

alumnioutlook

Interviews, statistics, and updates from the alumni community around the world



Graduate
School of
Economics

Welcome to the alumni network!



Dear Barcelona GSE graduates,

I am happy to congratulate and welcome you to the Barcelona GSE Alumni & Friends network. As of today, you become part of this talented, international community enriched every year by you, the newest graduates of our master's programs.

You are the eighth cohort graduating from the Barcelona GSE, and like those who came before you, you have finished the year with many personal experiences, new friends from many different ideologies, nationalities and backgrounds, and with challenging expectations for your future endeavors. You have acquired the top-notch education and

values that will make you an exceptional global professional with critical thinking skills and a spirit of service to society that every country in the world needs. I am convinced that you will all have excellent opportunities to make your own unique contributions to that end.

The Barcelona GSE will remain committed to helping you pursue your own intellectual and professional goals in the days, months, and years ahead.

Let's make of this experience a life-long relationship.

Prof. Teresa Garcia-Milà
Director of the Barcelona GSE

Dear Class of 2015,

Congratulations!! Nine intense months – you made it! We heartily congratulate and we take great pleasure in welcoming you to the Barcelona GSE alumni community.

To us, quite clearly the beauty of our community is its people. It is a small, smart, diverse and both exclusive as inclusive group of people. Spread across the globe, former BGSE students are working, researching, consulting, thinking, traveling. Whether they have ventured into research, economic analysis, finance, consulting, development or politics – we all share a common denominator: Our wonderful time in Barcelona, both at the beach and in the library. Former students are now doing intriguing and exciting things. It is your very responsibility to leverage this network, to get in touch, to ask questions and to engage. Surely you do not have to, but we recommend you to be aware to employ these rich resources whenever you might need support, insights or contacts.

As we were just in your seat a year ago certainly we are not more qualified to offer better advice than your classmate next to you. Yet we would like to share a key thought with you: Unless you have to honor pressing financial obligations, we personally believe that the immediate next step following your graduation should be



Ahmed Raza '14 (ITFD)
Research Associate,
Governance
Center for Economic Research
in Pakistan (CERP)



Johann Rusche '14 (ITFD)
Project Consultant
Royal Government of Bhutan/
Royal Currency Exchange of
Bhutan

centered around your learning, your exposure, your immersion. We invite you to keep this in mind, irrespective of your career decision. Your career and your future path start today. You have now laid the academic foundation – build on it wisely.

We wish you the very best of luck. Welcome to the small yet ever-growing BGSE alumni family!

Ahmed & Johann

While you were here in 2014-15

Fall Term

- Partha Dasgupta (University of Cambridge) gave the Opening Lecture, "Measuring the Wealth of Nations"
- Barcelona GSE Lecture by Orazio Attanasio, President of the European Economic Association

Winter Term

- Four professors awarded European Research Council grants
- Barcelona GSE Lecture by Jonathan Levin (Stanford University)

Spring Term

- Barcelona GSE Lecture by Yves Mersch, member of the European Central Bank Executive Board
- Doctoral students organize second Barcelona GSE PhD Jamboree
- Review of Economic Studies* May Meetings hosted by Barcelona GSE
- Nearly 800 researchers participate in Barcelona GSE Summer Forum 2015
- Barcelona GSE Lecture by Roger Myerson (University of Chicago), Nobel Laureate in Economics

A lifelong connection

The master year in Barcelona goes by so fast. You arrive for your brush-up courses, you blink your eyes, and suddenly it's graduation day.

In these short but intense months, you have forged connections with friends, classmates, mentors, and with this city that will last a lifetime.

Your time as a Barcelona GSE student may be over, but your life as a Barcelona GSE alum is just beginning.



Alumni meet-up in Munich, Germany

Ambrogio Cesa Bianchi '08
(Economics)
Senior Research Economist,
Bank of England

"After the master's, I was offered a job in Washington DC at the Inter-American Development Bank. I then obtained a PhD in Economics from Milano Cattolica University, during which I had the opportunity to visit the European Central Bank and the Bank of England and work on research projects.

Being a BGSE alumni has helped me a lot during my career, because of both the strong technical background that I built and the high reputation of the Economics program, and also on a personal level, since I am still in touch with many classmates who live in London or elsewhere around the world."



Fernanda Leal '10 (MESI)
Medical Science Liaison, UCB Pharma

Welcoming the Class of 2011 at their orientation meeting in Bellaterra a few months after her own graduation.



Max Simontowitz '12 (Economics)
Expert Analyst, Bundeskanzleramt

Speaking at the first Alumni Meeting in Barcelona (2013). Over 100 alumni from 11 countries participated.



Guglielmo Bartolozzi '09 (Macro)
Data Scientist, Kernel Analytics

Addressing the Class of 2014 at their graduation ceremony last year.

**Edward Corcoran '09
(ITFD)**

ODI Fellow and PFM Advisor,
Liberian Ministry of Finance

“Looking back at my time at Barcelona GSE I tend to recall two slightly incongruent things: the incredible city and the workhorse models of macroeconomics that we studied. Those models have proven to be useful across two quite different contexts, working as an Economist in the UK Treasury and as an ODI Fellow and PFM advisor in the Liberian Ministry of Finance.

But even more than the economics knowledge and techniques I picked up while in Barcelona, what’s stayed with me is the love of the city and the friends I made there. Few places I’ve lived in or visited since have had the same youthful dynamism coupled with a sense of history and culture. While I’ll no doubt continue to use the models we studied to help understand the events around me, Barcelona will be my benchmark for cities around the world.”

Bernardo Sarmiento '12,
Bruno Vidal '13, Rui Pratinha '13,
Adriana Nieto '09, and
Rocío Prieto '11 helped us
present the Barcelona GSE's
new logo. They come from
different master programs and
class years, but they are now
working together at Compass
Lexecon in Madrid.



**Manon Durand '14 (Health
Economics and Policy)**

Policy Officer, French Ministry
of Health

“When I decided to attend the master program, I already knew it would be a relevant choice and rewarding experience. By attending this international program, I had the chance to encounter different cultures, meet outstanding professors and students, including some of my best friends. But, it is after working for several months within the General Directorate for Healthcare Provision (DGOS) of the French Ministry of Health and Social Affairs as a policy officer, I am realizing how decisive for my professional career this diploma will be. There is a major need and a

true political will to integrate more economics into healthcare provision decisions, especially when it comes to healthcare innovation, and my background constitutes a decisive asset. My position at the DGOS, where I work on the evaluation and financing of health innovative products as well as on the implementation clinical trials within hospitals, combines both health economics and political sciences aspect, which makes it very exciting and dynamic. In the end the Barcelona GSE brought me much more than an excellent academic background.”

Ways to stay connected with Barcelona GSE and the alumni community

- Share new projects and ask for input through the Alumni & Friends LinkedIn group
- Write for the Barcelona GSE Voice, the student and alumni blog
- Watch your email for invitations to upcoming events in Barcelona and around the world
- Organize a casual meet-up with alumni in your city
- Give a talk about your career path on campus or via Skype

