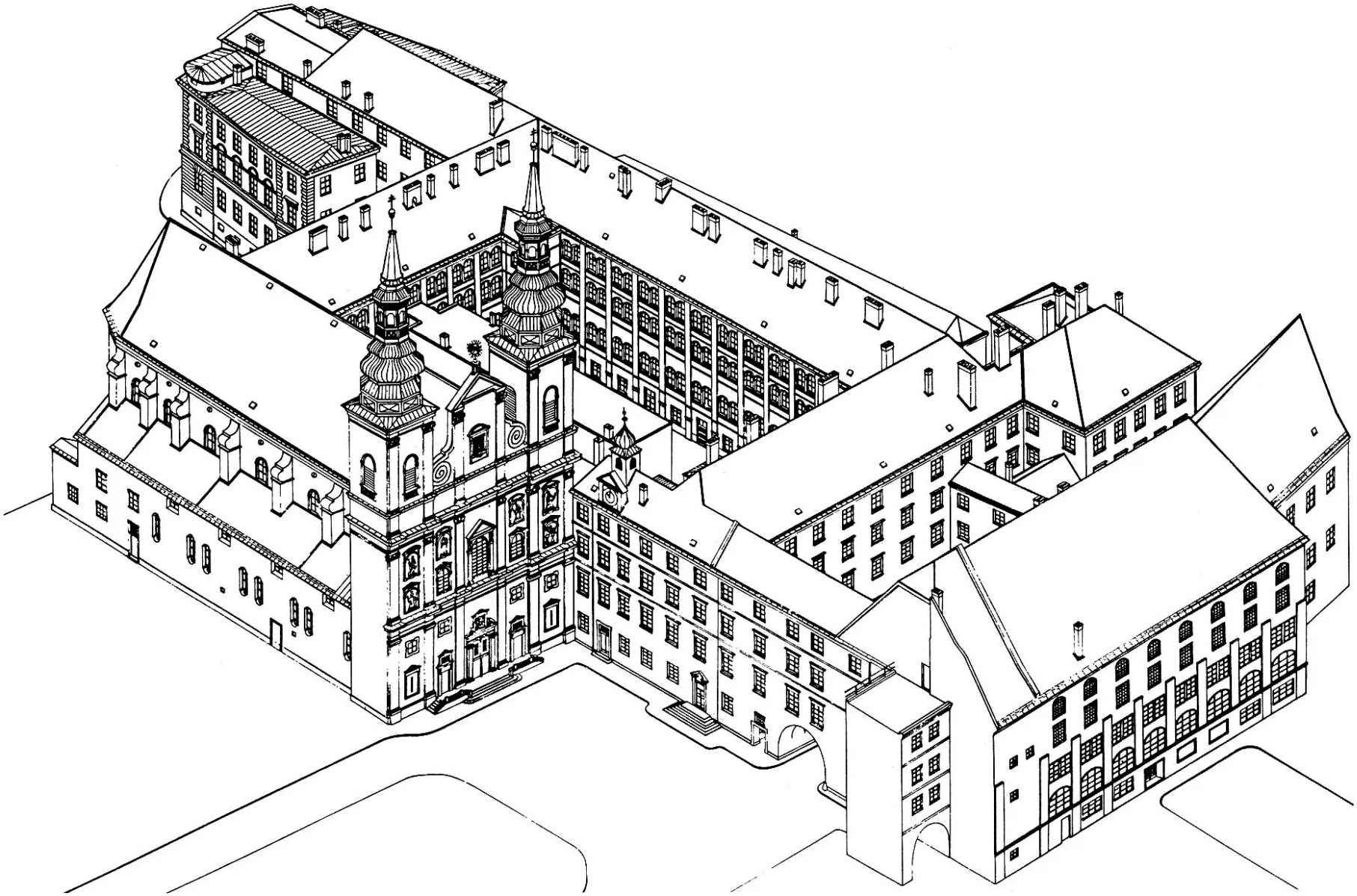


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# Jesuit College



The Jesuit Church and Jesuit College complex




*Portal of the Jesuit College on " Old University " square*




Jesuit College on Old University square, with the arched cantilever passage ways

# Collegium Academicum Viennense Societatis Jesu

established in 1624






*Jesuit Church & Jesuit College from Sonnenfelsgasse*




*Old University square : the Jesuit Church and, on the right, the Jesuit College*



