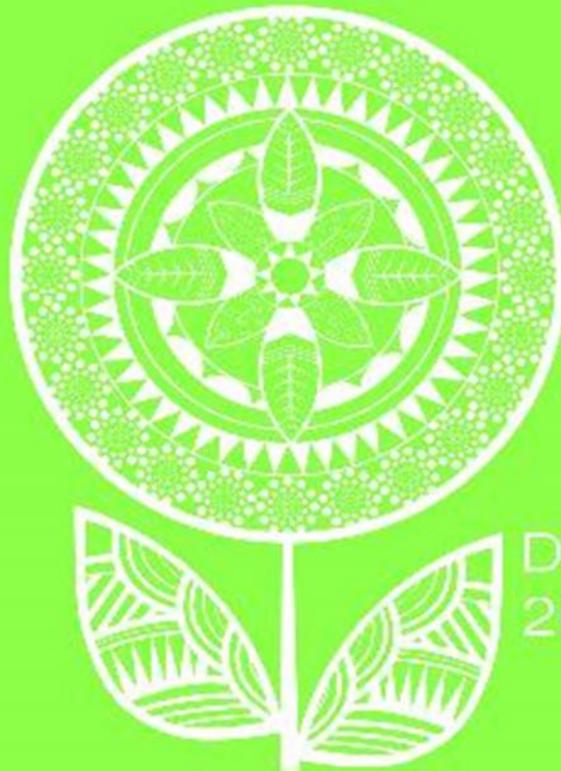
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Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

162nd EAAE Seminar: The evaluation of new CAP instruments: Lessons learned and the road ahead

26-27 April, 2018: Budapest, Hungary

Theme: *Analysis of CAP 2020 reform options in light of lessons learned since 2013.*

The seminar focuses on the evaluation of the current CAP instruments as well as on possible scenarios of future CAP.

The first objective of the seminar is to bring together researchers working on the various topics within the overall theme of agricultural and food policies in order to stimulate discussions, collaborations and future research. The second objective is to take stock of the lessons learned since 2013 in CAP design and implementation. The third objective is to bring together research on possible ways and ideas how to reform the CAP after 2020. Contributions are sought from a variety of academic disciplines (e.g. political science, rural sociology, etc.) as well as agricultural economics, and from policy practitioners.

Important dates:

31 January 2018: Submission deadline for abstracts

15 February 2018: Notifications of acceptance & registration opens

15 March 2018: Early bird registration deadline

1 April 2018: Deadline for submission of full papers

15 April 2018: Late riser registration deadline

For more information, please visit: <http://agecon.hu/events/>

164th EAAE Seminar: Preserving Ecosystem Services via Sustainable Agro-food Chains

05-07 September 2018: Chania, Crete, Greece

The Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (CIHEAM MAI) will organize the 164th EAAE Seminar “Preserving Ecosystem Services via Sustainable Agro-food Chains”. The main objective of this seminar is to bring together researchers and policy makers and establish the relation between agrofood chains and the preservation and provision of ecosystem services. In addition, environmental, methodological and societal issues will be tackled from a transaction perspective. The seminar’s outcome will provide extensive background on the topic for further applications and research. Researchers, academicians, policy makers and environmentalists are cordially invited to submit their contributions covering the topics of this seminar, such as:

- Challenges threatening the ecosystem and food-chain sustainability
- Sustainable food and packaging technologies
- Consumer behavior and sustainability
- Nutrition/diet and health
- Comparative costs of sustainable food products and systems
- Institutional innovations to link consumers and producers
- EU policy to enhance sustainability
- Trends and policies affecting the structure of the food market, including trade
- Quality food chain policy
- Climate change and food sustainability
- Food chain and Rural Environment

Submission Deadline for abstracts: 31 March 2018.

For more information, please visit: <http://eaae164.maich.gr/>

25th Eurasia Business and Economic Society Conference

May 23-25, 2018: Berlin, Germany

The 25th EBES Conference, jointly organized with the GLO (The Global Labor Organization) and hosted by the FOM University of Applied Sciences in Berlin, Germany, will bring together many distinguished researchers from all over the world. Participants will find opportunities for presenting new research, exchanging information, and discussing current issues.

Although the focus is on Europe and Asia, all papers from major economics, finance, and business fields - theoretical or empirical - are highly encouraged. Qualified papers will be published in the EBES journals (Eurasian Business Review and Eurasian Economic Review) and EBES Proceedings (no submission and publication fees). EBES journals (EABR and EAER) and Proceedings are published by Springer. Both journals (EABR and EAER) are indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (Web of Science) and Scopus.

