

1st Career Day for Economists attracted many students and alumni

More than 100 students and 40 alumni participated in the first career day for economists at the University of St.Gallen on March 31st, 2011 in St.Gallen. The School of Economics and Political Science (SEPS) together with the HSG-Alumni group and the HSG-CSC organized the career day to connect current economics students and alumni. They were able to further their network by taking part in 'speed dates' and learn about careers from graduates in economics.

Keynote speakers from The Worldbank and FINMA

The opening at 3.45 pm, held by Prof. Keuschnigg, academic director of the economic master's programmes ([MiQE/F](#) and [MEcon](#)) of the university of St.Gallen, was followed by two Keynote-speeches of Prof. Holzman, consultant and former director of social protection at the World Bank and Dr. Schnieper, Member of the Executive Board Head of the Insurance Division at FINMA. They shared their career experience as economists in International Organizations and in financial market regulation, respectively. The audience got insight into their daily business and an idea what the prerequisites for successful careers in economics are.

Alumni reported on their careers

Three HSG alumni shared their career reports since graduating in economics at the University of St.Gallen. Manuel Deijk presented his career in the investment banking sector at Barclay's Capital, Dr. Simon Kauth talked about his experience at different banking software development companies and departments and Dr. Markus Frank informed about his professional activities in the public sector. Today, he is the Director of the Executive School at the University of St.Gallen.

Update about the programmes for homecoming alumni

In three parallel sessions the participants had the opportunity to obtain information about the Master's programmes offered by the University of St.Gallen ([MiQE/F](#) and [MEcon](#)), the PhD Programme in Economics and Finance ([PEF](#)) or about the HSG Mentoring-Programme and the HSG Alumni-Programme. Most attending alumni graduated with a 'lic' and these sessions allowed them to learn about today's organization of the programmes and the curriculums at the HSG.

Economists and future economists expanded their network

The Speed Dates were probably the main reason why so many students signed up for the event: During this session, students had the possibility to meet three alumni who are employed in their preferred sector. With each alumni they had five minutes to ask questions about the alumni's work, career and opportunities at the respective companies. It was amazing to see how quickly alumni and students connected and took advantage of this 'private communication'. The feedback over these 1:1 sessions was great and more of these opportunities would be highly appreciated. While the speed dates took place, alumni were also available via skype and were chatting with interested students. UBS representatives were present during the whole event and students had the possibility to talk about career opportunities.

After these 'dates' all participants were invited to join the buffet with drinks and snacks and had an additional possibility to get in touch and further advance their network.

Sponsors of the event were UBS, Barclay's and Mineralquelle Gontenbad, which we would like to thank for their contribution to a successful event.

The feedback on the event was very positive as shown in the graph below.

The SEPS plans to repeat the career day for economists next year. Many thanks to all the students, alumni and sponsors that helped making the event possible. We are looking forward to welcoming you to our next event.

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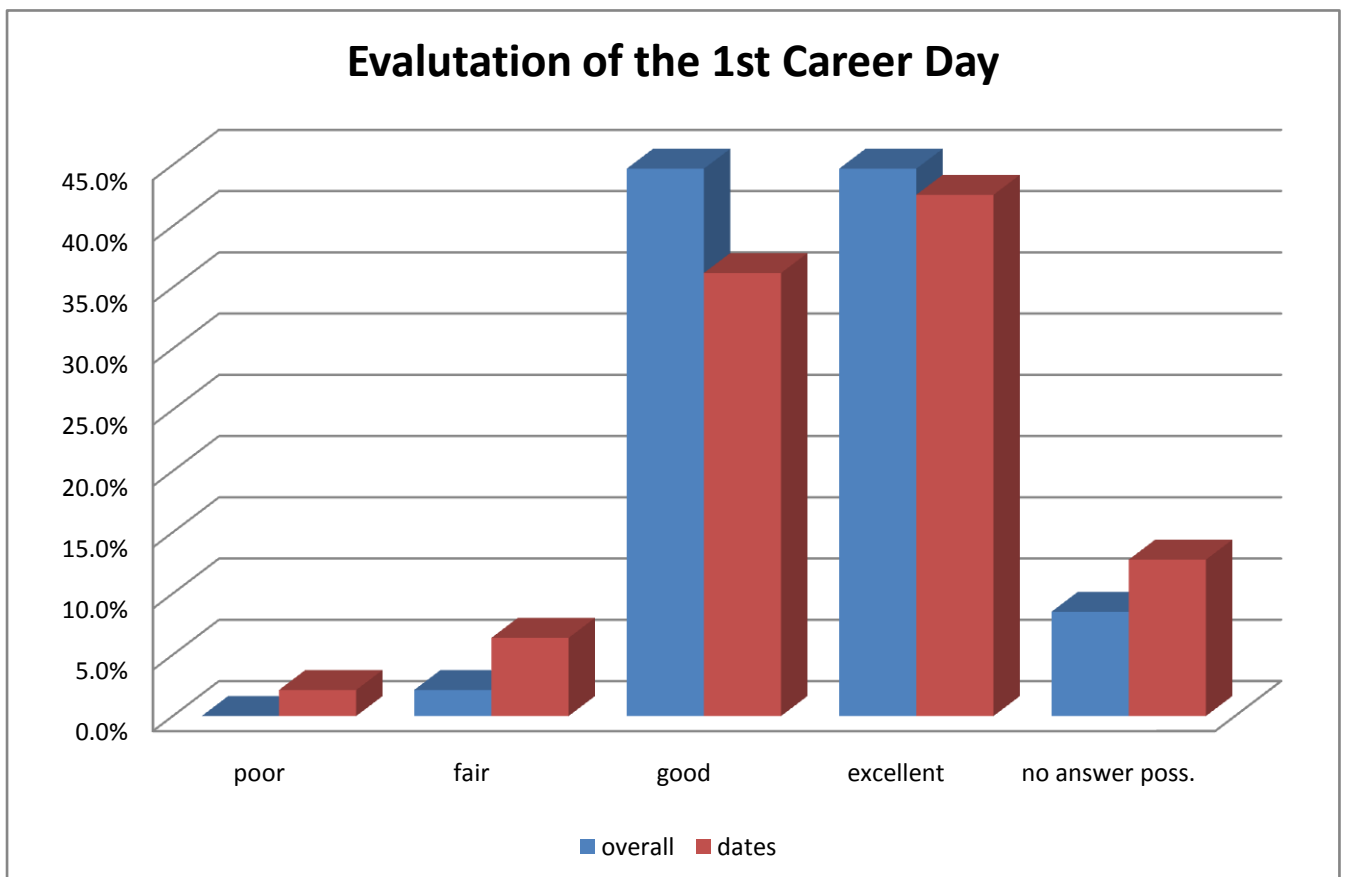
Opening speech by Prof. Christian Keuschnigg



