Dear Friends,

How important is global development? Well, it depends. To most of people around the world it is a fashionable coin name repeatedly heard over the headlines on the occasion of international summits. To some of us, it is THE issue. We really want to understand the diversity of the development processes and be able to provide valuable policy implications about the ways of fostering poverty reduction and welfare growth. We believe that this is still a growing field of research and understanding as well as implementation throughout the world. It is not a profession for everybody, but definitely more than a profession for those who choose it.

In order to prepare those of you who care about development issues to your future career challenges, we constructed the programme so that you became familiar with mathematical and statistical tools for economic analysis, felt comfortable with theoretical foundations of development economics, including relevant areas of microeconomics and macroeconomics and were able to process the information about policies with the aim of evaluating them and designing their improvements. But most importantly, we want you to make your own informed and independent judgments on the design and effective implementation of policies to address a range of economic problems in developing countries. We do not aim that you learn models and techniques – we expect you to go further, to abstract the essential features of complex data and to formalise and construct a model for the critical analysis and evaluation of theory, of its application and of policy implications.

Our courses are designed with a global perspective that encourages analytical thinking. Since the establishment of MADE programme, we regularly organize seminars and conferences where academics and experts are invited to share their experiences and knowledge with students. We are proud to have a student profile enriched with different cultures and backgrounds with the highest student population from abroad within the University. We are also proud that many of our graduates pursue further academic and professional carriers in reputable international institutions. The first year of MADE graduates had 100% acceptance ratio in their international Ph.D. applications.

We are more than committed to high quality teaching, creating conditions for a stimulating and international environment. Professors teaching in MADE come from widely recognised universities and research institutes throughout Europe. They all have diverse background and outstanding record of publications in the field. And they really are available! Every student has access to growing on-line resources of the programme as well as receives personalised teaching materials. We also organise international research seminars and meetings with successful economists and development experts. Students are invited to participate in research projects as well as supported in developing their own. We also provide a space for scientific publication and creative discussions.

Check our website to see what we have accomplished so far.

And join us, if you feel what we do is what you want.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

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