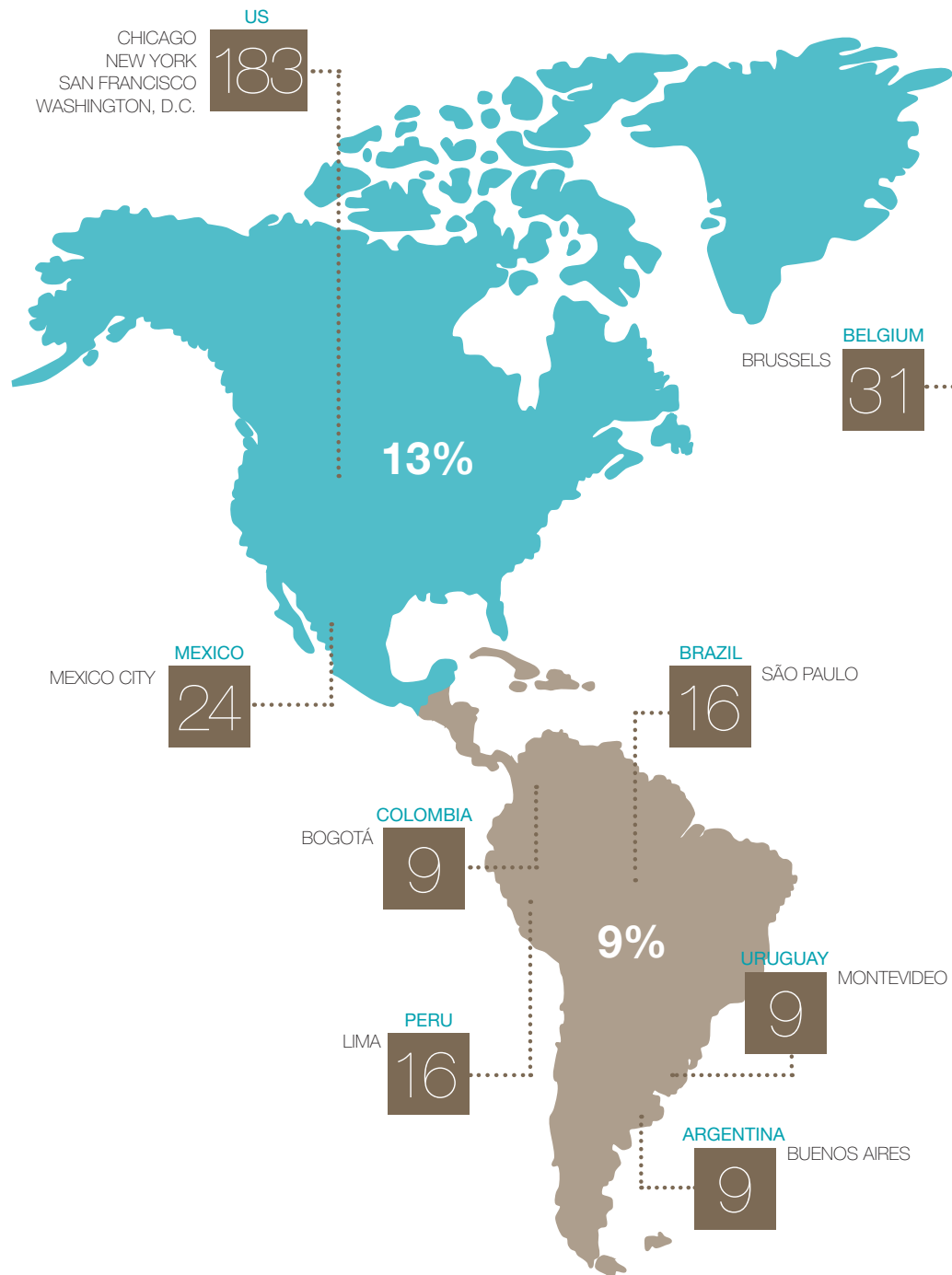
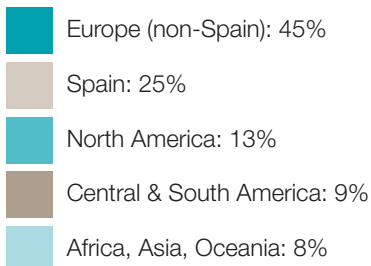
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Placement by location

Barcelona GSE alumni are working and studying all over the world.

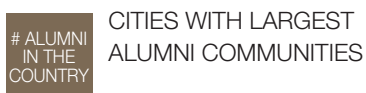
This map shows countries and cities that currently have the largest Barcelona GSE alumni communities, as well as the overall distribution of alumni by region.

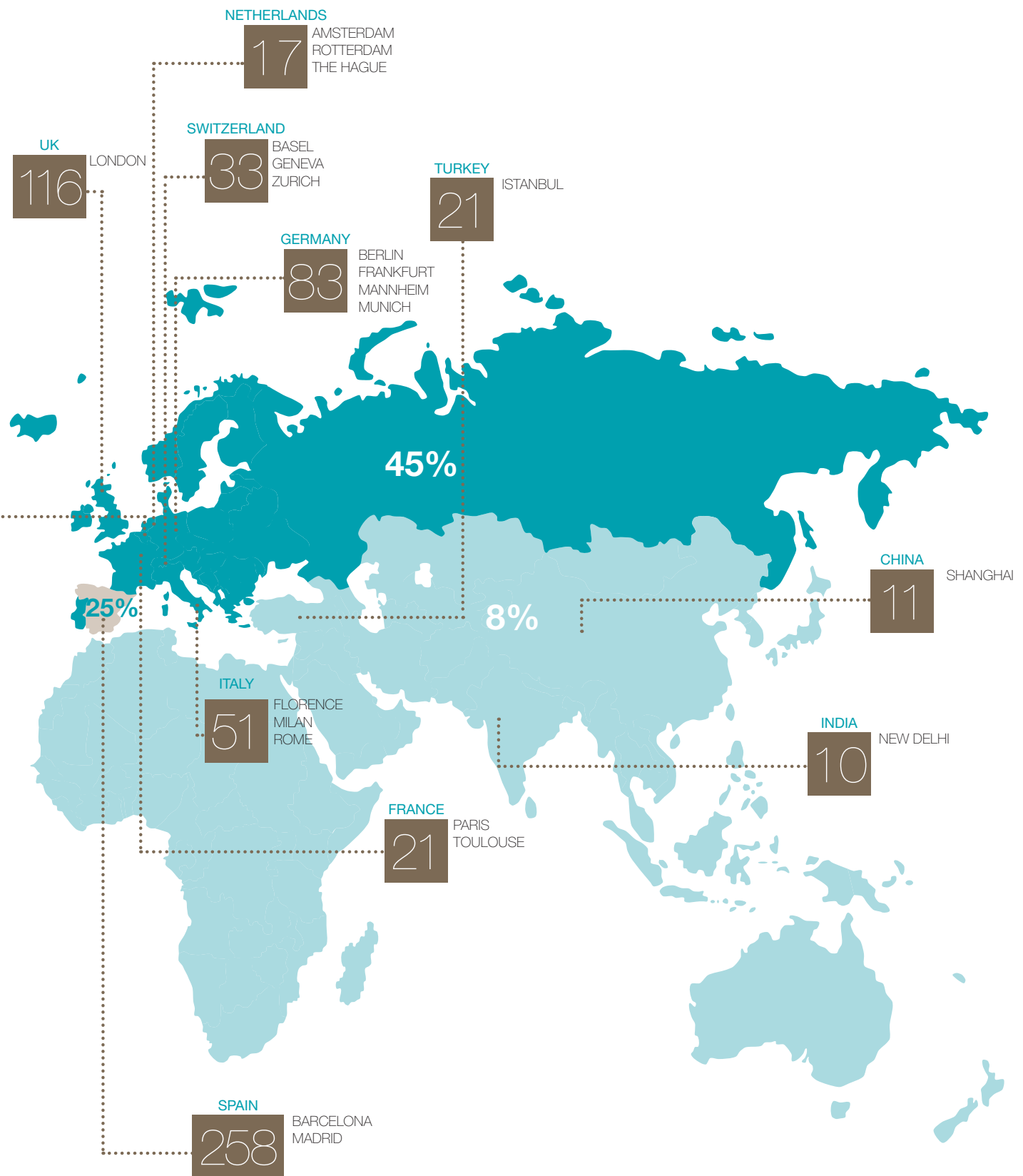
Alumni location by region



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COUNTRY





Where are alumni working or studying?

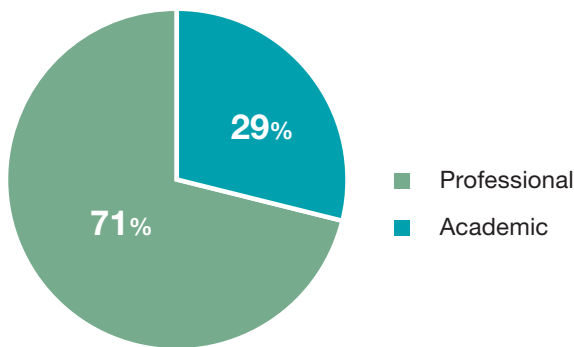
The Barcelona GSE Alumni are currently working and continuing education in about 70 countries worldwide.