Papers focus on all fields of economics and finance are welcome in the conference. Some of the topics that are accepted in the conference are Accounting/Audit, Behavioral Finance, Corporate Finance/Governance, Econometrics, Economics of Innovation, Education, Emerging Economies, Energy Studies, Entrepreneurship, Financial Economics, Health Economics, Human Resources, Industrial Organization, International Economics and Trade, International Finance. Investment, Islamic Economics/Finance, Labor Economics, Growth & Development, Game Theory, Management, Marketing, MIS, Monetary, Economics, Political Economy, Public Economics, Regional Studies, Risk Management, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SME), and Tourism.

Deadline for the submission is February 28, 2018.

For more information, please visit: <http://ebesweb.org/Conferences/25th-EBES-Conference-Berlin/Call-for-Papers.aspx>

7th AIEAA Conference: Evidence-based policies to face new challenges for agri-food systems

14-15 June 2018: Conegliano, Italy

The European agri-food systems are facing relevant and new challenges. This call for policy intervention that should be designed to meet these challenges, which include the following:

- Increasing globalization and international competition in agri-food markets;
- Innovations and structural changes in agri-food markets;
- Climate change and reduced availability of natural resources.

Increasing international competition means that the European farm sector and agri-food industry is under pressure and in need of relevant structural and organizational changes.

Furthermore, the structural changes observed in agri-food markets have caused increasingly volatile prices, market concentration and other important changes (e.g. an increase in the use of contractual agreements reducing farmers' freedom of action). The last challenge affects the levels and stability of production, and exacerbates the competition for natural resources between different sectors. These challenges indicate that there is a need for the scientific community to play a renewed role in supporting policy design and implementation. This renewed role should focus on:

- developing a more proactive dialogue between the scientific community and policy makers;
- developing and using new methods and tools for policy analysis and evaluation;
- increasing the focus of analysis on both sustainability and resilience of agri-food systems;
- considering the rapidly changing structure of the agri-food value-chain and markets.

Important dates:

Abstract submission by authors: February 15, 2018
Notification of acceptance to authors: March 20, 2018
Full paper/poster submission: May 25, 2018
Authors' registration deadline: May 31, 2018.
For more information please visit: <http://www.aieaa.org/aieaaconference2018>

6th EMES International Training School: Social enterprises and research methods: Qualitative methods, mixed methods and international comparisons
19-22 June, 2018: Marseille, France

EMES, COST and LEST jointly organize the 6th EMES Training School aimed at researchers and PhD students who conduct research in the wide fields of social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, social economy and solidarity economy and are interested in epistemological and methodological. With this event, EMES, COST and LEST aim to:

Emphasize the research design, epistemology and methodology involved in any research project, specifically in a doctoral path;
Strengthen the interdisciplinary dialogue in the fields of social entrepreneurship and social enterprise, social economy and solidarity economy;
Strengthen the training of PhD students by means of methodological and theoretical lectures, debates, and professional and social media workshops;
Provide personalized feedback and support via well-supported small group discussion sessions on participants' research projects, their research questions, approaches and theoretical understandings; more precisely, in addition to various opportunities of informal discussion, at least a full hour will be devoted to every student's research project within group sessions (for presentation by the student, feed-back by professors and their peers, discussion and synthesis of recommendations). Note that, although the training school will be held in English, some group sessions may be organized in French or Spanish, if enough participants share this language;
Provide space for social and intellectual discussion so that doctoral students will have ample opportunity to establish and expand their own peer networks and benefit from contacts and feedback from established scholars;
Encourage a broad and diverse range of participants, since exchanges between researchers from different countries, continents, cultures and academic disciplines can support stimulating and fertile reflections on research approaches.

Important dates:

January 22nd, 2018. Application submission deadline
February 26th, 2018. Results of the selection process
March 1st, 2018. Registration opens

For more information please visit: <https://emes.net/training-education/phd-summer-schools/6th-emes-international-training-school/>

3rd EMES-Polanyi International Seminar: Welfare societies in transition.
16-17 April, 2018: Roskilde, Denmark

The previous seminar in May 2016 focused on a key question in Polanyi's work: the relationship between economic and political pluralism. At this conference we will now explore further how a

renewed reconciliation between the redistributive capacity of the welfare state and the reciprocal and collective capacities of associative life may form a cornerstone in a new welfare society.

We are inviting proposals on how a Polanyian framework may contribute to define a way forward for the welfare state in an international perspective.

