

# 5th Career Day for Economists: Past and present students united at the HSG



On November 23, 2016, the Economics department of the HSG hosted the fifth Career Day for Economists at the University of St Gallen. With more than 100 participants each year, the Career Day brings together HSG alumni and current students and promotes a lively exchange between the generations of HSG students at their alma mater.

This year's Career Day started with a keynote speech by Thomas Liebig, HSG-Alumnus and Migration Specialist at the OECD in Brussels. In his talk, Liebig discussed the OECD's role in the current migration crisis. The very informative talk combined insights into Liebig's work at the OECD, examples of present studies the organisation is working on, and personal anecdotes highlighting the role of analytical, structured thinking – something his years at the HSG taught him, as he emphasised. [Here](#) you can find the slides from Liebig's talk.

Following the keynote speech, Christian Keuschnigg, Professor of Economics at the HSG, presented his newest project [Next Generation](#). The project encourages the young generation of economists to summarise current scientific debates and to present those insights to decision makers and the broader public. We invite you to have a closer look at the [Next Generation](#) and its latest publications.

The evening proceeded in Group Dates: in three working groups, the alumni and students considered various topics of interest. In smaller circles, the participants enthusiastically discussed the alumni's career paths and experiences in the fields of Banking & Finance, the Industrial Sector, IT, Consulting, the Public Sector, Academia and Insurance. Combined with some snacks and drinks, the conversations continued in the subsequent apéro.

The event closed with a dinner for all participating alumni and faculty members at the Mensa. Over nice food and a good glass of wine, everybody had the chance to catch up and to end the evening in a relaxed atmosphere.

We would like to thank all alumni and students for accepting our invitation and making this event such a success. We are looking forward to seeing you all back at the HSG next year!