The alumni who chose a professional career path are working as Economists, Analysts, Researchers or Consultants in industries such as banking and financial institutions, international organizations, consultancies, research institutions or the public sector. This provides the alumni with an international and growing professional network from which they can benefit.

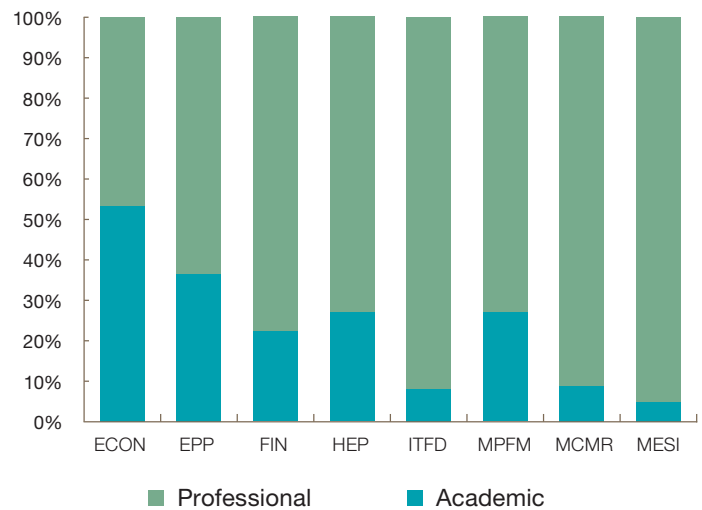
In parallel, a significant percentage of the GSE alumni are pursuing competitive PhD programs in Europe, the US or elsewhere, providing an important network in the academia.

GSE alumni from all years and master programs have shown great commitment with Barcelona GSE and have helped us in developing new corporate relations with their respective industries and universities.

Career Paths



By Master



Professional Placements by Industry



Information provided by the alumni, recruiters and LinkedIn.

Professional Placements

Over the years, Barcelona GSE graduates have been hired by employers such as (by industry):

GOVERNMENT & AUTHORITIES

Bolivian Ministry of Economy and Public Finance
Bulgarian Competition Authority
CPB Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB)
Dutch Ministry of Finance
European Commission
French Ministry for the Economy and Finance
German Chancellery
HM Treasury
Indian Competition Commission
Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity Gas & Water
Mexican Federal Competition Commission
Mexican Ministry of Economy
Peruvian Ministry of Economy and Finance
Peruvian Telecommunications Regulator (OSIPTEL)
South African Competition Commission
Spanish National Competition Commission
UK Competition and Markets Authority (CMA)
UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
UK Healthcare Regulator (Monitor)
UK Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem)
UK Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat)

CENTRAL BANKS

Bank of Australia
Bank of Brazil
Bank of Chile
Bank of Croatia
Bank of England
Bank of Hungary
Bank of Italy
Bank of Mexico
Bank of Paraguay
Bank of Peru
Bank of Poland
Bank of Romania
Bank of Serbia
Bank of Spain
Deutsche Bundesbank
European Central Bank (ECB)
Swiss National Bank
The Dutch Bank
United States Federal Reserve

COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKS

Banc Sabadell
Banco del Progreso
Banco Santander
BBVA
BNP Paribas
Citigroup
Credit Suisse
Deutsche Bank
HSBC
KfW Development Bank
La Caixa
Merrill Lynch
Société Générale
UBS
UniCredit Group



CONSULTING FIRMS

Accenture
Arthur D. Little
A.T. Kearney
Bain & Company
BearingPoint
Bluecap Management Consulting
Booz Allen Hamilton
Charles River Associates
Compass Lexecon
Deloitte
Ernst & Young
Euromonitor International
Everis
Focus Economics
Frontier Economics
FTI Consulting
IMS Consulting Group
Kaiser Associates
Kernel Analytics
KPMG
Lear Consulting
London Economics
McKinsey & Company
Oxera
Oxford Economics
PwC
RBB Economics
Roland Berger Strategy Consultants
The Brattle Group

RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
BBVA Research
Brookings Institution
Bruegel
Capital Economics
Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)
Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)
Centre for Health Economics - University of York
Centre for Poverty Analysis
German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin)
IESE
International Growth Centre (IGC)
J-PAL
Mathematica Policy Research
National Bureau for Economic Research (NBER)
Overseas Development Institute (ODI)
UK Office of Health Economics

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Bank for International Settlements (BIS)
Development Bank of Latin American (CAF)
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)
Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
International Finance Corporation (IFC)
International Labour Organization (ILO)
International Trade Centre (ITC)
OECD
UNESCO
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)
World Bank
World Health Organization (WHO)
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
World Trade Organization (WTO)

OTHER INDUSTRIES

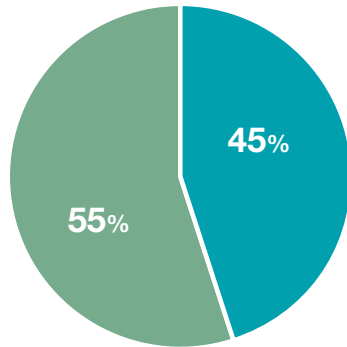
Alliance Healthcare
Amazon
AXA
Bayer
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British American Tobacco (BAT)
Campbell Soup Company
Dell
eBay
Eli Lilly and Company
Fiat
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General Electric Oil & Gas
Hewlett-Packard
Huawei
King
Microsoft
Novartis
Novo Nordisk
Procter & Gamble
Reuters
Sanofi Pasteur
Shell
Statoil
Syngenta
Telefónica
Tetra Pak
Thomson Reuters
Toyota

Doctoral Study

Graduate education at the Barcelona GSE rests upon two renowned international PhD programs in economics: the **Graduate Program in Economics, Finance and Management (GPEFM)** offered at UPF and the **International Doctorate in Economic Analysis (IDEA)** offered at UAB.

Both programs are organized jointly with the Barcelona GSE.

From those Barcelona GSE graduates that decided to enroll in a PhD program, 45% are currently studying at UPF or UAB.



- GSE graduates in PhD Programs IDEA and GPEFM: 45%
- GSE graduates in PhD Programs in other universities: 55%

Some of the universities where Barcelona GSE alumni are currently studying are:

Belgium

Université Catholique de Louvain
University of Leuven (KU Leuven)

Finland

University of Turku

France

Toulouse School of Economics

Germany

Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH)
Humboldt University of Berlin
Ifo Institute
Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (LMU Munich)
University of Mannheim

Italy

Bocconi University
Catholic University of Milan
European University Institute
University of Bologna
University of Naples Federico II

Netherlands

Erasmus University Rotterdam
University of Groningen

Norway

Norwegian School of Economics

Spain

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M)
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB)
Universitat de Barcelona (UB)
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)

Sweden

Stockholm School of Economics

Switzerland

Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies
Swiss Finance Institute
University of Lausanne
University of Zurich

United Kingdom

London School of Economics (LSE)
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM)
Queen Mary University of London
University College London (UCL)
University of Cambridge
University of Warwick
University of York

United States

Boston University
Duke University
Georgetown University
Harvard University
New York University
Northwestern University
Princeton University
Rutgers University
Stanford University
University of Chicago
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Rochester
Washington University in St. Louis
Yale University

Career Services for Barcelona GSE Alumni

Whether you graduated this year or years ago, Career Services will work to support you and help you achieve your professional goals.