Important dates:

February 28th, 2018. Abstract submission deadline

March 15th, 2018. Notification of acceptance/rejection to authors

March 15th, 2018. Conference registration opens

April 9th, 2018. Deadline for seminar registration

April 11th, 2018. Deadline for full paper submission

For more information please visit: <https://emes.net/events/emes-polanyi/3rd-emes-polanyi-international-seminar/>

IAMO Forum 2018: Large-scale agriculture – for profit and society?
27-29 June 2018: Halle (Saale), Germany

Agricultural production in transition and increasingly in developed and emerging economies is moving to larger farms. Highly integrated industrial-scale enterprises operating on hundred thousand hectares of farmland set new standards for agribusiness and attract growing interest on the part of non-agricultural investors.

The IAMO Forum 2018 aims to address the economic, social, institutional, and managerial aspects of large-scale agriculture by providing a platform for presenting and discussing research on the related issues.

The geographical focus of the conference is on the transition countries of Eastern Europe, the Former Soviet Union, and East Asia as well as developed and emerging countries in Europe, the Americas and Australia. We welcome contributions on topics such as:

- Corporate governance;
- Corporate social responsibility;
- Risk management and finance;
- Human resource management;
- Competition on factor and output markets;
- Welfare and distributional justice in rural areas, or
- Environmental implications and challenges.

The conference contributions may stem from a variety of methodological approaches ranging from micro-level analyses of farm management and econometrics to institutional, socioeconomic and geographic investigations of large-scale agribusiness at the regional and cross-national level. Inter- and transdisciplinary contributions are particularly welcome.

Important dates:

- Deadline for organized session proposals: 28 January 2018
- Deadline for extended abstracts: 25 February 2018
- Notification of accepted session proposals: 27 February 2018
- Notification of accepted extended abstracts: 23 March 2018
- Early bird registration deadline: 11 May 2018
- Final deadline for online registration: 08 June 2018

For more information please visit: <https://forum2018.iamo.de/about-the-conference/>

58th GEWISOLA annual conference: Visions for an agriculture and food policy after 2020

12 - 14 September 2018: Kiel, Germany

The 58th annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaues e.V. (GEWISOLA) will be held from Wednesday 12 September 2018 to Friday 14 September 2018 at the University of Kiel.

Some of the most important global challenges of our time are being influenced by the framework conditions set by agriculture and food policies. Examples of these challenges include climate change, the conservation of biodiversity, the fight against hunger, poverty and poverty-linked migration, as well as a reduction in diet-related diseases. Decision-makers in politics, industry associations and the private sector are dependent on relevant analyses and scientifically substantiated recommendations for action. Making such recommendations is a key objective of economics and social sciences in the agricultural and food sector. These should aim at the long-term maximization of macroeconomic welfare through the sustainable management of natural resources. The key issues at the annual conference will be:

Which agricultural and food policy interventions are needed in certain markets, and why?

What should the future priorities of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy be?

What food policy measures are suitable for generating more sustainable consumption patterns?

How can buying behavior and societal policy goals be reconciled more effectively?

What role can new technologies (e.g. digitization) play in the sustainable use of resources along value chains?

What new scientific theories and methods appear to be particularly well suited to meeting the above challenges?

Important dates:

- Submission of suggestions for self-organized work groups/pre-conference activities: 1 February 2018 (confirmation of acceptance by 1 March 2018)
- Submission of written papers: 1 March 2018 (confirmation of acceptance by 31 May 2018)
- Submission of poster contributions: 3 April 2018 (confirmation of acceptance by 29 June 2018)
- Delivery of written papers revised in accordance with reviewers' comments for publication on the conference website and AgEconSearch: 15 August, 2018
- Delivery of the final version of written papers and the summary of posters for publication in the conference proceedings: 5 November 2018.

For more information please visit: <http://www.gewisola2018.uni-kiel.de/en>

ICABR Conference: Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains, and Rural Development

June 12-15, 2018: Washington, DC, USA.

The ICABR Conference on "Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains, and Rural Development" organized in partnership with the World Bank, will serve as a multidisciplinary forum of discussion to facilitate interactions between leading academics, World Bank staff, policymakers, government experts, civil society organizations, private-sector representatives, and representatives of other international organizations to showcase the present frontier knowledge on these issues.

The conference will be organized with contributed papers, organized sessions, policy panels and round-table discussions with the private sector.

