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After your MSc., where did you choose to go?

After the M.Sc. I decided to pursue a Ph.D. in the field of labor economics. For this reason, I started as a Ph.D. student at the Chair of Macroeconomics at FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg in September 2020.

How did your Heidelberg M.Sc. prepare you?

The M.Sc. in Heidelberg prepared me in many ways. First, it gave me a solid background in economic theory and how to approach empirical research questions. Furthermore, as a math tutor in Heidelberg I improved my teaching and quantitative skills. Thus, the skills obtained in Heidelberg are of great importance at my current position.

Your favorite course (or other academic activity including thesis, seminars, presentations) in the Heidelberg M.Sc.?

I particularly enjoyed "Advanced Macroeconomics" by Prof. Dr. Zeno Enders and "Economics of Carbon Markets" by Dr. Anca Balietti. Both courses were very interesting and influential for me in defining research interests.

Other remarks

Another positive aspect of Heidelberg is its proximity to Mannheim. In my case, this gave me the opportunity to work part-time as a research assistant at the Center for European Economic Research (ZEW Mannheim), which was a great work experience.