Online services for alumni include:

Barcelona GSE Job Portal

with exclusive job offers for Barcelona GSE alumni in fields related to the masters

Free access to Vault

a powerful tool for researching job opportunities, employers, industries and career paths

Networking on LinkedIn

Alumni & Friends group provides a closed online space for discussions with fellow members

On-campus resources for alumni include:

Recruitment talks and on-campus interviews

with recruiters from local and international employers and PhD programs

Some examples of recruiters on campus in 2014-15:

- Banc Sabadell (Barcelona)
- Bank of Spain (Madrid)
- Compass Lexecon (London)
- Deloitte (London)
- European University Institute (Florence)
- Everis (Barcelona)
- Frontier Economics (Madrid)
- International Monetary Fund (organized by UPF)
- J-PAL Poverty Action Lab (Paris)
- King (Barcelona)
- La Caixa Research (Barcelona)
- NERA Consulting (Berlin)
- Overseas Development Institute (London)
- Oxera Consulting (London)
- RBB Economics (London)
- Socialpoint (Barcelona)
- The World Bank (webinar)

Interview rooms

for in-person, phone and Skype interviews

Individual appointments

coaching and guidance for your professional and career development

Group training sessions

on a variety of topics such as job search and interviewing strategies, CV construction and cover letter writing, personal “brand” development, tutorials for using LinkedIn and Vault, how to apply to PhD programs



Recruiter talk by Bank of Spain



Group training session with Career Services team

For access to tools and to contact Career Services, visit
www.barcelonagse.eu/alumni

Eye on Alumni Interviews

2013

Vanessa Behrens

HOME TOWN [Cologne, Germany](#)

CURRENT CITY [Mannheim, Germany](#)

EMPLOYER [Center of European Economic Research \(ZEW\)](#)

JOB TITLE [Researcher](#)

ZEW

Zentrum für Europäische
Wirtschaftsforschung GmbH

Centre for European
Economic Research



Vanessa took an internship with the World Intellectual Property Organization in Geneva, Switzerland that opened doors for her to move into a researcher position at ZEW in Mannheim, Germany.

What did you work on at WIPO?

My main responsibility at WIPO was to analyse data on patents, trademarks, industrial designs and utility models, covering around 150 countries. The statistics were then published in WIPO's yearly statistical reports; The Hague-, Madrid-, PCT- and World Intellectual Property Indicators report. Additional to the analysis, my tasks involved data extraction and manipulation, performing calculations or finding the most informative and comprehensive way to visually represent the data.

I also worked on a paper concerning patent pendency. Several countries have seen an increase in the time it takes to grant a patent application, which may impact the incentive to innovate. This topic is very interesting and not widely covered in applied research, so this paper aimed to present some initial findings.

How did you find out about this position and what was the selection process like?

The Barcelona GSE career service sent an email to inform students about the position. The selection process consisted of

a telephone interview with my current boss. Within a week of the interview, I was offered the job.

Other than the master degree, what qualifications helped you get the job?

A masters degree was not required for this position, however, it is probably preferred. Work experience is always good to have, but more important is the relevance of your previous work. Nevertheless, a lack of directly related work experienced may be compensated by knowledge on intellectual property.

How did the Economics of Public Policy master help prepare you for this work?

The master program I undertook at Barcelona GSE prepared me well for my internship at WIPO and for my future as a whole. The ability to interpret scientific research papers has helped me grasp the economics of innovation and firm behavior in the context of intellectual property. The state-of-the-art econometric techniques and focus on policy issues will prove to be particularly useful when I am undertaking applied research in the near future.

I truly enjoyed working in a great team at WIPO and feel like it opened doors for me. I have now started to work as a Researcher at The Center of European Economic Research (ZEW) in Mannheim, where I am undertaking applied research on innovation policy and industrial economics.

patents

firm behavior

Switzerland

industrial economics

intellectual property

innovation policy

Germany

2013

Cristian Bulete

HOME TOWN Bucharest, Romania
CURRENT CITY Bucharest, Romania
EMPLOYER National Bank of Romania
JOB TITLE Senior Economist



This graduate of the Master in Macroeconomic Policy and Financial Markets is developing a DSGE model that will be used for policy analysis and forecasting at Romania's central bank.

DSGE model Romania

Developing a new macro model for the bank sounds like quite a challenge.

Working in a central bank does certainly not lack challenges. We enjoy a lot the fact that we encounter new challenges while working on the DSGE project almost on a daily basis, and thus constantly have to come up with creative solutions. However, I don't deny there are moments we wish certain issues were straightforward.

Nevertheless, my activity prior to the above mentioned project was very interesting as well. I was involved in preparing quarterly macroeconomic forecasts for the Inflation Report, various policy notes, materials for the European Central Bank. It can be quite satisfactory to know that your output assists policymakers in important decision processes, even if sometimes to a smaller degree.

Was it worth it to take a year away from work to get your masters?

Definitely. This is something I would recommend people to do. And it is not a singular opinion, as I remember more than half of my classmates had prior work experience. It's a type of pursuit of knowledge I think most employers, including mine, encourage and appreciate. Although in the end it is more about the rigorous academic training, which is a great investment both in the short and the long run.

In my case, I would say basically all the courses have been useful, with special mentions to those on Macroeconomics (Monetary Policy), Computational Methods, and (Bayesian) Time Series Econometrics. But the Barcelona GSE experience was not just about the class contents. One thing I particularly appreciate was the way teachers encouraged us to work together. I believe that the best way to fully understand something is by explaining it to others, and this helps me a lot in my job.

Any plans to get together with other alumni any time soon?

In my travels abroad I often meet up with GSE people, either alumni or teachers. From time to time, a few people in our class organize small reunions. The next one will be in Milan this summer, so we'll get a chance to see the Universal Exposition.

Looking back, what do you miss the most about your master year?

It's very hard to say. Everything: the academic environment, the international community, the social interactions with the colleagues and some of the teachers, the amazing city, the weather...It's simply impossible to rank them. I truly found it to be an enriching experience and I am still reaping its benefits.

forecasting
policy-oriented research
creative solutions

2013

Ana Garcia

HOME TOWN Madrid, Spain

CURRENT CITY Kampala, Uganda

EMPLOYER Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

JOB TITLE Senior Research Associate



This International Trade, Finance and Development graduate was recently promoted to Senior Research Associate at IPA Uganda. In September she will start her PhD at NOVA School of Business and Economics in Lisbon, Portugal.

Tell us about your current project.

I became Senior Research Associate in March, and I am now working on a baseline data collection for the “Land Tenure Security for Men and Women” project, partnering with the Gender Innovation Lab of The World Bank. In Uganda, the majority of rural land is unregistered and held under customary ownership, which has been associated with inadequate security of tenure and tends to be biased against women. Weak land rights in turn have been linked to reduced household welfare. This project aims to measure the impact of a large-scale land administration reform, which will systematically demarcate and register 800,000 parcels of rural land. It will further examine the impact of promoting gender equality on land registration within the household in Uganda.

What advice do you have for other Barcelona GSE students and alumni who are trying to get into this field?

I would tell the students not to feel discouraged if they are not getting interviews in the organizations or firms where they are applying. It took me a lot of CVs in JPAL/IPA (and many other organizations) to get one single interview. But the call arrived. It is just a matter of applying to all the positions that you are interested in and adapting your CV and cover letters to that specific position.

Also take advantage of the great people you have around in Barcelona GSE. Your colleagues are very interesting people with very various experiences that might be very valuable for you, and sharing them could help you with your applications and interviews. Also the professors are very accessible and you should definitely talk to them about your future goals and aspirations.

households

Uganda

land administration reform

infrastructure

economic development

NOVAFRICA

gender equality

Stay in touch with the Barcelona GSE placement department and explain your interests to the career advisors. They will guide you with your applications, help you connect with alumni working in the same field you want to work in, and give you information about specific organizations and their application procedures.

Will you keep your focus on Africa when you start your PhD next fall?

I have been admitted to the PhD in Economics at the NOVA School of Business and Economics that I will start in September 2015, with a scholarship of the Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia of the Portuguese Government. I will have three semesters of courses and then I will start my research, focused on Development Economics. This program is interesting for me for several reasons, among them being their focus on research since the beginning of the program, their excellent professors and the knowledge center NOVAFRICA, focused on producing research to generate impact on business and economic development in Africa.

Patricia Gómez-González

HOME TOWN [Barcelona](#)
 CURRENT CITY [Madrid, Spain](#)
 EMPLOYER [Bank of Spain](#)
 JOB TITLE [Research Economist](#)

BANCODE ESPAÑA
Eurosistema



This alum from one of the first cohorts of Barcelona GSE masters students went on to obtain her PhD in Economics from MIT and now works as a research economist at the Bank of Spain in Madrid.

Describe your career path since graduating from the Barcelona GSE.