We highly encourage the participation of the private sector to showcase their innovative products and to operationalize the development of the value chain, also the submissions related to any aspect of the Disruptive Innovations, Value Chains and Rural Development such as:

- The Bio economy and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- The contribution of the bio economy to the SDGs
- Agriculture and rural development to meet the SDGs
- Agricultural and economic transformation
- Agricultural and Rural Development
- Rural and Inclusive Transformation
- Technological innovations: Big data and breakthroughs in the biological sciences
- New farming Apps and geospatial technologies for precision agriculture
- New gene-editing technologies in agriculture
- The future of electricity and biofuel from biomass
- Improving resource use efficiency: water and soils
- Impacts on agriculture and agribusiness in developed and developing countries
- Constraints to development and spread of technology
- Institutional innovations and inclusive value chain development
- Supermarkets, agricultural processing and logistics
- Supply chain design, spread and adoption of innovation and their implications
- Financing innovation in agricultural production and input/output value chains
- Constraints to the development of input and food processing/retail value chains
- Government interventions in the agriculture and agribusiness sector
- Regulations on input industries and agricultural processing/retail
- Public sector research by NARS and CGIAR
- Public-Private partnerships in agriculture
- Institutional and commercial constraints to agriculture development
- Role of foreign aid and international cooperation

Important dates:

January 31, 2018: Deadline for abstract and session proposals

March 1, 2018: Notification of Acceptance

April 15, 2018: Early Bird Registration

For more information please visit: <http://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2017/10/11/disruptive-innovations-value-chains-and-rural-development>

22nd International Farm Management Congress: Growing Agriculture @ 41 Degrees South

3-8 March, 2019: Launceston, Tasmania, Australia

The theme for the 2019 Congress is **Growing Agriculture @ 41 Degrees South – Excellence in farm management through innovation, diversification and integration with tourism.**

The demand for food is increasing; we will need to increase food production by 70% by 2050. For some economies that depend strongly on agriculture, like Tasmania, there are attractive export opportunities for the supply of high quality and “quality assured” produce. What needs to happen for these opportunities to be realized?

The Congress will devote a number of sessions to presentations, discussions and workshops to examine what Governments, educators, researchers, consultants, farmers and commercial companies will need to do to capitalize on these opportunities.

The Congress program also includes 2 days of field tours visiting farms and related institutions in northern Tasmania, presentations on global “hot topics”, and contributed papers on the Congress sub-themes.

IFMA 22 is hosted by the Tasmanian Department of State Growth and the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (a joint venture between the University of Tasmania and the Department of Primary Industry, Parks Water and the Environment).

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ifma22.org/>

28th IFAMA World Conference

24-28 June, 2018: Buenos Aires, Argentina

IFAMA is pleased to announce the theme of the 28th IFAMA World Forum, Symposium and Student Case Competition, to be held in Buenos Aires beginning the last weekend in June 2018: Sustainable Food Security 2050

Disruptive Innovations: Better Business. Management. Science. Government.

FORUM

A high quality, thought-provoking Forum with international speakers from businesses, public sector, academia. The Forum languages are English and Spanish; Wi-Fi based simultaneous translation will be provided.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

IFAMA hosts the only global student case competition serving the agribusiness sector. This year, for the first time, it will be hosted in both English and Spanish. Teams will compete in one of these streams: Undergraduate, Intermediate, and Advanced. For the first time IFAMA will offer separate streams for English speaking and for Spanish speaking students.

SYMPOSIUM

A rich and stimulating international academic Symposium, with a Best Paper competition and a Best Case competition, in English and in Spanish.

As done in prior years, IFAMA plans to publish in a special issue of its leading academic journal, IFAMR, the Best Papers and Best Cases in English. A dedicated, peer reviewed e-volume in Spanish, with print on demand, will also be published by the same publisher of IFAMR, with the best Spanish contributions.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ifama.org/page-18525>

ICPB 2018: 20th International Conference on Plant Biology

14-15 June 2018: Vienna, Austria

The **ICPB 2018: 20th International Conference on Plant Biology** aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all aspects of Plant Biology. It also provides a premier interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the fields of Plant Biology.

Deadline for paper submissions: **18 February 2018**

For more information, please visit: <https://waset.org/conference/2018/06/vienna/ICPB>

Scholarships and Fellowships

Amsterdam Excellence Scholarships (AES)

The Amsterdam Excellence Scholarships (AES) awards scholarships to exceptionally talented students from outside Europe to pursue eligible Master's Programs offered at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands. Course starts September 2018.

Level/Field(s) of study: Eligible English-Taught Master's Program offered in the following faculties:

- Child Development and Education
- Communication
- Economics and Business
- Humanities
- Law
- Psychology
- Science
- Social Sciences

The AES is a full scholarship of €25,000 (covering tuition and living expenses) for one academic year with the possibility of extension for a second year for two-year Master's programs.

