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

I started as an Associate in PwC's Sustainability team. Basically, my job can be divided into two fields: assurance and consulting. My team specializes in both assurance of sustainability reports and on consulting companies around their sustainability/carbon strategy, including climate scenario analysis.

How did your Heidelberg M.Sc. prepare you?

In a team with various study backgrounds, I quickly understood that the Economics degree made me familiar with thinking in scenarios. In my team, we are applying "climate scenario analysis", estimating the impact of climate change on the future performance of sectors and companies by taking assumptions and projecting for example impacts of a global warming of <2°C or 4°C onto them. I'm happy to apply specific climate model knowledge from Environmental Economics in a real world context. What I also find useful is thinking about environmental problems from an externality point of view.

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

I chose Heidelberg because it is one of the German universities with the broadest offering of Environmental Economics courses. So, naturally, those courses were my favorites. Additionally, I valued Heidelberg's education on Econometrics. Advanced Econometrics, Policy Evaluation and Institutional Economics shaped my understanding of data and how to empirically test hypotheses – including which scientific papers to believe and which not to believe. I think the best economics courses are those which teach you a certain ability of judgment regarding data and which offer practical examples. I had to struggle a bit with the theoretical courses like Mathematics but in the end, I was able to extract the skills I was looking for in the program and was proud earn a respected degree.