



**“IF YOU LIKE CHALLENGES,
THERE IS NO GREATER TIME TO
BE ALIVE.” (LESTER BROWN)**

The BREXIT and the US election have crucially shaped the year 2016 and it seems that political disintegration, protectionism and nationalization is more en vogue than ever before. That I got the chance to study International Political Economy at the London School of Economics (LSE) exactly to a time that is distinguished through such a profound international transformation is an ironic accident, an inspiring challenge and a great learning opportunity at the same time.

Throughout my bachelor's at Zeppelin University, I developed from a slightly naive high school student, who wants to make a difference in the world, to an interdisciplinary graduate, who has acquired the professional toolset to do so. Following this objective, the master program at the LSE was the perfect link to deepen my knowledge in economics and political science in a highly diverse and vibrant environment. Hereby, the LSE is one of the most international universities in the world as 69% of its student body is from overseas. This does not only inspire the scholarly debates inside the classroom but also the discussions about current international politics in the pub on campus afterwards.

When I am asked about my studies in London, I always answer that my master program is an environment where academic excellence meets a deep passion for economics and politics combined with an aptitude for outside-the-box-thinking. And this is true for both my professors and fellow students. Inspired by this education community, I am fancying with the idea to stay in academia by pursuing a doctoral degree in a few years. Of course, London has not only the LSE. Instead, its multicultural society and the never-sleeping vibe of a metropole makes my master studies to an even greater life time period.

All of these experiences would not be possible without the help that I receive from many sides. With this in mind, I especially would like to express my deep gratefulness to the British Chamber of Commerce Germany and the Anglo-German Club e.V. for their scholarship. Their generous support allows me to focus on my studies and make the best out of my time here in London that prepares me for the sociopolitical challenges that are ahead of us.

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