Eligibility: Non-EU students from any discipline who graduated in the top 10% of their class may apply. Selection is on the basis of academic excellence, ambition and the relevance of the selected Master's program to a student's future career.

Application instructions: Applications are made through the Admissions Offices of the Graduate Schools. You can find the specific eligibility requirements, selection criteria and application instructions on the Graduate School websites.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.uva.nl/en/education/master-s/scholarships-tuition/scholarships-and-loans/amsterdam-excellence-scholarship/amsterdam-excellence-scholarship.html>

Harvard University MBA Scholarship 2019

The Harvard MBA is one of the world's leading business programs, taught at one of the world's most prestigious Universities.

The Boustany MBA Harvard Scholarship is granted once every two years for a two year course at Harvard Business School.

The Scholarship offers the following:

- Financial aid amounting to US\$90,000 (US\$45,000 per year) towards tuition fees
- Travel and accommodation expenses related to the internship.

The next Scholarship will be awarded for the class commencing autumn 2019.

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must have an excellent academic background and show considerable promise. Although the Scholarship can be awarded to candidates of any nation, priority will be given to candidates of Lebanese descent.

Candidates may apply for the Scholarship only after receiving an offer of admission from the Harvard MBA program.

Application Process

If you wish to apply, please send a copy of your curriculum vitae with a photograph, GMAT scores and acceptance letter from the University to: admissions@boustany-foundation.org

Deadline for the submission of candidacy: 31st May 2019.

For more information please visit: <http://www.boustany-foundation.org/scholarship-programs/MBA-Harvard>

Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships 2018-2019

Deadline: Varies from country to country

Open to: graduates from all fields

Scholarship: varies according to a country of origin and a type of scholarship

Swiss Government, through the Federal Commission, offers excellence scholarships for foreign scholars and artists in Switzerland. Scholarships are available for pursuing Ph.D., postdoctoral, research programs and fine arts at one of the public funded universities or recognized institution.

The Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships are aimed at young researchers from abroad who have completed a master's degree or Ph.D. and at foreign artists holding a bachelor's degree.

Each year the Swiss Confederation awards Government Excellence Scholarships to promote international exchange and research cooperation between Switzerland and over 180 other countries. Recipients are selected by the awarding body, the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS).

Applicants from outside the home country will often need to meet specific English language/other language requirements in order to be able to study there.

More information is available at: <https://www.sbf.admin.ch/sbf/en/home/bildung/scholarships-and-grants/swiss-government-excellence-scholarships-for-foreign-scholars-an.html#293613175>

LEG International Talent Scholarship for International Students in Netherlands, 2018

The Utrecht University has created a scholarship program to enable talented international students to undertake a master degree program in the Netherlands. Approximately 15 scholarships are awarded per year.

Utrecht University is committed to providing an outstanding education at an affordable cost. Founded in 1636 and located in the heart of the Netherlands, Utrecht University is one of Europe's leading research universities. We are recognized internationally for our high-quality, innovative approach to research and teaching. The Shanghai Ranking ranks Utrecht University as 1st in the Netherlands and 47th in the world. The Best Global Universities Ranking ranks the University as 1st in the Netherlands and 12th in Europe.

Since English is the official language at UCU, applicants are required to demonstrate proof of proficiency.

Course Level: Scholarships are available to pursue master degree program.

Study Subject: Scholarships are awarded to pursue a degree in one of the English taught Master's programs of the Graduate School of Law, Economics, and Governance.

Scholarship Award: With the scholarship students will be able to cover the costs of the tuition fee and part of the living expenses.

Application Deadline: Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2018.

For more information please visit: <https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/general-information/international-students/financial-matters/grants-and-scholarships/law-economics-and-governance-international-talent-scholarship>

University Graduate Scholarships at College of Europe, 2018-2019

Open to: university graduates coming from European Neighborhood Policy countries, including Armenia.

Scholarship: academic expenses, accommodation, meals and travel costs

Description

College of Europe is offering large number of scholarships for university graduates coming from European Neighborhood Policy countries (Bruges campus and Natolin campus). These scholarships will be awarded to pursue postgraduate studies during the academic year 2018-2019.

The College is a private university/institution and can rely on an extensive network of contacts in European institutions, national administrations, international organizations, European universities and professional circles.

The two working languages of the College of Europe are English and French. Candidates can apply to some study programs with a lower command of one of these two languages. Occasionally students are admitted on condition that they improve specific language skills.

