

6th Career Day for Economists: A chance to meet alumni and expand professional networks

On 15th November 2017 the Economics Department of the HSG hosted the sixth Career Day for Economists at the University of St Gallen. With about 100 participants each year, the Career Day brings together HSG alumni and current students - all of whom studied or are currently studying economics - and promotes a lively exchange between the generations of HSG students at their alma mater. This year's event was promoted to students as an opportunity to "Meet Alumni and expand your professional network" and it is safe to say that it did not disappoint!

The Career Day started with a keynote speech by Dr. Rebekka Grun, who is now working as an economist at the World Bank in Washington D.C. The World Bank set itself the ambitious goal to reduce the global poverty rate from 18% or 1.2 billion people today to 3% or 250 million people by the year 2030. In her talk, Rebekka Grun explained how the Social Safety Net program, which she leads in Cameroon, works. The program was designed to support economic growth in the community and thereby in the entire country. It builds on insurance, investment and growth. [Here](#) you can find the slides from Rebekka Grun's talk as well as her full speech on a clip.

Following the talk, it was time to begin networking, in the form of "Group Dates". Divided into three groups based on the alumni's fields of work and the students' interests, the participants enthusiastically discussed the alumni's career paths and experiences in the fields of Banking & Finance, the Industrial Sector, IT, Consulting, the Public Sector, Academia and Insurance. Combined with some snacks and drinks, the conversations continued in the subsequent apéro.

The event closed with a dinner for all participating alumni and faculty members at the Mensa Stübli. We were delighted to welcome back so many familiar faces to the HSG and very grateful for their ongoing support of our current students.

We would like to thank all of the alumni and students for accepting our invitation and making this event such a success. We are looking forward to seeing you all back at the HSG next year!

