Multitasking in Economics

Maria VOLKMANN is a MEcon, the Master in Economics, student and the new president of the Ad Hoc Economics student club. What is the key mission of the club? Does she want to be a specialist or an allrounder in economics? What is the economic problem that needs an in-depth-analysis and is waiting for a Master thesis, complete with an own policy perspective? What is the next step: industry boss, journalist, policy maker or scientist?

You are the new president of Ad oc Economics Club. What’s on offer for students?

What is the mission of the club?
Ad oc Economics offers insight into economic issues, discussions and disciplines students do not gain during classic lectures. We want to combine a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to economic questions and a program targeted explicitly at SG Economics students. We look forward to building a bridge between the public, private and academic discourse by offering fieldtrips, Economics & Beer events and blog articles.

In the autumn semester, you have heavily invested in the methods of economics, now it’s time to apply. Do you want to concentrate electives in one of the specialization areas? Do you prefer to be an allrounder instead?
With Advanced Macro- and Microeconomics III courses I want to deepen my knowledge of essential methods of economics. After studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics in my Bachelor, I want to continue my studies in connecting economic, political and philosophical questions and will therefore attend lectures discussing “beyond homo oeconomicus”, economic development and ethics in economy and capitalism. Additionally, I am really looking forward to the new hands-on course “Economics in Practice”.

ave you already thought about your Master thesis? What are the most important economic challenges where you would like to apply some rigorous analysis and develop your own policy perspective?
Seeing the environment suffering and the inequality growing in our today’s economic system and based on my interest in sustainability, I want to academically explore the topic of Circular Economies. Regarding reducing, reusing, recycling and recovering as key for environmental quality, economic property and social equity I want to further develop a policy perspective for a Circular Economy system in the European Union.

Economics offers many different career tracks. Where do you see yourself in five years?
Industry boss, journalist, policy maker, or scientist?
As a citizen of the European Union, thriving to support peace and prosperity in Europe, I would like to engage as a policy maker in a European Institution. Living ten months in Brussels during my Bachelor I fell in love with Belgium’s capital and the EU-spirit bringing people from all over Europe together to collaborate.

A demanding study program, internships, work for Adoc Economics. Feels like multitasking. Is any time left for pleasant distractions? What are your favorite hobbies? Hiking on Saturdays and recharging in nature! Or travelling by train through Switzerland and to Germany or somewhere else in Europe.

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