Eligibility

All applicants to the College of Europe must hold a relevant university degree. Admission to the College of Europe requires either a Bologna Master's degree, or a pre-Bologna equivalent degree, or a final university degree and at least 240 ECTS credits acquired in the course of one's university studies. Holders of a Bachelor degree are also eligible provided they demonstrate strong qualification in relation to the academic program for which they apply.

Application

All applicants to the College must hold a relevant university degree. Candidates must submit a formal application for admission, which consists of an online application. Applications need to be submitted with all the requested supporting documents before the closing date. All applicants, including students who do not apply for a scholarship, must indicate their selection committee (in principle according to their nationality) in the application form. Should there be no selection committee, please select "No selection committee – College of Europe".

Deadline: 17 January 2018

For more information please visit: <https://www.coleuropenatolin.eu/>

Visby Program Scholarships for master's level studies 2018/2019

Open to: candidates from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine

Scholarship: SEK 9,000 monthly grant for living expenses; Insurance; Tuition fee cover; Travel grant of SEK 5,000; **Membership in the SI Network for Future Global Leaders (NFGL)**

Description

The Swedish Institute (SI) Visby Program is a scholarship program for student, research and expert mobility in both directions between Sweden and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

The Visby Program aims at building capacity in young professionals who have the ambition to play an active role in society and to contribute to a positive development in their home countries and region.

The program focuses on the individual mobility of young, academic talents to promote professional collaboration and lasting relations between Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Sweden and Ukraine. The goal is to build an integrated, knowledge-based and research-intensive region where environmental and social sustainability, innovation and responsibility in management are key factors in achieving sustainable economic growth and regional development.

Application

Application period: **2-9 February 2018** for the academic year 2018/2019.

On 5 April, a list of successful applications will be posted on www.si.se. At the same time, successful candidates will receive an email from SI with the official scholarship offer. If your application is successful, you must accept your scholarship before the indicated deadline in the email or the offer will be given to another applicant.

For more information please visit: <https://si.se/en/apply/scholarships/visby-programme-masters/>

Master's Programs in Economics and Finance, Specialized Economic Analysis and Data Science at Barcelona Graduate School of Economics 2018-2019

Start Date: 01 September 2018

End Date: 31 July 2019

Program Duration: 9 Months

Application Deadline: 25 June 2018

Study Options: Full Time

Funding Options: Total or partial tuition fee waivers; Full scholarships

Location: Ramon Trias Fargas 25-27, 08005, Barcelona, Spain

The Barcelona GSE is a leading institution for graduate education and research in **Economics, Finance, and Data Science**. We bring talented, motivated students from more than 90 countries to Barcelona and connect them with top-ranking researchers, experienced teaching faculty, international alumni and a strong recruiter network.

The objective of our rigorous nine-month Master's programs is to prepare graduates for professional and academic careers that require intense analytical thinking and a flexible mindset.

Program quality

- Scientific Council of more than 30 leading academics including 12 Nobel Laureates in Economics provides strategic guidance for program development
- “Approved with Excellence” (highest rating) by the Spanish Ministry of Education for “high research quality, international focus, and emphasis on placement”

For more information please visit: https://admissions.barcelonagse.eu/master-programs-in-economics-finance-and-data-science-at-the-barcelona-graduate-school-of-economics/?utm_source=INOMICS&utm_medium=profile&utm_campaign=Masters1718

Job Opportunities

FXTM Armenia: Junior Payment Specialist

TERM: Full-time

START DATE/ TIME: ASAP

DURATION: Permanent, with 3 months of probation period.

LOCATION: Yerevan, Armenia

JOB DESCRIPTION: FXTM Armenia is looking for a candidate to fill the position of Junior Payment Specialist to realize the responsibilities mentioned below.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Review, analyze and resolve simple–complex payment processing issues;
- Analyze, identify, and communicate payment system issues;
- Partner with multiple internal departments and external Payment providers/ stakeholders regarding setup details and resolve issues;
- Prepare reports/ analysis on several payment issues;

- Perform regular competition research and analysis;
- Identify innovative ideas to improve the customer journey and increase efficiency;
- Perform other duties as assigned by Supervisor and Head of Division.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- University degree in Economics, Accounting, and Finance or in a related field will be considered as an advantage;
- Work experience in corporate management/ administration will be considered as an advantage;
- Previous experience in any Payment provider/ Bank institution will be considered as an advantage;
- Previous experience in the Forex industry will be considered as an advantage;
- Fluency in English and an additional language will be considered as an advantage;
- Computer literacy: very good knowledge of MS Excel, Word and PowerPoint;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, as well as the ability to effectively network with stakeholders;
- Ability to handle multiple tasks and track and report on progress;
- Ability to be proactive and show initiative;
- Ability to follow processes and procedures;
- Team player.

