



Students Our Graduates of 2014

This year eleven 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.

Ashim DUBEY

(Pennsylvania State University)

“The Master’s program at IHS is intense and requires students’ undivided dedication and hard work. The fruit one reaps from all of it is being catapulted to the frontier of research and receiving sound theoretical and analytical preparation to conduct your own research which is essential to continue into academia. I found this program really good as the academic temperament around here is conducive for learning and for conducting independent research. Being part of a small cohort and having a high faculty to student ratio



was also a unique and important experience. I gained academic insights and non-academic teachings from all of them which made my education complete.”

Philipp HERGOVICH

(Vienna Graduate School of Economics)

“The Master’s program at IHS is among the top programs in Europe for Economics. Although the last two years were sometimes difficult and challenging, I do not regret my decision to join the program. It gave me the chance to meet and work with internationally renowned faculty and guest professors, and become friends with amazing people from all over the world. The training I obtained here will serve me well while pursuing my PhD at VGSE and hopefully also beyond that time.”



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Casandra HUTCHINSON

“Studying at IHS was a grueling and rewarding experience. I’ve never worked so hard for such mediocre grades, but I’ve also never had so much support or built such strong relationships with my cohort. I think that the claim that IHS prepares you for a PhD at a top US university is absolutely true, and it serves as a great stepping stone. However, after my experience here, I have concluded that a PhD at a top university is not what I want. As such, I hope to transition directly from IHS into the job market. I hope that the things I’ve learned over the last two years come to serve me well.”



Elizaveta LUKMANOVA

(Vienna University of Economics and Business)

“The IHS MSc program in Economics has provided me with a strong background in advanced economics and has given me understanding of academia. In my paper reading class I was introduced to

cutting-edge research and was able to acquire presentation skills. Last but not least, at IHS I have met many great people who have become my friends. The two years at IHS have been quite possibly the most challenging years of my life. But in the end I think it was definitely worth it. Without any doubts I will recommend the IHS MSc program in Economics to anyone who is interested in a research career in economics.”



Fruzsina MAYER

(University of Calgary)

“When I first came to IHS I did not plan to continue my studies after finishing the Master’s program. However, the two years of the program made me change my mind in this regard. After this time spent with intensive studying, I will participate in the PhD program in Economics of the



University of Calgary. The Master’s program of IHS lays great emphasis on preparing students for an academic career and the department offers every possible assistance to reach this goal. Apart from providing a very good environment for studying and a wide scale of courses taught by dedicated professors, the program made it possible for me to become acquainted with my fellow students, with whom it was great to work. I believe that all the hard work which the program requires is necessary for building up a future career in the field of economics and therefore I recommend the program to those, who think about one.”

Karol MAZUR

(European University Institute)

“After having completed my bachelor studies and a couple of summer internships in industry, pursuing a research master in economics gave me a broad perspective on my possible future career choices. In particular, during my





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studies at IHS I have acquired knowledge of highly quantitative and theoretical economics which serves as a preparation for top PhD programs. Apart from the knowledge per se, IHS equips its students with strong work ethic as continuous hard work is essential to successful completion of the master's program. Thus, I recommend pursuing this program not only to the ones already determined to follow the academic path but also to the ones with strong interest in modern economics and still undecided between academia and industry."

Josué ORTEGA (University of Glasgow)

"The MSc at IHS has several remarkable features. First, it provides solid foundations to start a research career. Also, during the second year students have time to take electives in their areas of interest. Particularly, I benefited from great courses in Game Theory, which have prepared me well to continue my



research under the supervision of one of the leaders in the field, namely Prof. Hervé Moulin at Glasgow. I also had the pleasure to study with a very strong group of colleagues from which I learned a lot. Some things that could be improved at IHS are that the first year is unnecessarily stressful. In my experience there was no support to attend courses and summer schools in my field of research. Besides that, it has been a pleasure to study here."

Franz OSTRIZEK (Princeton University)

"Going to Princeton for the PhD is a dream come true. This would have been impossible without the preparation and support from IHS faculty. The IHS is an ideal stepping stone towards leading PhD programs. With its rigorous curriculum, impressive student-to-faculty ratio and leading scholars as visiting professors, IHS is a great place to be a student."



Alexander SATDAROV (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

"The Master's program at IHS truly gives you a clear idea of what it takes to do academic research. If you want solid and thorough preparation for a PhD, this is the right place to be. The program is very challenging and requires a lot of work from your side, but eventually it totally pays off, whether you want to do a doctorate afterwards or work in industry. Furthermore, I was extremely lucky to be surrounded by amazing peers from whom I have learnt a lot, faculty who are always around and ready to help, and an outstanding team of managers who made my life easier and allowed me to focus on my studies. All in all, I am happy that I chose IHS two years ago, and there was no day I regret this decision."



László TÉTÉNYI (New York University)

"IHS was a wonderful opportunity to deepen my understanding of economic theory and was a perfect preparation for academia. The high faculty-student ratio, combined with an invigorating atmosphere is one of the key advantages of IHS - making the Master's program not only useful but fun. The faculty is eager to help you and through the core courses they introduce the frontiers of economic research. Personally I enjoyed the core courses in macroeconomics most, as they mixed intuition and rigorous math in the perfect



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amount. Elective courses with top international professors were shaping my attitude towards economics as in those weeks one-to-one conversations with them were encouraged."

Gabriel ZIEGLER (Northwestern University)

"The MSc in Economics at the IHS is the perfect preparation for a PhD at top universities. Although the program is very intensive and requires your full concentration it is totally worth it. Especially because of the small, but very international group and the faculty, the last two years were a great experience for me. The program provides you with the core knowledge of Economics as well as with great variety of elective courses to find your field for future research. Personally, I will start my PhD in fall at Northwestern University and I am sure I would not have this chance without this program."

