

Goethe Money and Macro Association e.V. – Tätigkeitsbericht 2015

Der im Jahre 2013 von GMMA vorgestellte GMMA Travel Grant wurde auch im Jahre 2015 an geeignete Bewerber und Bewerberinnen gewährt.

Die jungen Forscher und Forscherinnen, die mit dem GMMA Travel Grant finanziell unterstützt werden um Ihre Forschungspapiere auf nationalen und internationalen Konferenzen präsentieren zu können, sind für diese Möglichkeit sehr dankbar.

Auch der im Jahre 2014 zum ersten Mal vorgestellte GMMA Travel Grant zur Anreise für Bewerbungsgespräche auf dem internationalen „Job Market“ für junge Wissenschaftler und Wissenschaftlerinnen im Rahmen der jährlichen Konferenz der Allied Social Sciences in den Vereinigten Staaten wurde im Jahr 2015 fortgesetzt.

Die dementsprechend geförderten Absolventen und Absolventinnen haben die Gespräche und nachfolgenden Vortragseinladungen gemeistert und bereits im Jahr 2015 die entsprechenden Arbeitsstellen angetreten; so z. B. Frau Nina Biljanovska beim Internationalen Währungsfonds in Washington, DC und Herr Sebastian Kripfganz bei der University of Exeter in Grossbritannien.

Anbei finden Sie die Berichte unserer Absolventen und Absolventinnen. Es wurden insgesamt 7 Studenten mit einem Gesamtbetrag von Euro 3.723,81 gefördert.

Die GMMA-Mitglieder wurden zu der IMFS/CEPR Conference „Research Meeting on Global Banking and Bank Resolution sowie zu IMFS/CFS „ECB and Its Watchers XVI“ Conference, die am 10. und 11. März 2015 an der Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt stattgefunden hat, eingeladen.

Dies ist eine erstklassige Gelegenheit für die Mitglieder der GMMA ihr Netzwerk untereinander zu pflegen und neue Kontakte zu knüpfen, da diese internationale Konferenz mit international renommierten Rednern nur auf persönliche Einladung besucht werden kann.

In Jahr 2015 hat GMMA die alle drei Jahre abzugebende Steuererklärung beim Finanzamt ordnungsgemäß abgegeben und im Mai 2015 sowohl die gesonderte Feststellung über die Einhaltung der satzungsgemäßen Voraussetzung nach den §§ 51, 59, 60 und 61 AO als auch den Freistellungsbescheid für weitere 3 Jahre bekommen.

Seit Dezember 2015 hat GMMA eine neue Webseite, an der weiterhin noch gearbeitet wird.

Nun können künftig alle Events und Neuigkeiten über unseren Verein auf der Webseite gefunden werden.

Die neue Webseite lautet: www.gmma-frankfurt.de

GMMA Travel GRANT Report

Conference title: 2015 American Economic Association Meetings in Boston

Where: Boston, MA, USA

When: 3 - 5 of January, 2015

Participant: Nina Biljanovska

Experience

In the beginning of this year, I had the chance to attend the 2015 American Social Science Association (ASSA) Meetings, which this year took place in Boston, MA, USA. The ASSA Meetings is one of the major events in Economics that every year brings together approximately 10,000 economists from around the world. It is also an important venue because it allows Ph.D. candidates to meet with potential future employers and conduct multiple round of interviews with different employers at one place.

Having submitted 50 job applications this year, I received 11 invitations for interviews, of which 7 were in Boston. I interviewed with central banks and universities, including Bank of Canada, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, St. Gallen University, Florida State University, Banque de France, The Dutch Central Bank and Norges Bank, European Central Bank (Research Department), Bank of Spain, International Monetary Fund, KU Leuven. Following the initial stage of interviews, so far I have been invited for 7 central bank/campus visits: Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Banque de France, Norges Bank, European Central Bank (Research Department), International Monetary Fund, Bank of Spain and KU Leuven. Currently, I am still in the process of campus/central bank visits and expect to know the outcome towards the end of February, 2015.

I would like to thank the GMMA for supporting my trip to Boston. Attending the ASSA Meetings and having the chance to meet people, who are interested in and appreciate my work, was a unique experience. It was also a nice and not too stressful memory of the Ph.D. that will always remain with me. Thank you GMMA!



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GMMA Travel GRANT Report

Conference title: ASSA 2015 annual meeting
Where: Boston, USA
When: January 3-5, 2015
Participant: Sebastian Kripfganz

Experience

The annual meeting of the Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) this year took place at the first weekend of January in Boston. It is one of the largest meetings for social scientists and economists worldwide. Besides numerous sessions with presentations by senior and junior economists of their latest research, the meeting also forms the framework for the international "job market". Predominantly US-based universities, public and private institutions, and corporations use these meetings for a centralized first round of interviews with prospective job candidates that recently finished or are about to finish their Ph.D. In recent years, also non-US-based universities increasingly attend the ASSA meetings to conduct interviews for their vacant post-doc or assistant professorship positions.

Personally, I got hold of the following 10 job interviews with U.S., Australian, and European universities:

- Vanderbilt University, USA
- Tulane University, USA
- Binghamton University, USA
- Kansas State University, USA
- University of Melbourne, Australia
- University of Technology Sydney, Australia
- Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany
- University of Groningen, Netherlands
- Paris School of Economics, France
- ENSAI, France

Irrespective of the final outcome of my job search (which is still ongoing while writing this report), these job interviews gave me the opportunity to present my research and myself to a diverse audience and to gain visibility in the profession. This compact job market meeting is a unique experience and despite all the effort that it requires I can recommend it to prospective job candidates that plan to pursue an academic career. Last but not least, I am grateful to the GMMA and its members for the financial support.