## *Jesuit church & Jesuit college*

The Faculty of Philosophy is located on the third floor of the Jesuit college. It is occupied by the Dean's office, the Dean's room, a professor's office, the registry, and five lecture halls : n° VIII to XII.

Professor Bruckner gives his Monday evening harmony and conterpoint lectures in hall n° VIII.



# *The Jesuit College next to the Church on Old University square*

*The Faculty of Philosophy was located on the third floor. It housed the Dean's office, the Dean's room, a professor's office, the registry, and five lecture halls : from " n° VIII to n° XII ".*

*Professor Bruckner gave his harmony and counterpoint lecture on Monday evenings in " Hall n° VIII ". There was three window bays facing " Postgasse " and three facing " Bäckerstraße " (Baker street) . The lecture halls were accessible by using the main entrance.*

*Article from art historian Hans Ankwicz-Kleehoven published in the " Letters and Documents " section of the 16 May 1948 issue of the " Wiener Zeitung " (Number 114) :*

*« While the main building of the " Jesuit College ", which, following the dissolution of the order under Josef II, served from 1802 to 1848 as the " Imperial and Royal City Seminary ", from 1849 to 1883 as the " Old University ", and, until 1938, as the editorial offices of the " Wiener Zeitung ", as well as police units on " Postgasse ", suffered little damage overall from the events of the war. The section of the building located on the right side of the lower " Bäckerstraße ", which housed until 1866 the " Academic Gymnasium ", was almost in ruins. »*

*(Rudolf Brachetti, director of public works, in : « The " Old University " of Vienna and its Theatre Building »)*

*On October 13, 1884, the responsible building manager of the Imperial and Royal Governor's Office, chief engineer Michael Fellner, conducted for this purpose a « rental assessment of certain premises in the " Old University " building » , evaluating rooms belonging to the Bursar's Office (ground floor) , the Faculty of Theology (third floor) , and the Faculty of Philosophy (third floor) . Regarding the rooms of the Faculty of Philosophy, he listed " lecture halls X, XI, XII, and VII " for future rental. He described Bruckner's " lecture hall VIII " as « a corner hall with three windows facing " Bäckerstraße " and three windows facing " Postgasse " ... 280 florins » .*

*This source corresponds with Ernst Schwanzara's account insofar, as it reports :*

*« one side of the hall's windows faced " Bäckerstraße " »*

*However, the building manager's notes from 1884 speak more precisely of a " corner hall " that had « three additional windows facing " Postgasse " » . This means that Bruckner's " lecture hall VIII " must have been located on the third floor in the so-called former " observatory wing ", or within the building's main area at " Bäckerstraße " n° 13, with three windows facing " Bäckerstraße " and three windows facing " Postgasse ". This section of the building was not affected by the damage that occurred in 1944 during air raids.*

*Confirmation of this location is finally provided by a newspaper article from 1908, which states that the geographer Friedrich Simony (1813-1896) had « already occupied " room VIII " in the summer of 1854 (in the south wing, corner of " Poststraße " and " Bäckerstraße ") » .*

*The " Theatre Hall ", located on the second floor of the " Jesuit College ", was redesigned between 1733 and 1736 by Franz Anton Danne and Anton Hertzog, receiving an illusionistic ceiling painting on " the Assumption of Mary ". The plays did not last for long ; its props and costumes were sold off as early as 1754, and a ban on theatrical performances was imposed in 1761.*

