

# Student Testimonials

LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice in collaboration with the University of Salzburg



## **Benedikt Klauser, Austria (class of fall 2007)**

*Having graduated from Vienna University in 2007, Benedikt decided to join the Program in Fall 2008. Benedikt is currently studying international relations at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.*

“The in-depth knowledge of EU law that I acquired in Salzburg is a great asset for the diplomatic career that I aspire to. Today, a fine grasp of the European Union’s legal system is indispensable for anyone working in the public sector.” In particular, Benedikt appreciated the distinguished lectures enabling him to get in touch with leading legal experts of EU law. “This program turned Salzburg into a real hub of knowledge: We had renowned practitioners of EU law from all over Europe coming to teach us. Richard Whish’s lecture (King’ College) on competition law was certainly an academic highlight.” However, doing the LL.M. in Salzburg was more than just learning, it also offered many other possibilities for Benedikt. “The city centre of Salzburg is so picturesque – I felt like I was in the middle of a fairy tale – and the vast range of cultural offerings made for many exciting weekends. In December, we went skiing right after morning class!”



## **Kayvan Hazemi, California (class of fall 2007)**

*Kayvan finished his JD studies at McGeorge School of Law in 2008. Before that he spent a semester in Salzburg.” Kayvan recently earned an LL.M. from King’s College, London, specializing in competition law*

“I wanted an experience in the continental system that focused on practical experience and a smaller more discussion oriented teaching style,” says Kayvan of his reasons for taking part in the Salzburg Program. “Since I intend to practice law in a big firm in the United States, the LL.M. in Salzburg has made me comfortable with the international atmosphere and work requirements of the modern global lawyer. I particularly enjoyed the Competition Law and M&A courses, which both gave me an idea of what kind of lawyer I wanted to be.” Kayvan enjoyed living in Salzburg and took advantage of its geographical position, enabling him to travel a lot: “Salzburg is a vibrant city with many different flavors and experiences. Even as the seasons changed, I only found more interesting things to do. I traveled to Munich for Oktoberfest and also Linz. I also made multiple trips to Vienna, as part of the course and individually



### **Peter W. Egger, Austria (class of fall 2008)**

*Having graduated from the University of Salzburg with an award-winning doctoral thesis on international commercial arbitration, Peter has worked there as a research assistant in the department of private law.*

“My interests, however, always more concerned the transnational dimensions of commercial law rather than domestic legal regimes. The LL.M. Program offered me a great opportunity to gain insight into international business law and practice” Peter says on his motivation to join the Salzburg part of the LL.M. Program. “In particular, the courses held by three attorneys of a renowned Viennese international law on M&A and Financing provided me with

the views of practitioners active in the international field who had a more practice-orientated approach than legal scholars usually have.” Currently, Peter is looking forward to his internship at UNCITRAL, the trade law commission of the United Nations located in Vienna. “Doing an internship in an international organization focusing on the modernization and harmonization of rules on international business would not have been possible without the good reputation of this LL.M. program.”



### **Veronika Pleskova, Czech Republic (class of fall 2008)**

*Veronika graduated from Palacky University Olomouc, Faculty of Law (Czech Republic) and has worked as an Associate with Gleiss Lutz, Prague.*

“I had the opportunity to spend 2 weeks at the University of Salzburg within an exchange program with my home university and I was so impressed that I simply wanted to go back. Salzburg is a magnificent city, full of history, and great places to bike,” says Veronika. Working for an international law firm, she wants to specialize in International

Business Transactions. “I have always been interested in this field of law and this was the first and also last program that absolutely fits with my interests. I haven't faced legal English so intensively before and now I feel more secure in this respect and I am able to analyze and express my legal thoughts quicker than ever before.” In particular, Veronika appreciated the collaborative aspect of the Program. “For an European lawyer it is extremely important to have an outstanding knowledge of EU law. I find this program really unique because there is no similar one in the world, or at least as far as I know. And it's great to get familiar with both the EU and the American legal system, isn't it?”



### **Beatriz Gonzales-Galvez, Spain (class of fall 2008)**

*Beatriz has been working at UNESCO as a consultant on human rights education, sustainable development. Beatriz has also practiced as a lawyer and as a legal advisor on public law.*

“The Salzburg Program provides you with an European perspective of the transnational business. As an European lawyer working at the international level I found it more convenient to have a broader training which embraces both the European and the American legal perspectives on business transactions,” says Beatriz. Beatriz particularly liked the Program’s Common Market Law and M&A courses. “Through the analysis of a vast number of case law, the Course on Common Market

Law provides an overview of the “*state of the art*” of the European law and of the functioning of the European Institutions, in particular the European Court of Justice and the European Commission. The practical oriented part of the course on Mergers and Acquisitions puts the student in the context of law firms and the main subjects they have to deal with on daily basis.”



### **Rebecca Payo, Colorado (class of 2010)**

*Rebecca graduated with a J.D. degree from Washburn University in 2009 and then enrolled in the collaborative LL.M. in Transnational Business Practice program. After completing course work in both Salzburg and Sacramento, she participated in an internship in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with Loyens, & Loeff, one of Europe’s most prestigious business law firms.*

“I owe a great debt of gratitude to the professors who believed in me and pushed me to press the limits of what I thought was possible. Pacific McGeorge’s program, coursework, staff, and especially professors coalesced to make an experience of a lifetime, and I am very proud to be a graduate! My European colleagues tell me that Americans tend to overstate things, but my response to them is that they haven’t studied at Pacific McGeorge!”