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GMMA Travel GRANT Report

Conference title: The 2015 Annual Meeting of American Economic Association
Where: Boston, MA, USA.
When: January 3-5, 2015
Participant: Sulkhan Chavleishvili

Experience

This is a brief overview related to my participation in The 2015 Annual Meeting of American Economic Association where I held interviews with different international universities and central banks.

The conference is held annually by the American Economic Association to promote the discussion of recent advances in different fields of economics. This time it took place in Boston, MA, USA. Parallel to the conference the economic job market meetings are held. The conference has been attended by leading experts from all over the world. The recent challenges and advances of the field have been extensively discussed in various lectures by internationally acknowledge scientists of the field.

I held meetings with internationally acknowledges education institutions and central banks. The experience from these meetings has been positive since my profile attracted attention across different institutions. Moreover, the participation helped me to get in touch with different internationally renowned researchers having interest in the area I am currently working on, opening an opportunity to the future cooperation.

I highly appreciate the support from GMMA that helped me to gain such an important experience.

Sulkhan Chavleishvili

GMMA Travel GRANT Report

Conference title: Spring Meeting of Young Economists

Where: Gent, Belgium

When: May 21 - May 23

Participant: Robert C. M. Beyer

Experience

The Spring Meeting of Young Economists, which this year took place in Gent in Belgium, is a unique event indeed. It is a conference organized by young economists for young economists, where "young" is defined as "not tenured". This year over 700 economists submitted papers and I am very glad that my paper was among the 180 selected for presentation. The conference has gained a strong reputation, which is also reflected in the keynote speeches. Among others, this year's novel price winner Jean Tirole and Rachel Griffith gave inspiring lectures. I was surprised by the wide area the presented papers covered and had many interesting discussions. The session in which I presented fit my paper well and the feedback I got was helpful and encouraging. Networking is always an important aspect of the SMYE as well. This year there was perfect opportunity to get to know other young economists from all over Europe, both during the welcome reception in the Town Hall and during the conference dinner. It was helpful that the city's football team won the first time in the history the Belgium national championship that weekend.

May 26, 2015



Robert C. M. Beyer

GMMA Travel GRANT Report

Conference title: Asymmetries in Europe: causes, consequences, remedies

Where: Gabriele d'Annunzio University, Pescara (Italy)

When: 27-28 April, 2015

Participant: Tilman Bletzinger, M.Sc.

Experience

The conference with its focus on asymmetries in Europe dealt with a topic which has kept researchers and politicians busy for the recent years alike. The topic promised to result in exciting research presentations and to stimulate lively debates. Very interesting were the different aspects of European asymmetry the participants presented. Given that economic questions are even more political in nature in the European Union and the euro area, it was great to have a very international group of participants (essentially each area of Europe was represented) coming together for two days to exchange their views on European questions.

The conference organisers made a great job of selecting the papers and pooling them accordingly in appropriate sessions. As a result, I found myself in a session with two other papers which also dealt with a currency union in a theoretical two-country general equilibrium model. On the one hand, I was therefore even more motivated to discuss on of the other papers and I could learn a lot from that for my own research. On the other hand, the discussion and comments I received on my paper were of high quality and helped me indeed to improve on my own paper.

Overall, both the discussions during the sessions and also the debates in between were certainly valuable contributions for all participants. Hence, let me express my gratitude to GMMA without its funding support my participation would not have been possible



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Conference title: 2015 Conference on Development Economics and Policy

Where: Kiel, Germany

When: 12-13.06.2015

Participant: Izabela Sobiech

Experience

The Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics (of the Verein für Sozialpolitik, association of German-speaking economists) was held in Kiel this year and took place on 12-13 June 2015. The conference brought together many renowned development economists from Germany and other countries. The keynote speeches were given by Jakob Svensson and Hillel Rapoport, specialists in international economics and migrations, respectively.

My paper entitled "*Output growth and volatility. The role of financial integration in developing and industrial countries*" was included in the poster session on Growth. I have received many helpful comments and suggestions, especially from the discussant, which will be useful for further improvement of my paper. Apart from presenting my own research, I also had the opportunity to attend presentations of other participants, from different fields of development economics, broadening my knowledge in this field. Talking to fellow PhD students from different universities about their research and future plans was also interesting.

I am very grateful to GMMA for the travel grant. I benefitted a lot from the conference, for my research as well as by making contacts with economists working on similar topics.



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Conference title: European Integration and its international dimension
Where: Cologne, Germany
When: July 1-2, 2015
Participant: Zixi Liu

Experience

The workshop provides me a great opportunity to communicate with many scholars from various institutions and universities. From the discussion following my presentation, I got a lot of valuable advice. Also, I met several people who are working in the similar field and we had a great conversation. This workshop is quite beneficial to my future research and my academic networking. Moreover, I get plenty of useful economic knowledge from the two keynote speakers and I also learn a lot from the fierce discussions afterwards.

Especially, it is the first time for me to be a discussant and I take it as a quite valuable experience.

July 07, 2015

Zixi Liu