



Alumni Update

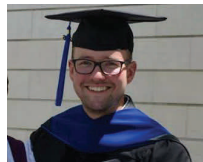
Thomas JUNGBAUER (Alumnus 2011)

"Cometh July, I will take office as an Assistant Professor of Strategy and Business Economics at the Johnson School of Management at Cornell University on a tenure track position after having completed my Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Strategy at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in five years. During a time in which postdoctoral positions in Economics have become ubiquitous and the median completion length of a Ph.D. in Economics rose to six years in the US, I am well aware how fortunate I am to have obtained a renewable contract at one of the leading institutions in Business Economics offering tremendous working conditions alongside leading researchers in my field of interest. I can state without reservations that my success would have been im-

possible without the pursuance of the rigorous training in Economics I received at the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) and the dedication and support of its teaching faculty, most notably my first advisor Klaus Ritzberger and the former director of graduate studies Christian Haefke."

Stefan SCHNEEBERGER (Alumnus 2011)

"I completed my PhD on May 23 in Yale. After that I decided to pursue a non-academic career in the private sector. Since June 10, I work in the Vienna office of a



global strategy consulting firm."

Students Our Graduates of 2016

This year 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.

Gizem AKAR

"The program at IHS was even more demanding than I have ever thought! Giving up a social life, focusing on your work, cooperating with your colleagues, doing your best day and night... At the end of the program, you will be equipped with strong theoretical skills and a strong capacity of analytical thinking. IHS also provides you with a chance to take classes from most successful professors from all around the world. It was an amazing experience to meet with them. Also, small class sizes help you to increase the interactions with the



professors inside the faculty. Working with very clever colleagues in the same environment and making discussions with them contributed a lot to me in these two years."

Nikola GRGA (Vienna Graduate School of Economics)

"The MSc in Economics program at IHS was an incredible experience. It is a very demanding program that requires full-time commitment but offers a great opportunity to learn from the top economists in their respective fields. My research interests are related to macroeconomic models and three very interesting courses in macroeconomics allowed me to understand the matter very profoundly. I am sure that MSc in Economics at IHS prepared me



very well for the Ph.D. that I will do at the Vienna Graduate School of Economics."

Maximilian HUBER

(New York University)

"IHS offered me the perfect Master's program in preparation for a top graduate program. The international faculty, the excellent theoretical courses, and the full scholarship attract highly motivated students from around the world. This environment and the almost unbearable workload made it the two most instructive years of my academic career. I never dreamt of doing my Ph.D. in New York City. But the excellent reputation of the program and the vast network of the faculty gave me a shot at all the top schools in the world."





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Bozidar PLAVSIC

(U. Columbia)

"Being a part of the Master's program at the Institute for Advanced Studies was an invaluable experience. The reasons are twofold. First, during the two years at IHS, I have become familiar with various mathematical methods



that are widely used in economics and gained further in-

sights into economic intuition and reasoning. Second, studying at the Institute provided me with the opportunities to interact with and learn from great people, faculty members and visiting professors, who are among the top researchers in their areas. Everything mentioned provides a solid foundation if one wants to pursue a career in academia. In my case, finishing this program helped me get into the Ph.D. program at Columbia."

Clemens POSSNIG

(U. British Columbia)

"The program at IHS offers an extraordinary academic experience, and provides an excellent preparation for a future career in academia. I cannot emphasize enough how large a basis of theoretical, mathematical and computational knowledge is being conveyed by the accomplished faculty and exciting guest speakers. Only through enormous perseverance and discipline is it possible to thrive in

such an environment which means that a degree

from this Master's program delivers an outstanding signal to employers, be they academic or private. I would not exchange this experience for anything in the world – having had the opportunity to study here opened up an abundance of career paths for me."



Johanna REUTER

(European University Institute, Florence)

"After finishing my Bachelor's degree, I was looking for a challenge and for an economics pro-



gram, which provided a strong mathematical foundation. These

reasons brought me to the IHS and here I was provided with every bit of the challenge I had expected. Throughout the past two years, I have not only been able to benefit from many excellent and demanding courses but I have also learned that even if one studies under the supervision of great professors, the people who influence one's education most are one's colleagues. Nothing has been more advantageous to me than the many hours spent studying together with my classmates, which is the ideal preparation for a top Ph.D. program. It is a shame that this unique program,

which is one of the best in Europe, and all of the opportunities it provides are not to be continued."

Péter PUSZTAI

(U. Minnesota)

"The two years of the IHS Master's program



are demanding. It was the hardest I have ever had to work. I believe, however, that having understood the basic concepts in mathematics, econometrics and economic theory gives me solid foundations to build upon in the future. Not only did these two years' hard work help me get into a strong Ph.D. program, but I became more an economist than I could have ever imagined. Courses taught by great local and visiting faculty broadened my perspective and I gained invaluable experience from being a teaching assistant and doing research for

my thesis."

Andreea ROTARESCU

(John Hopkins U.)

"Studying at the IHS was a demanding yet highly rewarding experience. The rigors of the coursework in mathematics and economic theory during the first year,



together with the specialized elective courses during the second year, provide a sound foundation for top Ph.D. programs. Although the workload of the program is extremely high, being surrounded by accomplished faculty members and dedicated fellow students motivated me to invest a lot of time and effort into the program. This stimulating work environment strengthened my determination to pursue an academic career, which is why I am grateful for having had the opportunity to study at the IHS."