After graduating from the master program in July 2009, I started the PhD program at MIT in September. My areas of specialization were Macroeconomics and International Economics, a choice that I had very much taken already during my years as an undergraduate at UPF and especially during the master program at the Barcelona GSE. I wrote my thesis on International Economics with a special emphasis on sovereign debt and its interaction with financial markets. I went to the job market for PhD candidates in January 2014 and interviewed with the Bank of Spain. After giving a research seminar at the Bank and holding several interviews there, I was offered a position as a research economist in the Economic Analysis and Forecasting Department. As you probably can guess, I accepted the offer and have been working there since September 2014.

What has been the most memorable project at the Bank so far?

In the beginning of this year I contributed to the Annual Report of the Bank of Spain ("Informe Anual" in Spanish) with a box about the macroeconomic effects for the Spanish economy of the low oil prices during the second half of 2014. It required a lot of teamwork, and I learned a lot from the models used at the Bank and from the previous research on the topic. Also, the Annual Report is discussed in front of the entire Economics, Statistics, and Research Directorate. Some of the conclusions of

teamwork sovereign debt
 financial markets
 central bank
 PhD from MIT
 models and evidence

the box were somewhat surprising, so it generated some debate. Defending the work and the conclusions for the first time in front of the entire Directorate was enriching and memorable.

Is this what you pictured yourself doing after the master program?

Yes, more or less. During the master program I already knew I was going to pursue a PhD. I expected to be working in academia or in some international organization or central bank doing research after it.

The year at the Barcelona GSE influenced my career a lot. My research interests are close to many of the topics that researchers at the Barcelona GSE work on and related to several classes I took during the master. During the master program, I was introduced to many of the modeling techniques I currently use for my research. I am still in touch with several of my professors of that year and talk to some of them about my work.

What hints or advice would you give to current students who want to follow a career path like yours?

I would recommend learning as much as they can, attending classes and doing problem sets; but most importantly discussing economics issues with friends, talking to professors about research ideas, keeping a critical view of what they are taught in class, thinking about the match between models and the empirical evidence, being a research assistant if they can.

What do you miss most about the Barcelona GSE?

The collegiality and the great events that were organized! I feel we all learned a lot and worked hard. There was a lot of teamwork and interesting discussions. I remember learning a lot from the professors and from great questions that my peers had. Then, of course, on the weekends or after work we would get together for a beer by the Barceloneta, or throw a party in someone's place. It felt like everyone was a big family enjoying their single year in a great city like Barcelona!

Are you able to keep in touch with your classmates from the master?

As a matter of fact, I keep in touch with several of my classmates that year, but none of them live in Madrid. The flipside of that is that I have friends all over the world: Florence, Vienna, Paris, Barcelona, California, New Haven, Australia...

2013

Sam Juthani

HOME TOWN London, UK

CURRENT CITY Oxfordshire, UK

EMPLOYER WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme)

JOB TITLE Economist



Material change for
a better environment



This Economics of Public Policy alum is an Economist for WRAP (Waste and Resources Action Programme), an environmental sustainability charity in the UK. He is also a chocolatier, marathon runner, and candidate for Parliament. How does it all fit together?

You're a full-time economist, but you're developing some other career interests as well. Tell us about them.

I effectively have about three jobs, so it's probably best to split these out:

Economist: I work for an environmental charity, looking at resource use. If a material has value at the end of a production process, then it logically should be used again, or sold on. It frequently isn't, so this is an area in which there is a serious market failure. My job is to analyse these, and help the charity that I work for to provide information and market co-ordination that corrects these failures whilst avoiding the risk of government failure.

Politician: I am running for election to be a Member of Parliament (MP) for the Labour Party here in the UK for a seat called Henley. As an economist, I'm frequently in the media, commentating on economic policy issues, especially macroeconomic issues, but also within the areas that I'm most concerned about: education, healthcare and the environment.

Chocolatier: I make chocolate truffles for parties, weddings and fundraising events (e.g. for the marathon I ran in April).

How did the Economics of Public Policy master program help you prepare for this multi-faceted career?

The master program was hugely helpful. First and foremost was just being in a different country, surrounded by others from so many other countries and cultures. It taught me a lot about the way in which different people think and approach tasks. This was especially true with my flatmates, who were mostly other Barcelona GSE students – but more importantly were from Bolivia, New Zealand and Colombia respectively.

The Barcelona GSE courses were well taught, and I really enjoyed the subject that I studied. Having a toolset that allows you to think clearly and logically through a position, and the potential pitfalls, is invaluable, and these were continually reinforced with each class that I took.

And of course, I was able to test all my chocolates on my classmates and others! Chocolate was a good way of working across nationalities and languages!

What advice would you give to current Barcelona GSE students?

Life has a funny way of throwing you curveballs – situations which you didn't quite anticipate happening. When I graduated, I worked for an IT company for a year. This was not an ideal position, but gave me time and space to look for the right thing, whilst progressing with other things, like my political career, and chocolatiering! I think I'm back on track, and very much where I want to be now.

What do you miss the most from the Barcelona GSE?

I miss a lot of it, Barcelona is a great city and I made some great friends on the course. I learned a huge amount during my time there, and really enjoyed the broad interaction I could have with people who were doing such amazing, crazy and cool things with their lives!

I have to say though, I don't miss the problem sets!

You meet some amazing people at GSE. Last summer, I was privileged enough to be invited to one of my good friend's weddings! The friends I met at the GSE, and particularly my flatmates, are friends for life. They live literally all over the world, and I miss them.

But that's the great thing. I'm doing cool stuff now that I've left the GSE, whether its one of my many jobs, running London Marathon for a charity for disabled children, or as a governor of a number of schools in the UK, I've moved on from the GSE as a bigger, more accomplished person. I know my colleagues have as well. That's why they're all so great!

sustainability UK politics
households chocolate
resource management
connecting theory with the
real world

Antonio Massieu

HOME TOWN Mexico City

CURRENT CITY Mexico City

EMPLOYER Regulatory Commission of Energy, Mexico

JOB TITLE Chief Advisor to the Commissioner



After two years with one of the country's most renowned law firms, this Competition and Market Regulation alum was invited to join Mexico's Regulatory Commission of Energy as chief advisor to the Commissioner.

Describe your career path since graduating from the master program.

After completing my master degree, I came back to Mexico and started working at one of the best, most renowned law firms in the country, Santamarina y Steta, as a senior associate, in charge of the Energy practice area.

I worked at Santamarina y Steta for nearly two years, until I received an invitation from the Commissioner's office at the Regulatory Commission of Energy, to join as chief advisor to Commissioner Guillermo Zúñiga.

This job is exactly the job I wanted to have after graduating. Working in a multi-disciplinary environment like this is particularly rewarding for me, since it allows me to develop my legal skills while applying solid economic concepts related to regulation and competition matters in energy markets.

How did the master program prepare you for this step in your career?

My current job represents the biggest challenge I have faced professionally, since Mexico is experiencing a deep paradigm shift in the energy sector that came with a strong energy reform last year; therefore, the skills and concepts I learned at BGSE help me a lot in every task I carry out, given that the energy reform introduced a whole new regulatory scheme which entails competitive markets in different sectors of the industry.

In this sense, the concepts and intuitions I received during my master degree help me greatly to understand how these new markets need to be regulated, and how the competitive process needs to be developed. Industrial Organization, Microeconomics, Competition Policy and Competition and Regulation in Energy were (and are) particularly helpful courses for me.

What hints or advice would you give to current students who want to follow this career path?

Being a lawyer, I would say that the most important thing about the Competition and Market Regulation program is understanding the concepts and general intuitions that are taught. Even though I acquired strong quantitative skills through the courses that I took, the theoretical concepts help me constantly to analyze real-life situations that I have every day on top of my desk, since they are easily applicable to energy markets.

Are you still in touch with your classmates? What do you miss most from the master year?

I know several GSE Alumni (most of them were my ex-classmates) around Mexico City, who hold job positions similar to mine – especially at the Competition Commission and Telecommunications Commission in Mexico.

