Welcome to this newsletter for the wider International Affairs community at HSG and beyond: students, faculty, alumni, partners and friends.

Once per semester, we want to inform you about what is or has been going on, and keep you up to date about events that are coming up.

**Recent Highlights**

**MIA Fundamentals 2018:**

*Shared expectations, valuable insights and apéro really riche*

Two weeks prior to the semester, the new MIA class 2018 gathered for the Fundamentals Week. During these four days, they got to know each other, created shared expectations on their studies and met practitioners. And last but not least, enjoyed an amusing time with several apéros ranging from riche to really riche.

*Read more.*

**BIA and MIA BBQ**

In May 2018, the first joint barbecue for BIA and
MIA students took place at the Lättich Güterbahnhof in St.Gallen. The planning and organization of the successful and very atmospheric evening was completely in the hands of the students. There was a band, drinks and a big buffet of homemade offerings, showing off the culinary skills of the International Affairs students.

**Sustainability: From Idea to Implementation**

At the last MIAs Meet the Market Panel in May 2018 three committed MIA graduates talked about their own professional experiences: Alexandra Frank, Sustainability Consultant, South Pole Group, Elise Kammerer, Corporate Social Responsibility, Deloitte Zurich, and Johanna Köb, Head of Responsible Investment, Zurich Insurance. They shared how they manage to develop and implement their initiatives to advance environmental, social, and economic dimensions of sustainability. Moreover, they described their individual career paths, the strategies they pursued when first entering the labour market and how they each found their niche in working on social goals in the private sector.

**Women's Rights are Human Rights**

We were very happy to welcome Monika Hauser at the HSG in April 2018 for a presentation with the title “Women's rights are human rights - and why this is still not self-evident.” She reflected on and shared with us her own personal experiences and stories in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Afghanistan and Liberia. At the Dies Academicus 2017, Monika Hauser was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the HSG for her significant contributions in founding and leading medica mondiale, an organization in support of traumatized girls and women in war zones and areas of conflict. In the St.Galler Tagblatt, she gave an interview in connection with her talk at the university.
Save the date: Black Code
Film Screening and Panel Discussion

Wednesday, 10 October 2018, 6.30 pm, Palace St.Gallen, free entry

"Black Code" (CDN 2016, Nick de Pencier, 90 min), reveals how internet and "big data" are used by governments worldwide to surveil and control their citizens, and how activists use the same technologies to protect themselves, to inform (themselves) and to organise protests. The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion with Ron Deibert, author of "Black Code", Citizen Lab Toronto, and Patrick Walder, Amnesty International.

Watch the trailer.

Meet International Affairs Students

A year-long stay at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy

Peter Freudenstein reminisces about his experiences as a dual degree student at Fletcher, some courses he attended and people he met during his studies and internship at the Atlantic Council.

Read more.

Clothilde Aubet, MIA Class of 2019

Next to studying Public Policy at Sciences Po in Paris and International Affairs in St.Gallen, dual
degree student Clothilde even finds time and energy to write her second book. In “Intermittente du fauteuil” she invites us to challenge our views on her handicap by discovering her daily troubles and delights.

DIA Graduate: Yuliya Blondiau

On Monday, 17 September 2018, 66 students received their Ph.D. degree at the University of St.Gallen. It is an honor to be one of them.

About eight months ago I defended my dissertation and started working at the Swiss Federal Office of Energy as a market regulation specialist. I work on questions related to Swiss energy market regulation and supervise research projects addressing socio-economic topics in the field of energy.

It is exciting to do this job after writing my Ph.D. at the Chair for Management of Renewable Energies of Rolf Wüstenhagen, who emphasized the importance of both rigor and relevance in academic research. Focusing on both of these aspects is probably helpful for anyone who is interested in impact-oriented research as well as in job opportunities outside academia.

My road to Ph.D. was challenging and fascinating at the same time. I thank everyone who shared this valuable time with me at the University of St.Gallen. To those working towards their Ph.Ds: Enjoy this journey!

Cooperation with the Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

Due to a special agreement between the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces and the MIA Programme, this year DCAF again offered internships exclusively to MIA students. The participants get an excellent insight into the work of this international organisation, which plays a leading role in Security Governance. This year Aline Brülisauer and Alexandra Preperier were chosen to work on several projects during their stay in Geneva. Prof. Dr. Heiner
Hänggi, who teaches this semester the course “Asia-Pacific Security in Focus: The South China Sea”, acts as Deputy Director and Head of Policy and Research Department at DCAF.

**News from the Faculty**

**Guest Professor from Toronto: Ron Deibert**

In the Ph.D. seminar "The Geopolitics of Cyberspace" students have the unique opportunity to learn about the role of new information and communication technologies, such as the Internet, in transforming world politics. Ron Deibert, Professor of Political Science at the Munc School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, will introduce research from the Citizen Lab, a worldwide leading institution to analyze Internet censorship, threats against civil society, application-level controls, commercial surveillance and more. The Geopolitics of ICTs course is an intensive examination of the ways in which states and non-state actors are contesting the newly evolving terrain of global digital-electronic-telecommunications.

**Fashion for Students and Alumni of International Affairs**

Our entrepreneurial student representative, Joel Adank, has launched a new "MIA collection". Printed MIA T-shirts and hoodies can be ordered via an online shop in different sizes and colours.

The official hoodie, also the results of student initiative, can now be purchased in the HSG Shop. The front of the hoodie is embroidered with "University of St.Gallen", the back with "International Affairs". On the sleeve is the slogan, which emerged from a competition among the students: "**Generally specialist, but especially generalist**". For pre-orders of this version please visit the online HSG shop.

**Application** window for the MIA programme now open!