



Department New Faculty Member

In the academic year 2014/15 Anton van Boxtel joined the Institute for Advanced Studies. We would like to introduce him to you.

Anton van BOXTEL (Finance, Contract Theory)

Anton van Boxtel studied mathematics at Leiden University and at the École Polytechnique in Paris, and obtained his PhD in Finance at Tilburg University. He joined IHS as



an assistant professor in September 2015. He enjoys the academic envi-

ronment here very much: "It is great to interact with so many great colleagues, guest professors, and seminar speakers." About the Master's program, he says, "the students are exceptionally smart and motivated. It has been a great pleasure to teach in this program." Also the close cooperation within Vienna is a plus: "The VGSE and VGSE offer great opportunities to cooperate closely with other researchers in economics and finance". Anton's research is on contract theory, banking, and corporate finance theory.

Students Our Graduates of 2015

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 impres-

Bence BARDÓCZY

(Northwestern University)

"IHS is an ideal place for aspiring young economists to be. It opens the door to top PhD programs, and also gives a fairly clear idea what to expect from them. The curriculum



provides solid, hands-on training in economic theory and modern computational methods, deepened by the tradition of students presenting all problems on the weekly practice sessions. Importantly, the culture of the institute fosters perseverance and collaboration. Most students quickly internalize these ideals,

which makes for a highly stimulating environment. In the past two years, I learned at least as much from the daily discussions with my fellow classmates as from the dedicated and responsive faculty."

Claudia CIUCIU

(University Carlos III of Madrid)

"Studying at IHS was a very demanding experience for me, but the outcome made me realize that it was worth all the effort. It represents the best academic preparation for pursuing a PhD program one can hope for and additionally, it gives you the opportunity to meet excellent professors from all across the



globe who are very helpful and open to talk to each student. Besides the quality of the academic life, you also have the chance to meet amazing people (like my co-

hort) with whom you work and whose support counts a great deal throughout the two years. The education I received here will undoubtedly serve me well during my PhD studies."

Aurélie de GOURNAY

"Coming from a social and international economics background, I applied to IHS for its strong theoretical curriculum, and... it is safe to say that it provided the intellectual challenge I was looking for! If you



are ready to put yourself into work, the IHS is the best place to acquire strong mathematical basis and a taste for research. Yes, you will be spending two years at the IHS and will not have a lot of free time. Nonetheless, with dedicated teachers and administrative staff who are always available for the students, with a good team spirit with the rest

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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of your cohort, it will be an amazing experience."

Fabian GREIMEL (University of Mannheim)

"I came to IHS, dreaming of a top 10 PhD program in the US. Even if that dream did not come true, the Master's program opened the doors to the PhD program in Mannheim, the best in the German speaking area, and one of the best in Europe. The Master's program was a great experience. I learned a lot in the past two years, not only in the courses but also from my cohort and as a teaching assistant. Studying at IHS



changes your life. The workload is very high, and the time for social life is limited. The curriculum is heavy in methods and very short in applications. Thus, it takes a lot of discipline and self-motivation to survive the first year coursework.

The generous scholarship definitely helps. For those who aim at a PhD in economics and a career in academia, IHS provides the best preparation available in Austria, and one of the best in Europe."

Peter HORVÁTH (Duke University)

"The IHS Master's program gives a perfect preparation for any Economics PhD program in the world. Even though it demands lots of work and



dedication, it is also very rewarding if someone wants to pursue a career in academia. I truly believe that the support of the local and visiting faculty helped me get into the Economics program at Duke University."

Amir KAZEMPOUR (Rice University)

"Most likely, the Master's program at IHS will be more demanding than what you have in mind. The program requires undivided attention from students and provides them with a rigorous training in mathematics and core courses in Econom-



ics. The most valuable experience for me was to participate in the field courses offered by renowned researchers alongside the local faculty at IHS. In these courses, you'll be introduced to the research frontier in different areas of Economics and realize that the program at IHS has prepared you to not only comprehend advanced textbook material but also critically discuss the ongoing research in your area of interest. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to be a part of IHS for the last two years."

György KOZICS (Central European University)

"Although I had to work harder than anywhere else before, I don't regret my choice to come to the Master's program at IHS. In the last two years we had courses in the basic economic fields and then we could choose among a great variety of electives. The faculty members and the visiting professors care for the students and are also eager to help. For example once I met Larry Blume in the corridor, 6 months after tak-



ing his elective course, he asked me about my thesis topic, and even offered to help me with my proof. Overall, I think that IHS provided me with a very intensive preparation for the PhD and as such, the first year of my PhD should be a piece of cake."

Leopold ZESSNER-SPITZENBERG (Vienna Graduate School of Economics)

"I chose the IHS Master's program because I had heard of its rigorous coursework, focused on preparing students for a career in academia. And indeed I found the course structure to be great, providing solid foundations in the first and interesting electives taught by internationally renowned guest professors in the second year. However, working together with my fellow students was the most valuable experience for me during these two years. The workload was intense,



but studying and discussing concepts and ideas with my colleagues made it very enjoyable. I am looking forward to beginning the PhD program at the VGSE, where I can continue working with the great faculty of IHS."