What I miss most about the Barcelona GSE is the academic environment and the opportunity to interact with people with different backgrounds.

intuition
 legal skills
 energy markets
 regulation
 competitive process
 multi-disciplinary
 environment

2013

Cecilia Nardini

HOME TOWN La Spezia, Italy

CURRENT CITY London, UK

EMPLOYER Charles River Associates

JOB TITLE Senior Associate



This Competition and Market Regulation alum works on high profile competition cases in Europe and internationally – sometimes against her former Barcelona GSE classmates!

Describe your career path since graduating from the Barcelona GSE.

After graduation I joined Charles River Associates, one of the leading economic consulting firms specialised in competition. I have now been in the London office for almost two years, working as a Senior Associate. This is exactly what I pictured myself doing after the master program. I have been very lucky!

Tell us about your most challenging project so far.

The most challenging project has been an abuse of dominance case in telecoms. The core of the case was a terribly complicated modelling which I was responsible for; modelling the business of our client was not only complicated from a conceptual point of view, but also from the point of view of implementation on the software. It required endless exchanges with the client and very extensive discussions internally – complicated by the fact that the case team was spread between London, New York and Sydney: imagine crossing time zones to find a time of the day that would suit everyone for a call! The intense phase of the modelling lasted for about a year, and the case is still ongoing, so this was (is) definitely not only a challenging but also a memorable experience.

How did the Competition master's program prepare you for the work you're doing now?

The program gave me an excellent preparation for this job. Not only did I feel it was extremely useful for passing the interview, but also, through the combination of theoretical lectures and the many (and some!) hours spent on problem sets and practical applications, it provided me with exactly all the tools I needed for this work: ability to frame a case into a theory, and then to analyse the data to understand if they support or reject that theory.

competition cases
abuse of dominance
telecoms
demanding but rewarding
consulting
software

What would you tell current students who want to follow this career path?

Be ready to work hard! This job can be extremely demanding, but it is also very rewarding. The variety of cases we work on keeps it very interesting (and constantly challenging – every day you learn something new), and the fact that we work on the majority of high profile competition cases in Europe and internationally makes you feel you are doing something that matters.

Do you keep in touch with other alumni in London?

Yes, there are many GSE alumni in London, and many from the Competition program, and we meet regularly. I have also worked on the same case as one of my ex-classmates, but for the client against his – so it can well happen that you are together for a night out one day, and sat in a meeting at the opposite sides of the table the next day.

What do you miss the most from your master year?

I think what I miss most is my class. Nothing can beat the bonds that are created spending days and days (and sometimes nights) together preparing for exams...and partying when exams are over.

2014

Aleka Pappa

HOME TOWN Tirana, Albania
CURRENT CITY Tirana, Albania
EMPLOYER IDM Albania
JOB TITLE Junior Research Fellow



At the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM) in her home town of Tirana, Aleka Pappa uses quantitative methods and tools to evaluate processes such as decentralization in Albania and reconciliation activities in the Western Balkans.

Tell us about your position at IDM.

I am a junior research fellow under the Think Tank Young Professional Development Program for MA and PhD Graduates at the Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM), an independent NGO in Albania. The fellowship is awarded by Open Society Foundations (OSF) to recent graduates from high-quality universities in the OECD countries returning home to contribute in the regional think tanks.

What sorts of research projects are you working on?

In my present position, I am involved in multidisciplinary activities starting from providing assistance to senior colleagues in drafting project proposals and policy briefs to conducting desk and field research and offering general support to events and conferences promoted by IDM.

What is more, by the end of the fellowship period, I have to elaborate a research paper and a comprehensive policy paper on a specific relevant argument. Currently, I am supporting the development and execution of a project concerning the monitoring and assessment of the decentralization process in Albania. I am also part of a team carrying out qualitative analysis of reconciliation activities in the Western Balkans.

What material from the master program has been most useful for this work?

Needless to say, the master program in Economics of Public Policy has been a great asset to me with its distinctive combination of a solid foundation in economic theory with the applied aspect – all accompanied by the teaching of world-class professors. I especially value the firm grounding in research methods with Econometrics, Quantitative Methods for Policy Evaluation and Survey Methods, which have been particularly useful in my current projects.

Any nostalgia for Barcelona as you get settled in Tirana again?

Well, as the legend goes, Barcelona has me under a spell since I drank from the Font de Canaletes – I already went back for a weekend last month!

regional economics

policy briefs

think tanks

field research

NGOs

Western Balkans

Albania

Jebb Peria

HOME TOWN **Toronto, Canada**

CURRENT CITY **Stavanger, Norway**

EMPLOYER **PwC Deals**

JOB TITLE **Senior Associate**



This Finance alum headed to Norway after graduation, where his career path has taken him from an internship at Statoil to his current position as Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

What has been your career path since graduating from the Barcelona GSE?

After graduating from the Barcelona GSE in 2010, I accepted a summer internship position in Statoil in Stavanger, Norway. My main responsibility was to perform statistical analysis on gas and electricity prices in North Western Europe.

After the summer internship, Statoil offered me to be part of their 3-year Corporate Graduate Program where I get to work in three different positions within in Statoil. In those three years, I worked at the Corporate Finance, Business Development and Downstream departments. Tasks ranged from investment analysis, commercial valuation, and modelling of conventional and unconventional Oil & Gas plays in Norway, US and Canada. I have also been involved in valuation and modeling of gas-to-power contracts and gas sales contracts in Europe.

After four years in Statoil, I decided to move in February 2015 to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Deals where we do M&A, financial and commercial due diligence, valuation and modelling. Due to my Oil & Gas industry experience, I am mainly involved in M&A and Divestment deals within the O&G industry.

Tell us about one of your most memorable projects so far.

The most exciting and challenging project I have worked on was an acquisition project in the US. Working in a team composed of different disciplines (geologists and geophysicists, reservoir engineers, production engineers, tax, legal, accounting, HR) with a short timeline of 1-2 weeks, it demanded a lot of teamwork, discipline, a steep learning curve and an engineering dictionary. I find these kind of projects exciting and challenging due to time pressure, the non-routine nature of the job, and the necessary teamwork to succeed.

When you entered the Finance master, was it your objective to work in this industry?

Yes (Financial services industry) and No (O&G industry). Growing up in Canada's financial capital and having previously worked for RBC Dexia, working in Bay Street or Wall Street was the ultimate dream. It never crossed my mind, however, to work in the O&G industry until the Statoil opportunity presented itself. The experience I gained in the O&G industry greatly helped me land a job in PwC.

How has the master been useful for you in your professional career?

The Finance master has provided me a very strong foundation for my professional career. The courses (stochastic processes, continuous time finance, empirical finance, corporate finance, financial engineering) have equipped me with tools needed in financial modelling and economic analysis my job required.

Are you able to keep in touch with your classmates from the master?

Even though Barcelona GSE alumni are spread out all over the world, I try to stay in touch. I have met up with some alumni in London, Barcelona, and Vienna.

What hints or advice would you give to current students who want to follow a career path like yours?

Learn the (financial) tools taught by the excellent faculty and world-class professors, know when and how to use these tools, and continuously build (and maintain) relationships. Every task is about problem solving and decision-making, and these tools will help you in your everyday tasks. Building relationships and creating your own network is of great importance. To those who really want to have an advantage, learn new languages. Learn Spanish, Catalan, German, or any other languages. In addition, learn programming languages such as VBA. Be damn good in Excel.

oil and gas industry M&A financial tools
VBA investment analysis contracts due diligence

2013

Henrik Sigstad

HOME TOWN Lillehammer, Norway

CURRENT CITY Boston, MA (USA)

EMPLOYER Harvard University

JOB TITLE Economics



This graduate of the International Trade, Finance and Development master program is a PhD student at Harvard University. Before entering Harvard, he spent a “gap” year working as a researcher in the public sector in his home country of Norway.

Tell us about your job at Statistics Norway.

I was working as a junior researcher in the research department, which is one of the more active communities doing research on Norwegian micro data, taking part in empirical research on labor supply and the measurement of inequality. As you might have guessed, this means my main activity was programming in STATA.

My most rewarding project was to model the Norwegian tax and benefit system and incorporate it into a structural model of labour supply. It forced me to learn the details of the Norwegian welfare system, get to know the Norwegian administrative data, and to learn a lot about econometric modeling in practice.