REMUNERATION/ SALARY: Competitive, including a private medical insurance.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: To apply for this position, please send your CV in English language to: careers@fxm.com, stating the position title ("Junior Payment Specialist") in the email. Early applications are encouraged and welcomed. All applications will be treated confidentially.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 21 January 2018

World Vision Armenia: Project Manager

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Project Manager will have overall responsibility for coordination of “Civil Society and Local Authorities Acting together for Sustainable Development” project activities and staff. S/he will be responsible for technical leadership and administrative oversight of the Project and will serve as the principal institutional liaison to the donor, partners and local government entities.

Project Manager will manage Business Facilitator and work with Project Coordinator and Business Facilitator from co-applicant organization and will ensure quality, timeliness, and efficiency of all products and activities generated under the “Civil Society and Local Authorities Acting together for Sustainable Development” Project. The Project Manager is expected to have strong leadership qualities and depth and breadth of technical and management expertise.

S/he also provides strategic leadership and supervision of partners, consultants, service contractors while ensuring the security, feasibility, and sustainability of the project and contribution to Child wellbeing outcomes.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion of tourism and culture in Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions with a view to enhancing economic development and reducing poverty in these target areas. The project will generate greater economic benefits for over 15 targeted communities creating employment and self-employment opportunities for locals; it will also improve working conditions and access to the market of tourism. The project will contribute to the conservation of natural and cultural heritage and revitalization of the cultural life. Finally, it will involve the citizenry in the decision-making process on community development issues and increase

their trust towards civil society organizations and local authorities. In other words, the project strives to make the communities a better place to live and for tourists to visit.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct and oversee project implementation, ensuring that all strategic objectives are met through proper design, staffing, implementation and quality assurance;
- Manage performance of direct reports based on agreed priorities and targets;
- Duly conduct performance planning and evaluation of direct reports;
- Establish and maintain effective project reporting, evaluation, and communication systems. Submit timely accurate and professional reports that meet donor requirements;
- Manage project budget within approved spending levels and ensure accurate and timely financial reports to donors. Ensure project expenses are reasonable, allocated as per assigned budget, prudent and spent in accordance with donor rules and regulations to ensure low risk audits;
- Liaise with local government officials, local communities, donor representatives and other stakeholders as appropriate. Facilitate learning of best practices on project's technical areas and other donor organizations;
- Establish clear and frequent communication regarding Project progress and oversight management with the donor.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree in Economics, Development studies, Marketing or equivalent;
- 5+ years of extensive international development experience;
- Experiences in the projects funded by EU or other international donors;
- Proven ability of project management;
- Good knowledge of community development, empowerment and/or coaching principles and approaches;
- Good experience in networking;
- Knowledge of and familiarity with international assistance program requirements, their policies and regulations;
- Keen understanding of the unique political dynamics of the country and ability to work carefully and collaboratively to maintain productive relationships with the various national and local government entities in Armenia;
- Ability to integrate teams of professionals around common goals;
- Demonstrated accomplishment in working with host-country professionals, ministries and with donor colleagues in country;
- Strong presentation and report writing skills;
- Experience in tourism development projects;
- Experience in community development projects;
- Self-starter with the ability to work in a team environment;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in Armenian and English;
- Driver's license and driving experience is preferred;
- Ability and willingness to travel domestically and internationally up to 50 % of the time.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: If you are interested in this position, to apply, please register at <http://careers.wvi.org/job-opportunities-in-armenia> and send your CV to: hr_wwarm@wvi.org. No information inquiries will be handled over the phone. Only short-listed candidates will be notified for interview. In the subject line of your e-mail message, please, mention the title of the position you are applying for.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 08, 2018.

World Vision Armenia: Business Facilitator

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

Business Facilitator will be responsible for “Civil Society and Local Authorities Acting together for Sustainable Development” project implementation in Tchambarak area. This includes the operation of the Business Facilitation Unit, as well as timely reporting and execution of activities defined in Implementation Plan /25 % of work time/. Business Facilitator will be also responsible for small business development, including provision of advice, referrals and networks to beneficiaries, as well as coaching and support to Advisory Council /75 % of work time/.

