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.

Looking ahead & save the date:

**MIA Lecture: Dr. Monika Hauser**

Wed, 18 April 2018, 6.15 pm, room 01-012

At the Dies Academicus 2017, gynaecologist Monika Hauser was awarded an Honorary Doctorate 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. Dr. Monika Hauser will come back to the HSG this spring to speak about “Frauenrechte sind Menschenrechte - und warum das immer noch nicht selbstverständlich ist”. Don’t miss this upcoming MIA Lecture. Read more

**International Affairs BBQ** for BIA and MIA students and faculty to take place on 9 May 2018. Details.

**MIAs Meet the Market:** On 16 May 2018, we will host a panel with three MIA alumni working in the field of “Social Business/Sustainability/CSR”. More details will follow.
Social Events in 2017

Cultivating what may by now be called a tradition, MIA students organized two social events last year, a BBQ in May as well as a Fondue Christmas Dinner.

Stawi & MIA Alumni Convention 2017

The 4th Stawi/MIA Convention demonstrated just how strong, diverse and dynamic our International Affairs community has become. The event took place at Zunfthaus zur Schmiden in Zurich on 3 November 2017. Read more.
Joel Adank, MIA Class of 2019

Joel Adank is in his third semester and currently serves as student representative for the MIA. He will pursue the CEMS Dual Degree Programme next year. Joel has recently written and published a cookbook “Kochen unter 5 FR”. Find out why.

"Kochen unter 5 FR" is available in bookstores and online.

William Turner, MIA Class of 2014

William Turner was hired by the UK Government’s Department for International Development and currently serves at the British High Commission in Tanzania, where he works with a wide range of stakeholders in the policy and business communities to try to address pressing development challenges.

External Peer Review 2017 - A real first

In spring 2017, the International Affairs programmes BIA and MIA were submitted to an external peer review. Led by Lisa Anderson, Professor and Dean Emerita at the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia, an international commission made up of first-class peers came to St.Gallen for three consecutive days to scrutinize just about everything and talk to just about everybody, from students and alumni to professors and the Rector. Read more.

Celebrating 10 years with The Fletcher School

In June 2017, we celebrated the 10th anniversary of our dual degree partnership with Fletcher at Tufts University’s magnificent European Center in Talloires. Hosted by Fletcher’s annual alumni convention, these celebrations at the shores of Lac d’Annecy brought together a dozen Dual Degree alumni with Fletcher representatives and MIA programme directors.

In the wake of 10 years of fruitful collaboration, the Dual Degree programme is about to reach the proverbial next level in terms of a qualitative as well as a quantitative upgrade. As of 2018, the MIA programme will recruit new students jointly with the Fletcher School across the globe, so as to increase the annual intake to up to 10 students. Read more in HSG’s alumni magazine "alma".
At the end of the spring term 2017, Roland Kley offered his farewell lecture at St.Gallen and officially became a professor emeritus. Along with Heinz Hauser, Roland Kley was the mastermind and driving force behind the creation of the International Affairs programmes at Bachelor's and Master's level as we know them today. Many, many thanks to you, dear Roland - and best wishes for the upcoming years. Enjoy!

A warm welcome goes to Roland Kley's successor Klaus Dingwerth who was elected and duly confirmed as Professor of Political Science with a special focus on the Political Theory of the Globalizing and Digital Society. Alongside Political Theory, Klaus' research interests focus on International and Transnational Relations, as well as Environmental Politics and Global Standards.

Guest Professor from Harvard - Prof. Steven Livingston

Do new information and communication technologies offer opportunities for greater accountability or are they open to abuse? In the Spring Semester 2017 Prof. Steven Livingston offered a seminar and a lecture for MIA students on both of these topics. Read more.

MIA Lecture featuring Walter Füllemann

Alumnus Walter Füllemann, Head of ICRC’s Delegation to the EU and NATO, came to the HSG in October 2017 to offer a very engaging talk on "Humanitarian Operations in
Contemporary Warfare – an ICRC Perspective. Students learned about the growing challenges the ICRC faces in numerous conflicts, such as the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Syria, due to new non-state as well as state actors ignoring previously established principles of humanitarian law.

Field seminar in Beirut: “The Economics, the Law, and the Politics of Migration”

13 MIA students joined lecturers Mahmoud Haidar, Andreas Böhm and Christoph Frei in Beirut for a seminar that involved not only senior personalities from Lebanese politics, academia, and civil society, but also 12 students from the American University of Beirut’s Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) programme. Read More

New MIA Brochure

Complementing various online marketing activities, hard copies of a new brochure were produced at the end of 2017 in order to enhance our marketing and outreach efforts at graduate admissions fairs and similar events. Many thanks to current MIA students who volunteered in the photoshoot organized specifically for the new brochure!

Application deadline for the MIA programme ends on 30 April!