By working closely with experienced researchers, I got a preview into how life is doing research and it reassured me that I really wanted to do a PhD. I also acquired fluency in STATA, got time to think about my own research ideas and to apply to PhD programs, which made the year a perfect “gap” year.

How did the master program prepare you for research work?

I believe the most important way the master program impacted me was by maturing my way of thinking about economics. It taught me about the interaction between theory and empirics, and how to reason precisely around economic problems. The teaching at the Barcelona GSE was of a very high quality, and inspired me a lot.

Among particular courses that were directly useful for me in my work, Econometric Methods I shines out. It supplied me with essential tools for thinking about data modeling and inference, that I use almost every day.

I am also very grateful to professors at the Barcelona GSE, who were very accessible and inspiring, and supported me in my PhD application process.

PhD
Norwegian micro data
United States
“gap” year
econometrics
inequality
STATA fluency

Do you plan to return to the public sector after obtaining your PhD?

My primary plan is to see where the academic track will lead me. If I feel that I can contribute in a meaningful way as a researcher it will be difficult to persuade me away from that plan. However, I left mathematics for economics in 2011 because I wanted to do something that could more directly impact the world positively. Thus, if I find that the type of research I am able to produce is not relevant or convincing enough to improve policy, I might change plans.

Do you have any ideas about the direction you might take in your research?

Right now I spend time thinking about how to design empirical studies to shed light on theories of the political economy in developing countries. I am curious about how to construct micro data and apply econometric methods in order to understand political behavior and incentives in weakly democratic states.

Class of 2015

Competition and Market Regulation 2015



What we'll never forget:

"A pleasant walk along Barcelona beach after the last exam...
The great dinners we had together."

Natalia Bernardo '15

"Spending the best moments with the 'Girls' GSE power cartel'
in the GSE study rooms as well as out of university (and in
Whatsapp of course!). Fernando's caricatures before exams
were coming."

Carla Banfi '15

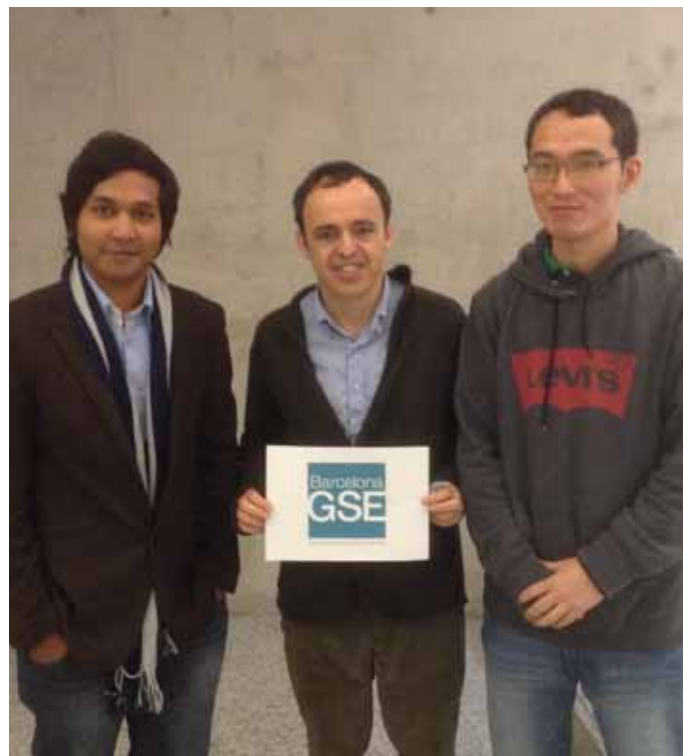
What's next:

"I will have some holidays with my family in Chile, and then I am
moving to Madrid for working at Compass Lexecon."

Carla Banfi '15

"I will travel one month around Europe before I start working."

Natalia Bernardo '15





What we'll never forget:

"It was right after the Data Science orientation in September. Almost all of us went for lunch at a pizzeria. We were meeting for the first time and were on our best behaviour. Who would have thought all of us were actually brats waiting for the right moment to unleash? In all it has been a pleasure to have known all my DS friends for a year and to see us grow and become uber cool. Like data scientists."

Rishabh Agnihotri '15

"You are now 1/19 of a Data Scientist."

Anonymous





What we'll never forget:

"I will never forget that time when during the final Advanced Macro III exam somebody booked our room for an undergraduate exam and the PhD student proctoring the exam fought heroically against the woman trying to kick us out."

Pablo Lara '15

What's next:

"It's hard to believe this year is almost over. It has been a very intense and decisive year. An emotional roller-coaster for sure. Looking forward to my (short) summer holidays and moving to the US to start my PhD at Columbia!!"

Teresa Esteban '15





What we'll never forget:

"The amazing moments in the old library; when the light is coming, desks' lights create amazing illusions with the stone walls of the building giving you a taste of the past."

Michail Chouzouris '15

"Spending long, sleepless nights working on the thesis. Secretly playing cards in the deposit instead of studying."

Ian Helfrich '15



What's next:

"I'm going to enjoy a short summer finding inspiration before starting a PhD program in the US this fall."

Ian Helfrich '15





What we'll never forget:

"Every moment with your guys is still fresh: Jaime, Jelena and I swim in the sea at 4:00 am on a December morning; making a funny video for my friend's wedding; Many of you accompanied me for my first Chinese New Year abroad; I enjoyed a wonderful match at Camp Nou with Uncle Marcelo and Professor Juan; and an amazing hiking at Monserrat! It's impossible for me to count all the memories. Love you!"

Tao Zhu (Leo) '15



What we ate: Esqueixada

Ingredients 4 persons:

200 g Desalted cod, ½ Green pepper, ½ Red pepper, ½ Onion, 2 Tomatoes, Black olives from Aragon, Olive Oil, Balsamic vinegar, salt



I am going to present a typical recipe from Catalonia, perfect for summer. The *Esqueixada de Bacallà*, as it is called here, is a quick and easy dish to make with cod and some vegetables.

First, we take the desalted cod and we put it in a bowl with water to hydrate it. Meanwhile, we clean up all the vegetables and we cut them into small pieces.

Then it is the time to drain/drip the cod and put it in a bowl along with all the vegetables and olives.

Finally, just throw it a good splash/trickle of olive oil, a dash of balsamic vinegar and a little bit of salt. Here you have! A super simple and refreshing dish, perfect for those warm days.

If you did not eat it at the moment, keep it in the fridge. You could also add some beans.

Recipe contributed by Roger Dies '15



What we'll never forget:

"The problem sets we had to solve! We would solve them in groups, which taught me a great deal of teamwork and companionship."

"The master project has been an eye opener for me. It taught me that at times of intellectual conflict one has to take a stand."

"Regarding off-campus adventures, I have an amazing set of close friends with whom I had the best times; whether it was nights out, movies or soccer games!"

Debarya Jana '15

"¡ANIMO! Whether it was a lecture until 9pm, a 10-page problem set due the next day or papers to read piling up – that phrase suits all situations and circumstances a BGSE students faces in her every-day life and brings new energy and spirit, especially if you say it out loud and repeat in a group."

"A funny memory goes back to when we got introduced to the 'window test', where you take the model and then look out the window, implying that you check whether empirical evidence is consistent with the model's theoretical predictions. One student, however, took 'window' too literally and started looking out the classroom window. After a while, she whispered to her neighbor saying, 'I don't get it, what's happening outside?'"

Isabelle Salcher '15

What's next:

"A Masters from BGSE certainly opens up a gamut of career opportunities. It instilled in us the desired skills and confidence thereby preparing us for the real world challenges awaiting us."

From here on, we will disperse all over the world to gratify our soaring aspirations. The knowledge we acquired in these hallowed classrooms will be put to the test. Our successful handling of these obstacles will bear testimony to the rigorous training we obtained at BGSE."

Suryanshu Bhoi '15



What we ate: 7-Layer Dip

“A necessity for any Superbowl party, it could also be enjoyed while watching Champions League or Copa America!”

This dish is similar to nachos and is meant to be served alongside tortilla chips as a snack.



