



## Dies academicus 2006 at the University of St.Gallen, 10 June 2006

*(HSG) At the Dies academicus 2006, PD Dr. Hans Bernhard Schmid received the 2006 Latsis Prize. Further prizes were awarded to researchers, graduates and students.*

The Genevan Fondation Latsis Internationale annually awards a generous prize at selected Swiss universities with the aim of promoting young researchers. At the HSG the prize, which is worth 25,000 francs, was this year awarded to **PD Dr. phil. Hans Bernhard Schmid**. The Foundation Board's appreciation states: "The research work, which is located between phenomenology, analytical philosophy and economics, analyzes the relationship between the individual and the community."

The University's Student Union awarded no fewer than three prizes: The Mentor Prize went to the **entire population of the Canton of St.Gallen** as a token of gratitude for their support of the University and its students, particularly for their yes votes in the ballot on the HSG building projects. The Credit Suisse Award for Best Teaching was conferred on the International and European Law **Professor Dr. Kerstin Odendahl**, and the prize for the best Bachelor's thesis in the field of the humanities went to **Linda Morgenthaler, B.A.**

The Academic Club's Promotional Prize honoring the scientific work of a member of one of the HSG's partner universities in the field of sustainable development (5,000 francs) went to **Prof. Daniel Chudnovsky** and **Germán Pupato** of the Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires, for their work on "Environmental management, innovation and foreign ownership: evidence from Argentine manufacturing firms".

### Further graduates and students who were awarded prizes

The Amicitia Prize for the best doctor's degree in economics and business administration was awarded *ex aequo* to **Dr. oec. Matthias Brauer**, **Dr. oec. Felix Wortmann** and **Dr. oec. Gerrit Reepmeyer**. The Rudolf Mäder Prize for the best doctor's degree in law and political science was awarded to **Dr. iur. Matthias Forster**. The St.Gallen Hug Prize for the best doctoral thesis in law was also awarded to **Dr. iur. Matthias Forster**. The Latin America Prize for doctoral theses (6,000 francs) went to **Dr. Pierre-André Cordey**, the Latin America Prize for diploma theses (2,000 francs) to **Stefan Weber**, and the Latin America Prize for Bachelor's theses (1,000 francs) to **Nadja Eichin** and **Martin Müller-Cortázar**. The Mercuria Endowment was once again received by the **Academic Sports Association**.

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