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

I decided to pursue further my interest in empirical methods and finance by doing a Ph.D. here at the Heidelberg University.

How did your Heidelberg M.Sc. prepare you?

The masters in Heidelberg gave me the opportunity to explore my various interests, such as finance or development, before deciding on a direction to follow. Beyond that, it nourished my command of mathematical techniques and enforced scientific accuracy in my work. Having done my bachelor's in an institute that cared little about quantitative methods, at first, the M.Sc. in Heidelberg was challenging. However, the effort I made to overcome the hardship certainly paid off.

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

Political Economy of Development and Seminar in Current Topics in Central Banking. In the former course, we analyzed how certain policies or events impact the social-economic development of countries. The most interesting part of it was debating and critically thinking about the issues at hand and how the authors we studied went about these issues methodologically. In the latter course, I made myself acquainted with current policies used by Central Banks. In specific, I specialized my knowledge on the array of macroprudential policies central banks use to tackle systemic risk. It was an important course to develop my scientific writing and independent research skills.