Ingredients:

- 1 package 8 ounce cream cheese (alternatively, sour cream)
- 16 ounces refried beans (generally store bought but can be homemade)
- 1 Tablespoon taco seasoning mix (generally store bought, but can be made using chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder, red pepper flakes, oregano, paprika, cumin and salt)
- 1 cup each: guacamole, salsa, tomatoes, shredded lettuce, shredded cheddar (cheddar or Monterey Jack)
- ½ cup green onions
- 2 tablespoons sliced, pitted black olives

Preparation:

1. Spread refried beans onto bottom of a 9-inch pie plate or other deep dish
2. In a medium bowl, mix cream cheese and taco seasoning mix. Spread on top of refried beans. Spread guacamole next.
3. Layer salsa, lettuce, cheddar cheese, onions and olives over the top and refrigerate.
4. Serve with tortilla chips.

Recipe contributed by Lindsay Grant '15





What's next:

"I really enjoyed this master. The faculty pushed us to our limits but this is the price to pay for acquiring such a huge amount of knowledge in only a short period of time. The group was amazing and on the few occasions that we didn't have to study, do problem sets or work on projects we had a great time together."

As for the future, I am looking forward to the short holiday since in September I will join the Research Division at the ECB where I will be working on a project which involves developing a DSGE model for macroprudential policy analysis."

Adrian Ifrim '15

Community Updates

Class of 2008

Enrique González Porras (Competition)

I've been promoted to Executive Director of Venezuelan Plastic Industry Chamber. I am Founder Director of CEAPRE Consulting Group, and finished the Postgraduate Diploma in Economics for Competition Law at Kings College London.

Inaam Hussain (MESI)

Implementing to commence 'big data' consultancy business in Barcelona next month.

Class of 2009

Antonio Henriques (MESI)

I've just been accepted to the Harvard Business School MBA Class of 2017.

Class of 2010

Fernanda Leal Pardini (MESI)

I joined UCB Pharma in Mexico City a year ago, and this past January I got transferred to the US office in San Francisco and have never been happier! Last month, I got together with a couple of classmates from MESI, Saurab and Michael, who are both doing great. In September a bunch of us will go to Barcelona for the wedding of our classmate Mario!

Luisa Riveros Galvis (ITFD)

I've been working in Economtría Consultores in Bogotá for 3 years and a half. I started as analyst and now I am a happy project coordinator.

Mario Schäfer (MESI)

During last year I took over responsibility to build up Trifermed's affiliate for Northern, Central and Eastern Europe located in Frankfurt, Germany. Additionally, I am actively involved in the internationalization strategy, being part of the Executive Board. I am active as Academic Collaborator at ESADE Business & Law School.

Class of 2011

Alberto del Couz (Finance)

I'm now Full Time Faculty Member at UPC-Lima (Perú).

Lucila Mederos (ITFD)

This June, I had the pleasure of attending the ceremony where Prof. Andreu Mas-Colell was named Doctor Honoris Causa by the University of Chicago. As an alum of the Barcelona GSE, I felt honored to watch the founder of our school receive this recognition and to represent the alumni community here in Chicago.

After the ceremony I got to join Prof. Mas-Colell, his family, the President Emeritus of the University of Chicago and Chairman of the Barcelona GSE Scientific Council Hugo Sonnenschein, and the other recipients for lunch, where I took this photo. Professor Mas-Colell seemed very grateful to receive the Honoris Causa distinction and to have the GSE represented at the event.



*Lucila Mederos with
Prof. Andreu Mas-Colell*

Class of 2012

Federico Lubello (Economics)

I got a PhD in Economics from Catholic University of Milan and I'm now Research Fellow at the University of Copenhagen. I'll be joining Bank of England over this summer for a PhD internship within the Financial Stability Directorate.

Alumni working and traveling in Uganda



Sergio Rodriguez-Apolinar (ITFD)

I started working as a Research Analyst for the International Monetary Fund (Washington, DC) in October 2014. I work for the SDR (Special Drawing Rights) and Quota Policy Division.

Alumni from several class years are in Uganda working for Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA). They include Paula Elice '11 (ITFD), Ana Garcia '13 (ITFD), Simon Robertson '14 (Economics), and Marta Santamaria '13 (Economics).



Fellow alumni Christina Hans (Finance '12 and GPEFM), Niklas Heusch (Economics '11 and GPEFM), Marco Nieddu (GPEFM) didn't miss the chance to visit and explore the country.

Class of 2013

Yuhao Li (Economics)

I am an Economics PhD Candidate at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Manuel Muñoz (Macro)

I just became State Economist and will start at the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness in Madrid after finishing at the ECB this summer.

Class of 2014

Felipe Bragues (Economics)

I'll join Brown Phd this fall!

Rozi Kepes (Economics)

I just started as an Analyst in KPMG's Competition Economics Team in London.

Daniel Leff (Economics)

I am starting a PhD in Economics at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) this August.

Charlie Thompson (ITFD)

I recently started a job as a Data Analyst at Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

Manuel Trigueiros Cunha (Competition)

I'm a strategy analyst at WireCo WorldGroup in Portugal.

Social Media

Barcelona GSE Voice

Founded by Barcelona GSE students in the Class of 2013, the Barcelona GSE Voice is a blog written by students and alumni. This year's contributing writers were:

- Brian C. Albrecht '14 (Economics of Public Policy)
- Francesco Amodio (Economics '10, GPEFM)
- Marco Antonielli '12 (ITFD)
- Gaston Besanson '15 (Data Science)
- Jana Bobosikova '10 (ITFD)
- Víctor Burguete '11 (ITFD)
- Liyun Chen '11 (Economics)
- Nicola Cofelice '14 (Macro)
- Stefano Costantini '15 (Data Science)
- Carlos De Sousa '12 (Macro)
- Nadim Elayan '15 (ITFD)
- Fernando Fernández '13 (Economics, GPEFM)
- Hugo Ferradans '15 (Economics of Public Policy)
- Alex Hansson '13 (ITFD)
- Pedro Hinojo '15 (Competition)
- Genevieve Jeffery '15 (Economics of Public Policy)
- Hugo Kaminski '15 (Economics)
- Tim Kreienkamp '15 (Data Science)
- Alvaro Leandro (ITFD '13, Economics '14)
- Allison Mandra '14 (Macro)
- Antonio Massieu '13 (Competition)
- Yi-Ting Kuo '15 (Economics of Public Policy)
- Arturo Pallardo '15 (Economics)
- Guillem Roig '08 (Competition)
- Marlène Rump '15 (ITFD)



- Miguel Angel Santos (ITFD '11, Economics '12)
- Keke Sun (IDEA)
- Olga Tschekassin '13 (ITFD)
- Iacopo Tonini '15 (ITFD)
- Felipe Valencia (GPEFM)
- Thomas Walsh '14 (Macro)
- Jordi Zamora '15 (Data Science)

If you haven't written for the Voice, please consider doing so!

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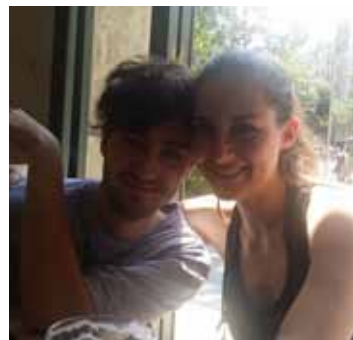
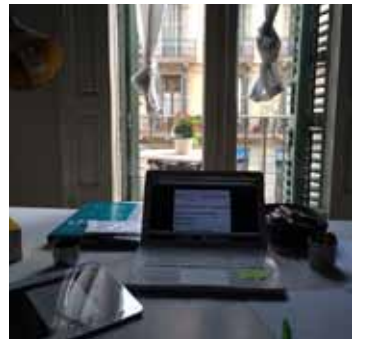
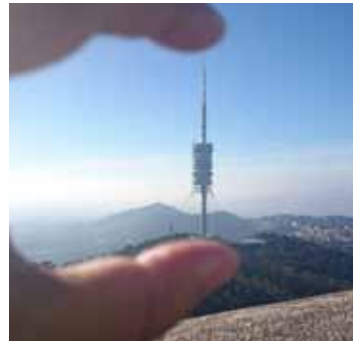
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