



Students Our Graduates of 2017

This year the last eight very successful students graduated from the joint IHS and TU Wien MSc in Economics program. Like every year we asked them about their impressions.

Dorisz ALBRECHT

(Princeton University)

'The Master's program at IHS was a wonderful opportunity to



broaden my knowledge of economic theory

from various perspectives. I was fortunate to be surrounded by talented peers from whom I could learn a lot and by faculty who always supported us. Even though it is a challenging and sometimes

stressful program, the experience I gained from interacting with the faculty members and colleagues was invaluable. Personally, I enjoyed the core courses in macroeconomics and econometrics the most, and I am looking forward to continuing my studies and starting my research in those fields. I am grateful that I could be a part of IHS for the last two years.'

Felipe COTTA D'ÁVILA E SILVA

'When I was finishing my Bachelor's degree in economics, I didn't know where to do my Master's degree. On a students' forum I found out about the IHS by chance. The curriculum of the program immediately

caught my attention due to its heavy focus on quantitative methods. Now, after two years of hard work, I am very glad I



chose this program. The analytical training I

received, combined with the practical computational skills will provide a valuable asset to my future career. I am grateful for the opportunity I was given, as well as for the attention the professors devoted to the students.'

Stefan GIRSTMAIR

(GSEFM Frankfurt)

'The Master's program at IHS was indeed challenging. With a

combination of rigorous coursework and little time, the last two years were not always easy, but I do not regret joining this program at all. I have learned a lot both theoretically and empirically, and made really good



friends. The colleagues I worked so much with

made it a special time worth remembering. This background will definitely help me achieve my future goals.'

James GLOVER

'Whilst it has certainly been the two most intellectually challenging years of my life so far, the IHS has afforded me an incredi-

ble appreciation of economic theory and practice. The rigorous and demanding nature of



the program is complemented by the close

relationship between students and faculty, the administrative support and the various social events and seminars at the IHS. I have been able to expand and add depth to my knowledge across all major areas of economics, hone my technical skills and reinforce my interest in this field of study. Equipped with the knowledge I now have, thanks to the MSc offered at the IHS, I plan to apply for Ph.D. programs



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at home in Australia. I am immensely grateful to the Director of Graduate Studies, along with all those involved in the decision, for the chance I have been given in being part of this final cohort.'

Árpád ILLYÉS

'The program at IHS was the biggest challenge of my life so far. However, the infinite support I got from the faculty members and my fellow classmates made



these two years absolutely enjoyable and fascinating. The foundational courses helped me to understand abstract mathematical thinking while the computational courses

showed how these ideas can be implemented to solve numerical problems, just to mention two of my highlights. Although unfortunately I didn't get into the Ph.D. programs I wanted to, the knowledge I acquired here makes me feel prepared for what is to come.'

Emma McKEWON

'IHS was a tough experience but possible if one is determined.

Coming from a physics background, everything was very



new to me and learning about mathematics from a different angle opened my eyes to what more economics has to

offer. It is important to remember that not everyone knows everything and it never hurts to ask.'

Zoltán RÁCZ

(Stockholm School of Economics)

'I could hardly imagine a better choice for anyone interested in economic theory than the Mas-



ter's program of the Institute for Advanced Stud-

ies. The outstanding faculty and fellow students, and the thoroughly planned curriculum consisting of mathematics, rigorous economic theory, and computational methods are the key

strengths of the program. These two years present a challenge for everyone, but the hard work pays off. We arrived having only some vague ideas about economics and now after finishing the program we even have some routine in reading recent research papers. Thanks to IHS I feel well prepared to continue my studies as a doctoral student at the Stockholm School of Economics.'

Simon ZUZEK

(University of Zurich)

'Blood, sweat, and economics - while intense at times, studying at the IHS was a wonderful and rewarding experience. The pro-

gram introduced me to a wide array of contemporary research methods and fields and provided me with an ideal preparation to continue Ph.D. studies at the



University of Zurich. A particular strength of the program is the close interaction with faculty, who has been very supportive and involved in the success of the students. For years the IHS was key in providing an excellent education to young economists from Austria and beyond, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in this last cohort of students at the IHS.'