Welcome

to Warwick Economics

To all our offer holders. We are delighted to have been able to offer you a place to study postgraduate Economics at Warwick.

Economics at Warwick is one of the best in the UK, ranked 3rd in the UK in the Times World University Rankings 2017 and ranked in the top 25 in the QS World Subject Rankings 2017.

Our MSc programmes offer you core studies alongside a wide range of options and an opportunity to initiate your own research, whilst our MRes/PhD programme is an outstanding opportunity to understand, appreciate, and contribute to frontier research, with the aim of pursuing a career at the highest level in academia, government agencies or consultancies.

We hope this magazine will give you a flavour of what it’s like to study here. We attract students from all around the world due to our reputation for offering rigorous and exciting training. Our aim is to ensure that not only will you graduate from one of the best Economics departments, but that you’ll reach your full potential during your time here. We offer a community that challenges and supports you in equal measure, and that fosters your desire to ask questions - of yourself and of the world around you.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

With best wishes,

Professor Jeremy Smith
Head of Department

Question Time 2016 debates Brexit

On Monday 3 October Warwick Economics co-hosted the fourth annual Warwick Question Time event with the Department of Politics and International Studies (PAIS).

Question Time is held in at the beginning of each new academic year and is very similar in format to the popular BBC television show. The event gives you the chance to engage with politicians, policy makers and academics on major issues.

Over 1,200 students and guests took their seats to watch this year’s panel, which included The Right Honourable Hazel Blears, UKIP spokesperson Suzanne Evans, and experienced intelligence officer Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Shaffer.

The panel was also joined by Politics Professor Wyn Grant and Economics Dr Dennis Novy, with Professor Shirin Rai (Politics) chairing the event for the first time. Questions ranged from how Brexit will affect the refugee situation, inequality, higher education, globalisation and the economy.

Tim Harford, author of ‘The Undercover Economist’, gives a guest lecture

On 29 November 2016 Tim Harford, Senior Columnist for the Financial Times, Radio 4 presenter and author, gave a guest lecture as part of our Economics 360 Lecture Series entitled ‘Messy: How Disorder makes us Smarter’.


The 360 Lecture Series will give you a chance to see how economic theory is applied to real-life scenarios and meet leading figures from the Public and Private Sector to discuss and debate topical issues. Other speakers in this year’s series have included Catherine Bearder MEP and Antonio Garcia Pascual, Managing Director and Chief Economist at Barclays Europe.
A TRIO OF SUCCESSES FOR WARWICK ECONOMICS STUDENTS

We are delighted to announce fantastic news for three of our Economics students.

Adam Brezinski was awarded the prize for the ‘Best Undergraduate Paper’ at the Atlantic Economic Society Conference. The finalists presented their work in Washington DC and Adam received a cash prize for his accomplishments. His paper, which was the product of his third year Research in Applied Economics (RAE) project, will be printed in the Atlantic Economic Journal.

First Year EPAIS Student, Bisman Deu, has been invited to speak at the next Women Economic Forum (WEF) as well as to become a member of the Advisory Executive Council. The forum is the largest international framework of women from across the world, which aims to connect women of inspiration from all countries and cultures.

Additionally, third year Economics undergraduate, Cassandra Ignat, was asked to present at the International Conference for Undergraduate Research (ICUR). This conference aims to bring together hundreds of students across five continents to showcase the best in undergraduate research.

You can read more about Adam, Bisman and Cassandra on the Economics news pages.

Students get the chance to develop their debating skills

On 16 January 2017 we held our annual Students' Question Time event. Following on from our main Question Time event, where we invited politicians and policy makers to debate on questions asked by our students, Students’ Question Time gives students the opportunity to debate themselves.

Five students from Economics, Politics and Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) sat on the panel with Chair Dr Tatiana Coutto to discuss this year’s topic - Brexit. Sitting on the Students’ Question Time panel gives you the chance to develop both your confidence and public speaking skills.

Questions asked by the audience tackled issues such as whether the United Kingdom will benefit either socially or economically from Brexit, whether the British public were well informed about the consequences of their vote, and what could be done to combat acts of discrimination as a result of Brexit.

Sophie Worrall, Second year Politics student

“For me, it was a great opportunity to discuss and reflect on issues such as Brexit, and challenge each other’s views. The audience was engaged and had good observations and questions. I thought the diverse range of views among the panelists made the debate very interesting.”

SPOTLIGHT ON

Dr Dennis Novy

Starting out

I studied in Germany as an undergrad and then came to Cambridge to do a Master’s and a PhD. I ended up staying in the UK because Warwick made me an offer, and it’s a fantastic place to be. I also worked for the House of Lords for a year to advise their EU select committee on international trade matters.

Research

I work on international trade. I try to understand why it is so much harder for firms and people to trade across international borders rather than domestically in the same country. More recently, I have also done work on exchange rates, and by how much an exchange rate decline (such as the drop in pound sterling after the Brexit referendum) feeds through to higher consumer prices.