*In the eighteenth century, the oldest daily newspaper in the world - the " Wiener Zeitung " - had its editorial department on these historical premises. For a short time, the " Austrian State Printing Office " also occupied the space.*

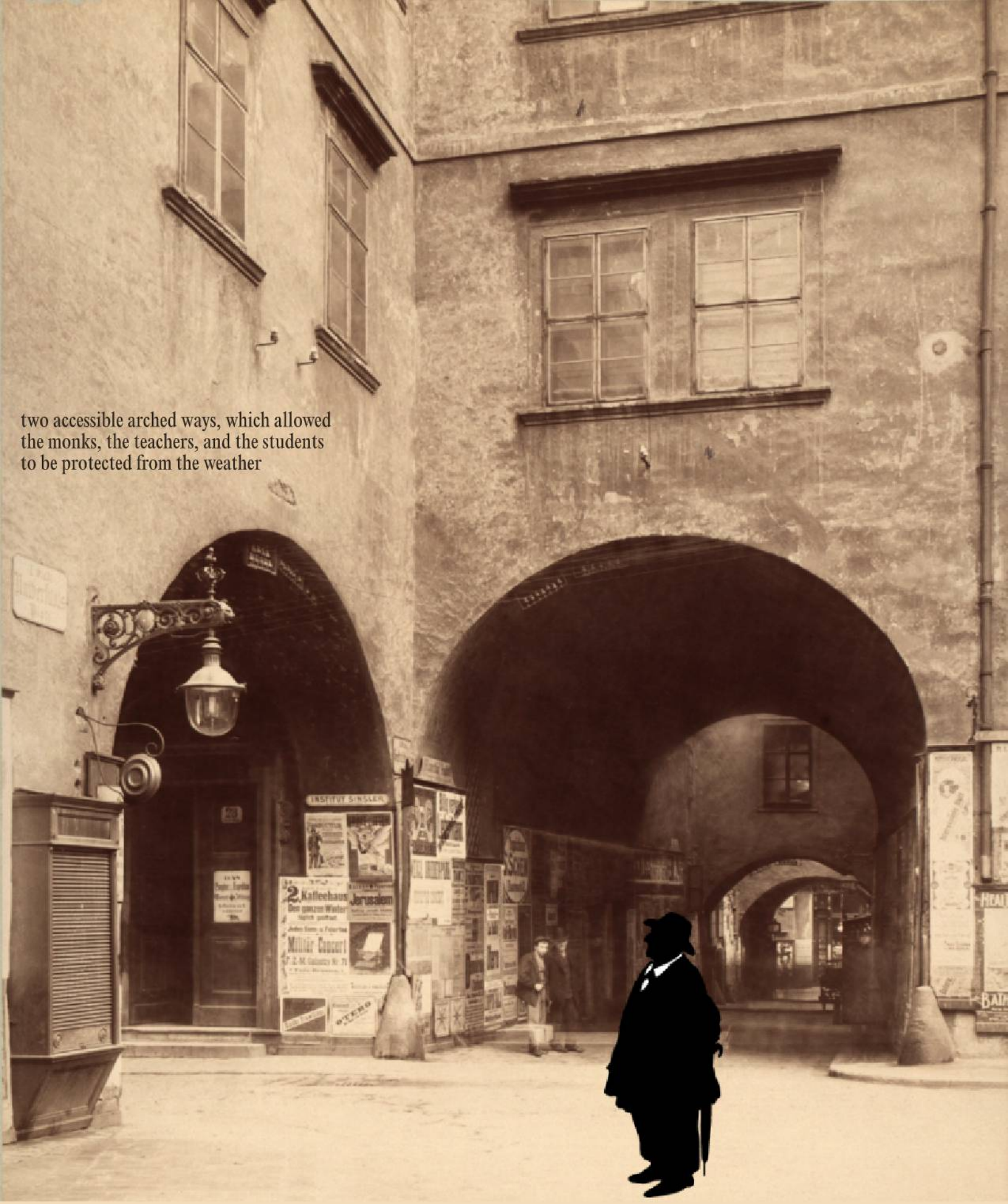
*When the University of Vienna moved to the new main building on " Ringstraße " in the fall of 1884, the upper floors of the " Jesuit College " were taken over by the priests for their daily activities, and for residential purpose.*

