



Students Recent Placements

This year eight very successful students graduated from the joint IHS and Vienna University of Technology MSc in Economics program. Like every year we asked them about their impressions.

Roman GONCHARENKO (Vienna Graduate School of Finance)



"The IHS master program was a logical step in the preparation for a PhD. This program gave me a great opportunity to learn mathematics and advanced economics, as well as econometrics, from

highly qualified faculty members. I was also able to take electives in the area of my research interest which were taught by visiting professors. Most importantly though, I have met remarkable people, the students of the program, from whom I have learned so much in these past two years. Continuing my path to becoming a member of academia, I begin a PhD program in Finance at the Vienna Graduate School of Finance in September."

Joachim HUBMER (Yale University)

"Having a background in business administration, the MSc Economics at IHS was a game changer for me. The program did not only deepen my interest in the science of economics, but also served as a springboard to the PhD program at Yale. While the workload is high, students benefit from a faculty that is always approachable and introduces students to current research as well as from a very strong peer group of fellow students. In the end, the effort one has to make in order to master the rigorous coursework pays off: IHS graduates are well-prepared for a career in academ-



ia. In particular, the program enables students to pursue a PhD at top-level universities."

Bernhard KASBERGER (Vienna Graduate School of Economics)

"Given my interest in academic research, IHS was a great place to study at. First, each course was taught on an appealingly high level and gave me insights into the current state of economics. Second, each course was accompanied by practice sessions in which I was asked to solve problems and present the solutions at the blackboard. These practice sessions are necessary for the

understanding of the theories. Last but not least, I enjoyed the friendly and motivating atmosphere created by my colleagues and the faculty. Now I am looking forward to my own research at the Vienna Graduate School of Economics."



David KOLL (European University Institute, Florence)

"The last two years at IHS gave me a profound and stimulating insight into economic sciences. From my point of view, the program is a perfect preparation for pursuing a PhD afterwards. The faculty is always approachable,

but they also expect a lot of effort and dedication. I really learned to work with tight dead-



lines and I am thankful to my peers who made this time invaluable."

Info Study Programs

The IHS Department of Economics and Finance offers, together with its partners, high-quality Master and PhD programs that give students the opportunity to orient themselves towards the top universities in their fields.

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Gregor LUESCHEN

“After obtaining my Bachelor degree in economics, I came to IHS to get an insight into academics. I chose the institute, since it offers a very thorough and tough program, that aims at preparing stu-



dents for PhD programs. Let me begin by saying that when they tell you that the program requires full time concentration over the full two years, then that’s not a lie. The last two years have certainly been very intense. Eventually, I decided not to pursue a PhD and consequently would not apply at the IHS again, since there

are certainly easier ways to get a Master’s degree. Still, I do not consider the last two years as wasted time. I can hardly imagine an environment, where I could have learned more. The atmosphere with the small group of students was very productive. The program is well structured and most courses were interesting. The faculty members are very motivated and happy to assist students. The infrastructure made available to students is exemplary. I would recommend the institute to every student, who wants to pursue a career in academia.”

Lukas MAYR

(European University Institute, Florence)

“After two intense and challenging years at IHS, I am convinced that I obtained all the theoretical training necessary to pursue a PhD in Economics. The faculty was always approachable and provided invaluable support during the PhD application process. Moreover, it was a pleasure to study with a great group of peers. Some of them I would now consider my closest friends. I am looking forward to my PhD stud-



ies at the European University Institute in Florence.”

Maria REPKOVA

“The Master program at IHS was a valuable enrichment for me in the area of Economics with a strong analytical emphasis. The 2-year study was challenging work but at the same time very rewarding, too. I’m very much looking forward to benefiting from the broad scope of knowledge and skills I have acquired here through regular courses but also field-specific electives with top international professors. I will use

it either in research or business area in my future.”



Balint SZÖKE

(New York University)

“IHS has definitely served as the perfect springboard for a future academic career and PhD programs at top US universities. The rigorous, well-established curriculum, the unlimited support and mentoring from the faculty and the internationally reputable visiting professors all contribute to the program being among the strongest in Europe. Having a firm interest in academic research, IHS was a sensible choice

for me to carry on with my studies and even though I had arrived with high expectations, I was never disappointed. The program is tough and requires an extensive amount of work, but it provides all the necessary foundations for a serious academic career in economics. Besides the helpful and very responsive faculty, I also learned a lot from my exceptionally bright fellow classmates, discussions with whom considerably shaped my views on the role and scope of economic theory and research.”



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