Greatest career achievement

It has been great to see my research used by policymakers, for example at the United Nations when they try to measure the trade barriers between developing countries. It has also been great to work for the House of Lords and see how trade policy works out in practice.

MY PHD RESEARCH

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BEHAVIOURAL ECONOMICS AT WARWICK

In my opinion the finest part of this course is that the class consists of students coming from different backgrounds - some from Economics, others from Psychology and Finance. This helps in cross-cultural interaction which is interesting as there is always plenty to learn and explore about different societies and cultures.

Apart from learning new theories in Economics and Psychology, the course also helps you learn various computer languages like Matlab and R which can help train you to collect and analyse various data from the field. Moreover, the subject involving interdisciplinary approach, provides a wider arena of jobs not only in Economics, but also Psychology and Business.

Doing a Masters in BES at Warwick, is the best career decision that I have made and I enjoyed each moment that I spent in learning new concepts in decision-making.

Most known for

I’m probably best known for my work on measuring trade barriers, and also how they changed over the long run all the way from the 19th century to today.

Teaching at Warwick

I teach International Trade for third-year undergraduates and also Mathematical Techniques for first-years.

Warwick best bits

My favourite thing about Warwick is the people – no question. The students are amazing, and I am always impressed by their energy and determination. They do go to do great things in life, and sometimes years after their time at Warwick I hear back from some. That’s always fascinating. I also greatly admire the staff and my colleagues. We have a great community at Warwick where people are prepared to go the extra mile.
WHY WOULD I CHOOSE WARWICK ECONOMICS?

We’re really proud of our consistently high rankings, but we know that as a top student all of your university options will be world renowned. So what else can we offer you?

RANKINGS

Economics at Warwick is ranked in the top five of all major national league tables, as well as 25th in the world in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2017.

"The education I received at Warwick was world class and I’m sure that much of my success so far is down to what I learned during my time at Warwick as well as the simple fact to be able to say that I have a Master’s degree from such a well-known and respected institution.

Giuseppe Castagneto
MSc Economics and International Financial Economics

BIG DEPARTMENT, BIG OPTIONS

With a faculty of over 70 we have a lot of different specialisms and this results in a lot of options for you to tailor your MSc to your specific interests. Examples of our current specialisms include Economic History, Development, International Trade and Behaviour.

WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS THINK?

The lecturers and seminar tutors are immensely helpful and go out of the way to help us with any issues that we face, even if it is outside the scope of the course. Furthermore, the postgraduate administrative team provide unparalleled support, from basic module related issues to examination support.

Arkena Ghosh
MSc Economics and International Financial Economics

360 GUEST LECTURE SERIES

Our guest lecture series provides an excellent opportunity for you to engage with policy makers, practitioners and influential decision-makers; people who, in their day to day positions, are applying the knowledge and insights generated in academic departments to some of the world’s most interesting developments and challenging problems.

Previous speakers have included Minouche Shafik, Deputy Governor, Markets & Banking at the Bank of England and Sir Vince Cable, British politician who was the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation, and Skills.

PHD CONFERENCE

The annual Economics PhD Conference is run by PhD students from the Department and brings together 400 students from around the world to present and discuss research at the frontier of all major fields of economics. Papers are evaluated by a scientific committee of faculty from the Department.

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Neha Shakoor
Paracha
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On top of an advanced education in Economics, we offer a wide range of extracurricular activities to enrich your student experience, including a guest lecture series, student conferences and social events. Our students also run their own high-profile events such as the Warwick Economics Summit and the PhD conference.

Focus on Extracurricular activities

Focus on ACADEMIA

Focus on EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our careers team run a wide range of skills sessions, sector fairs and even bespoke sessions just for Economics students.

Employability and careers service

Our departmental careers link provides weekly drop-in sessions, and we host an annual Economics careers fair which looks at all the options available to you. We have fantastic links with employers and you’ll also receive free careers support for life once you graduate.

For our PhD students we offer tailored job market advice. This includes a regular series of seminar workshops where you have the opportunity to present your job market paper, and to receive feedback from our placement team, members of faculty and other PhD students.

Read on to page 8 to see why we’re now the most targeted university in the graduate market in 2017 (High Flyers).

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Your degree will equip you with key skills, transferable to a wide array of professions. A large proportion of our graduates become professional economists and analysts, working for high profile banking/financial institutions and civil services in the UK and throughout the world. Others work as consultants, academic researchers or go on to successful careers in very different roles - public policy advisors, running private companies and teachers.

Recent employers have included the Bank of England, Bank of Korea, European Central Bank, The Royal Thai Government, Frontier Economics, PwC, Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Mercer and JP Morgan Chase. Find out some more roles secured by recent graduates on our MSc careers webpage.

Ankeeta Ghosh
An MSc Economics and International Financial Economics student from Lebanon discusses the course and wider curriculum.

Andres Fioratti
A PhD student from Argentina discusses the department’s social life.

Hala Wafa
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Don’t just take it from us, come and see for yourself what postgraduate study at Warwick is all about at one of our Postgraduate Visits.

Or, if you live further afield why not join the conversation at one of our postgraduate live chats.

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