*A significant portion of the space was allocated to expand and reorganize archive and library holdings : a total of 300,000 volumes. The academic book collection was transferred on " Ringstraße ".*

*The Archive complex of the University of Vienna is located at " Postgasse " n° 7-9.*




part of the " Jesuit College "
with the two arched cantilever passage ways, or " Schwibbögen "




Jesuit College, Old University square (southwest corner)




Jesuit College with the two arched passage ways, or " Schwibbögen "



Bäckerstraße n° 20 : view towards the Old University square



“ Bäckerstraße ” (baker street) , passage way towards the “ Old University ” square

Jesuit College third floor

Postgasse

*Professor Bruckner gave his harmony and counterpoint lecture on Monday evenings in hall n° VIII, which was located on the third floor of the Jesuit College. There was three window bays facing Postgasse (post office alley) and three facing Bäckerstraße (bakers' street)*

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*today, behind Portal n° 7 on Postgasse, we find the Student Service Centre (SSC) of the Faculty of Historical and Cultural Studies*




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" Postgasse "(post office alley) n° 7 to 9

in the background : view of a section of the old Jesuit College

# Pizzeria Trattoria "Rossini" at Schönlaterngasse no. 13

*in the background,*
*a section of the Jesuit College*
*which was incorporated*
*into the university in 1623*





# Professor Bruckner gives his harmony and counterpoint lecture on Monday evenings in hall n° VIII on the third floor of the Jesuit College (1875-1884)


around 1875



Saturday, 18 April 1874 : Anton Bruckner, petition

Monday, 4 May 1874 : Eduard Hanslick, request for an expert opinion

Sunday, 10 May 1874 : Anton Bruckner, petition

Saturday, 20 June 1874 : Ministry of Culture and Education, file note

Wednesday, 15 July 1874 : Anton Bruckner, petition

Saturday, 31 October 1874 : Professors' College of the Faculty of Philosophy, minutes of meeting

Sunday, 1 November 1874 : Wilhelm von Hartel, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, file note

Thursday, 1 July 1875 : Bruckner is nominated as a vice-archivist

Monday, 12 July 1875 : Anton Bruckner, petition

Sunday, 14 November 1875 : Ministry of Culture and Education, urgent appeal

Friday, 29 October 1875 : Professors' College of the Faculty of Philosophy chaired by Dean Dr. Franz Cœlestin Ritter von Schneider, minutes of resolution

Professor Dr. Eduard Sueß, Eduard Hanslick, and others are not attending

Hanslick's opinion on Bruckner's July 12 application is read by professor Robert Zimmermann

The motion to appoint Bruckner as an" unpaid lecturer " is unanimously adopted

Monday, 1 November 1875 : Faculty of Philosophy, report

Monday, 8 November 1875 : Karl Stremayr, Ministerial Officer

Thursday, 18 November 1875 : Franz Coelestin Schneider, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, decree

Monday, 29 November 1875 : Originally planned date for Anton Bruckner's inaugural lecture at the University of Vienna

Monday, 6 December 1875 : Second scheduled date for Anton Bruckner's inaugural lecture at the University of Vienna

The written report has not survived : it was allegedly lost, when the files were returned from the ministry to the university. It contained no reasons against Bruckner's appointment

By decree dated November 8, 1875, Anton Bruckner was appointed an" unpaid " lecturer in harmony and counterpoint



*Anton Bruckner in 1868*










# University of Vienna
## academic year 1876



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One evening, professor Bruckner remembered how his health improved in 1868, while thematizing the Mass in F minor :

***« At the time, I wrote the Mass as a sick man in Linz. »***

