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Dear subscribers to the IPE@WU Newsletter,

Welcome to the February 2026 edition of our monthly digest with the latest news from the Institute for International Political Economy.

This month, our alumni Jakob Seboek writes about his internship in Jakarta, Jonas Bunte reports on a alumni event with Lucie Stiborová. We also introduce our teaching assistant, Jun Yu, and Zack Zimbalist reflects on his one-month research stay in Johannesburg.

Thank you for being a valuable member of our community. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out, we'd love to hear from you!

Your IPE Team

We are hiring!

The Institute for International Political Economy is currently hiring a Teaching and Research Assistant. Please find the job description [here](#).

We encourage you to apply if you are interested.

IPE@WU Students



From Classroom Insights to Global Impact

Article by Jakob Seboek

Our alumni, Jakob Seboek shares how a course on Foreign Direct Investment taught by Sidan Raeskyesa sparked a deep interest in the complexities of FDI, ultimately shaping his bachelor's thesis and leading him all the way to Jakarta for an internship

at I-Hi Consulting. From working on social development projects to visiting Nusantara, Indonesia's future capital, Jakob's experience shows how International Political Economy can open unexpected doors.

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IPE@WU Alumni



IPE@WU Alumni Event with Lucie Stiborová

By Jonas Bunte

In December 2025, the Institute for International Political Economy welcomed alumna Lucie Stiborová back to WU to share her experience of writing her BA thesis. Speaking to current undergraduate students, Lucie offered practical insights into topic selection, research design, and the realities of the writing process.

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IPE@WU Team



Meet Our Team: Jun Yu

From digital teaching innovation to data science and international experience: we're excited to spotlight our former Teaching Assistant Jun Yu and the impact he made at our institute.

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IPE on the Road



Researching in Johannesburg as a WU International Fellow

By Zack Zimbalist

In summer, Zack Zimbalist completed a one-month research stay at the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies (SCIS) at Wits University in Johannesburg, South Africa. Supported by the WU International Research Fellow grant, his time at SCIS advanced multiple research projects on South African politics while fostering collaboration with an interdisciplinary group of scholars from across Africa and beyond.

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Looking ahead: Important Dates

[Pizza, Politics and \(Motion\) Picture](#)

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Scientist's Joke

A political scientist and an economist walk into a bar. The bartender says,
“Why the long faces?”
They answer in unison: “The assumptions.”

Thank you for subscribing to our newsletter and your interest in International Political Economy. If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: ipe@wu.ac.at.

We will be happy to get in touch with you.

Best wishes,

IPE Team

