

MPM Newsletter



MONTHLY NEWS

The MPM office to welcome a group from the Georgian Grigol Robakidze University

In April, the MPM office together with the MPM cohort 2017/2018 welcomed a group of students from the Georgian Grigol Robakidze University. Group leader and Dean of the School of Public Administration and Politics Anna Phirtsckhalashvili and ten public administration students came in the framework of a DAAD funded study visit to get to know the University of Potsdam and in



particular the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. Their study visit focused on the relationship between the EU and the Eastern Partnership countries, but also included lectures, cultural events and sightseeing to get a better understanding of Germany and its people.

Together with the group from Georgia the MPM cohort 2017/2018 visited the Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt), where Carsten Wilms, Deputy Head of the Middle East Division, talked about challenges and chances of the work of the ministry in times of globalization.

At Campus Griebnitzsee, Kerstin Altherr, Coordinator of Customizes Programs at UP Transfer GmbH, explained vividly the structure of the German public sector and its specifics at the federal and local level. Later on the Georgian students met with student representatives of the "Fachschaftsrat Politik und Verwaltung" to find out more about how student participation at universities work.

Cooperation and collaboration – How we find synergies

A couple of days later, our colleague Kerstin Altherr, who is working just across the hall welcomed a delegation of 16 people from Ukraine. As mentioned above, Kerstin deals with customized programs, which are conducted to promote advanced research and teaching as well as academic training projects in the fields of public policy, public administration and management. She develops and organizes programs for institutions, advises on concepts, program content and didactics.

In the framework of a study visit on advanced training in public administration, financed and

organized by GIZ and ULEAD, a local empowerment, accountability and development program for Ukraine, the MPM office had the opportunity to talk about public administration and management issues in higher education institutions. Our colleagues from the National Civil Servant Agency, the Ministry for Regional Development, and Ukrainian Higher Education Institutions were specifically interested in the concept of post-graduate studies and executive education.



Let's admit it: in this regard, the MPM is a great example of executive education - a science-based and practice-oriented mid-career program that aims to equip professionals with a new understanding of public service issues.



ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH



Marwa Mostafa, MPM Class of 2014, Research and Capacity Building Coordinator, IOM Egypt

My time in Potsdam has been incredible! It was diverse and intense. Each of us benefited and learned in his/her own way, and sometimes I still find myself reflecting on some of the topics we have discussed in class, especially those of relevance to my current work. I reminisce about the good times, the laughs, and the fun we had, moreover, I am still connected to my MPM family. I am appreciative of my journey and I am thankful and happy rather than being sad that it has ended.



MPM STUDY TOUR TO BONN AND BRUSSELS 2018

The Study Tour to Bonn and Brussels is an essential part of the MPM curriculum, and it is designed to give students an insight into issues such as climate change, development cooperation, migration and sustainability. 2018's Study Tour started off in Bonn with meetings with representatives of the UNFCCC, WHO, and UNESCO as well as with a session on politics of social protection at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

In Brussels, the MPM students enjoyed a guided tour on lobbying with Corporate Europe Observatory, meetings with WWF, Business-Europe, and UNHCR. It goes without saying that visiting the European Parliament and the European Commission were a must.



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In October 2018 we will welcome our 19th MPM cohort!

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