Prof. Robert Holzmann, The World Bank



Apero at the event.



Promotion of event



Students meet alumni and broaden their network

«1st Career Day for Economists»
31 March 2011, 3.45 - 8.00 pm, room 01-014

School of Economics and
Political Science (SEPS-HSG)
 University of St.Gallen

The «1st Career Day for Economists» will support you in expanding your professional network.

The event covers keynote speeches of well-known personalities, as well as career experience reports of successful alumni. You will have the chance to talk to professionals in economics and business, and learn from their experience in an informal setting ("speed dating"). Partner companies will be available to discuss your career opportunities as an economist.

Who: HSG Students on all levels
When: March 31st, 2011, 3.45 pm - 8.00 pm
Where: HSG main building, room 01-014
Language: English
Registration: Set up your profile at HSG TALENTS Online
www.hsgtalents.ch/students/ and register for the event
until March 6th, 2011.
Further information: seps.unisg.ch: 'events'
Event partners: alumni.unisg.ch / csc.unisg.ch



Agenda: 1st Career Day for Economists

			Duration	Time
Faculty Input (Room 01-014)			50 min	15.45 - 16.40
Start of the Event	Welcome and Faculty Input	Prof. Dr.Christian Keuschnigg, Programme Director	10 min	15.45 - 15.55
Keynote-Speech	A Career as an Economist in International Organizations: IMF, OECD, and World Bank	Prof. Dr. Robert Holzmann (Consultant, The World Bank)	20 min	16.00 - 16.20
Keynote-Speech	An economics career in financial market regulation: Daily challenges based on a current topic	Dr. René Schnieper (Member of the Executive Board Head of the Insurance Division at FINMA)	20 min	16.20 - 16.40
Career Experience Reports			60 min	16.40 - 17.40
Experience Report (3 - 5 Years)	Degree in Economics - and then? Experience Report of Alumni & Q&A	Manuel Deijk, Barclay's Capital (MA HSG in Quantitative Economics and Finances, 2007)	20 min	16.40 - 17.00
Experience Report (10 + Years)	Degree in Economics - and then? Experience Report of Alumni & Q&A	Dr. Simon Kauth, Avaloq (PhD in Economics 1997, HSG)	20 min	17.00 - 17.20
Experience Report (15 - 20 Years)	Degree in Economics - and then? Experience Report of Alumni & Q&A	Dr. Markus Frank, Director Executive School HSG, (PhD in Economics, HSG)	20 min	17.20 - 17.40
Break			20 min	17.40 - 18.00
3 Parallel Information Sessions (Rooms 01-014 / 01-103 / 01-104)			30 min	18.00 - 18.30
• MA-Programme	Introduction MA-Programme & Q&A	Faculty, Prof. Dr. Christian Keuschnigg	30 min	Room: 01-014
• PhD-Programme	Introduction PhD-Programme & Q&A	Faculty, Prof. Francesco Audrino, PhD	30 min	Room: 01-103
• Mentoring-/Alumni-Programme	Introduction HSG Mentoring-Programme & Q&A Introduction HSG Alumni-Programme & Q&A	Julia Müller Daniel Bargetze	15 min 15 min	Room: 01-104
Speed Dating (Rooms 01-014 / 01-103 / 01-104)			60 min	18.30 - 19.30
Speed Date: Students - Alumni	Students and Alumni: Max. 6 min each date (Alumni: Max 9 dates)	All (Details please see 'info board')	Groupe A Groupe B Groupe C	18.30-18.50 18.50-19.10 19.10-19.30
Apéro / Drinks and Snacks (01-Foyer)			60 min	from 19.30