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German daily Handelsblatt honors achievements in WU research



The German business daily Handelsblatt publishes an annual ranking of economics departments and business school professors. In the overall ranking of the 25 best and most productive research institutions in the German-speaking world, WU moved up six places from last year, to 14th place. Six WU researchers are included among the top 250 researchers in the category "Lifetime Achievement".

WU Professors Harald Badinger (Head of the Institute for International Economics), Ulrich Berger (Head of the Institute for Analytical Economics), Manfred Fischer (Head of the Institute for Economic Geography and GIScience), Jesus Crespo Cuaresma (Head of the Institute for Fiscal and Monetary Policy), Christopher White (Head of the Institute for Economic Policy and Industrial Economics) and Klaus Gugler (Head of the Institute of Quantitative Economics) are all ranked among the top 250 researchers in the category "Lifetime Achievement".

Top researchers under 40, top 100 in recent achievements

This year's Handelsblatt ranking is made up of six individual rankings, including the category "Top 100 researchers under 40", in which WU researcher Harald Badinger came in at number six. Badinger also placed in the category "Top 100 Economists – Recent Research Achievements" (since 2007), coming in at rank 28. Harald Badinger returned to WU in early 2010, and is one of several WU researchers included in the ranking. Jesus Crespo Cuaresma, at WU since 2010, placed 15th in the category "Top 100 researchers under 40" and 88th in the category "Top 100 Economists – Recent Research Achievements". WU's Ulrich Berger was ranked 54th in this category, as well. Fritz Breuss, Professor Emeritus at WU since September of 2009, placed 20th in the category "Top Emeriti".

Ranking methods

Handelsblatt has been analyzing and reviewing the research performance of economics departments and faculty members since 2006, based on the researchers' scientific publications in professional journals. The publications are compiled in a database containing the published work of 2,412 economists from 81 universities.

Results of the "Economists Ranking 2011" and all individual rankings (in German):

<http://www.handelsblatt.com/politik/oekonomie/vwl-ranking>

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