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the promotion of tourism and culture in Gegharkunik and Vayots Dzor regions with a view to enhancing economic development and reducing poverty in these target areas. The project will generate greater economic benefits for over 15 targeted communities creating employment and self-employment opportunities for locals; it will also improve working conditions and access to the market of tourism. The project will contribute to the conservation of natural and cultural heritage and revitalization of the cultural life. Finally, it will involve the citizenry in the decision-making process on community development issues and increase their trust towards civil society organizations and local authorities. In other words, the project strives to make the communities a better place to live and for tourists to visit.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure smooth implementation of all project activities as per the elaborated Project Action Plan and ensure compliance with the project goal and donor requirements;
- Establish and maintain effective project reporting, evaluation, and communication systems;
- Submit timely, accurate and professional progress reports to the supervisor;
- Oversee the implementation of project activities by the project implementing partners as per the signed Agreements;
- Provide advice and referrals to business owners/ other beneficiaries;
- Provide business training and support with other capacity building initiatives;
- Provide target business owners with follow-up business coaching upon request;
- Actively encourage and support the development of business peer support groups and counsellors;
- Support business clients to start or expand their business by providing tailored advice, information, training, referrals through the coaching process;
- Regularly research business opportunities, community needs and assets in target area;
- Develop a comprehensive database of local networks and service providers that can assist local businesses and the community-based councils with business development;
- Link/ refer individual and group clients to local service providers such as banks and training organizations;
- Create linkages/networks with financial institutions and/ or other organizations or bodies that can assist in stimulating or advancing business development in the target area;
- Support the development of business groups, networks to improve business in local area;
- Intentionally reflect on actions and learn from successes and failures;
- Actively engage with fellow business facilitators for learning and support.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing, Economics, and Commerce, Business or related field/s, Master’s Degree is preferred;
- Good knowledge of community development, empowerment and/or coaching principles and approaches;
- Good knowledge on research & reporting;

- Demonstrated experience in small business development and management, including marketing, financial management and research. (e.g. owning or operating a business, or by providing business development services);
- Demonstrated experience in relationship development, supporting/ empowering and/ or coaching others and networking;
- Demonstrated experience in development, community empowerment, working with community-based organizations;
- Good experience in networking;
- Report writing experience;
- Proven ability to develop and communicate a common vision among diverse partners and the ability to lead multi-disciplinary teams;
- Excellent organizational and analytical skills;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in Armenian and English;
- Computer aptitude and experience with word processors;
- Analytical and problem-solving orientation, good interpersonal and negotiation skills;
- Cross-cultural sensitivity, adaptability and flexibility;
- Self-starter with the ability to work in a team environment;
- Experience within tourism development projects is preferred;
- Driver's license and driving experience is preferred;
- The position requires ability and willingness to travel domestically up to 50% of the time;
- Being prepared to often travel to implementation sites as required.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 08, 2018

Manfol Group international: Sales consultant

Age: 25 to 50 years old

Gender: Male

Job location: Dimitrov village, Ararat region

Duties:

1. Controls the availability of sufficient quantity of goods in the store and, if necessary, balance it
2. Helps customers to choose goods, advice on the range of goods sold at the store offered for sale in the shop, their consumer properties and the properties of the goods
3. Participates in promotion of some products, store advertisement, attracts the attention of buyers to this product by placing them in most viewed places, as well as providing additional advice to buyers on product specifications and benefits.
4. Helps the merchant and store manager to accept goods.
5. Supervises the availability of goods' labels, their proper installation and proper display of all trademark information (product name, price, weight, etc.)
6. Participates in inventory
7. Inspects the terms of sale of goods
8. Participates in sales trainings for salespeople, about product features and specifications, sales of goods, work in the cash register and other knowledge and skills required in the work

General requirements:

Education: secondary, incomplete higher

Work experience: at least one year of work experience.

Skill: basic knowledge in crop cultivation (plant protection, agronomy), agrochemicals, fertilizers, basic computer knowledge, as well as work experience IC (preferably as an advantage)

Languages: Knowledge of Russian language

Remuneration: AMD 80 000 + bonuses

Personal qualities:

1. Ability to negotiate:
2. Reliability
3. Organizational and planning activities
4. Responsibility
5. Ability to communicate

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: applicants must send their resume and motivation letter with the reason for their participation, answering why they have decided to participate in the vacancy competition, what can you offer to the company and what do you expect from the company? Motivation letter should not be more than one standard page.

Please send your CVs and motivation letters to hr@manfol.am mentioning the vacancy title in the subject line.

More information about the company can be found at www.fermer.am

Manfol Group international: Different positions

Manfol Group international is looking for candidates to fill the following vacancies:

1. The covering materials category specialist/product manager
2. Agro industry packaging specialist/product manager
3. Evaporative cooling system specialist/product manager
4. Drip irrigation system specialist/product manager

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: If you are interested to apply, please fill free to contact by: lusine@icare.am by 15.01.2018.