

Testimonials from former students

The 2021 Summer School on Consciousness and Cognition by the university of Pisa was one of the best experiences I ever had in the context of my university studies.

The programme covered all important aspects of the topic, while also diving into some very interesting and enriching viewpoints regarding consciousness that were still new to me.

I am a physics student and was very inspired by those multiple and interdisciplinary approaches from different research disciplines towards consciousness in which I had no former expertise, but that I was always able to follow and gain better holistic understanding of the topic.

Additionally, besides the quality of the program, the setting of the summer school in the Buddhist monastery of Pomaia provided once-in-a-lifetime experiences to me.

Spending time there with my lovely colleagues, which all came from different research backgrounds and different countries, enjoying the peaceful scenery and (optionally) learning something about Buddhism as well completed this wonderful experience for me. I can only recommend to attend this summer school!

Max (Germany)

I highly recommend this summer school. It was an amazing academic and human experience, for gaining a deeper understanding of the great problem of Consciousness from a holistic perspective, integrating Eastern (Yoga, Buddhism) and Western approaches (Phenomenology, Biosemiotics, Neuroscience, Quantum Physics, Artificial Intelligence).

We enjoyed the wonderful atmosphere and environment of the beautiful and quiet Institute Lama Tzong Khapa. We had an intense schedule, full of very interesting presentations, lectures, discussions and practices. The panelists and speakers were very well qualified. After dinner, we students used to go to a coffee shop at the village for a while to chat and spend time together.

I have to emphasize the very well organization of the event by both the University of Pisa and the Institute Lama Tzong Khapa's team.

I would like to thank the organizers, teachers and speakers greatly for having made this experience of inquiry and reflection possible and, above all, to all my classmates for having shared so much.

Laura (Spain)

The Consciousness and Cognition Summer School was a great experience for me in every way: scientific, social and spiritual (which I did not expect at all). The place was amazing, the lectures at the highest level and additional classes that still bring me many benefits to this day. I recommend this experience to anyone!

Dominika (Poland)