# SPRING EDITION 2019



Get to know this year's scholarship awardees, two faculty and two staff members, the latter being DA alumae themselves.

PLUS: Learn how alumni support the DA's career services and celebrate ClubDA's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday with us.

Dear Alumnae, Dear Alumni,

April 2019 – we can watch history in the making!

Many of us can't hear the word Brexit anymore—a slow and tedious process extended ad nauseam.

But the development is a fact and will be an ambivalent example for political science professors in the future.

I feel like Al Gore, who, during a graduation speech, said to the students: "... don't leave! It's a mess out there ..."

Our ClubDA News Spring Edition brings good Easter news! We are happy to present the five students who received this year's ClubDA and Alumni Hall of Fame scholarships. We are proud and happy that we could increase our scholarships from three to four last year and support so many young and promising personalities from various countries. I continue to be proud thinking of the great success of this year's **da.link career day**. It started in 2013 as a trial balloon and now has been developed into a successful career format.

This year ClubDA will try a new fundraising format. The board will cook at the DA and for you—"food for thought and scholarships". Dinner tickets are EUR 100 for food and entertainment.

Of course you could also take your money to the Steirereck, but it will be more fun and heart-warming at the ClubDA event. Stay tuned for more info.

I wish you all a Happy Easter! Keep up the old traditions! It is a good homecoming for the family.

Yours truly,

Oliver Kitz

Oliver Kitz ClubDA President

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Happy Birthday!

This year, the DA's alumni association, ClubDA, turns 50 while its Alumni Office, now part of the larger Development Department, celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation. So let's take a trip down memory lane and recap some of the milestones of the DA's alumni network.

Founded on 21 April 1969 as "Club der Absolventen und Freunde der Diplomatischen Akademie", ClubDA is one of the oldest alumni associations in Austria. Right from the start it was the Club's first and foremost goal to develop a strong bond between alumni, students and the Academy. In the meantime, the initiative of less than 100 alumni and students of both the Consular and the Diplomatic Academy has grown to become today's global network of more than 2,300 graduates from the DA's academic programmes, 2,000 former participants in its various Executive Programmes as well as a bit more than 200 current students.

- 21 April 1969 Inaugural Meeting of the "Club der Absolventen und Freunde der Diplomatischen Akademie"
- **25 June 1999** ClubDA invites to the first International Alumni Meeting, a reception for DLG and MAIS alumni followed by the traditional DA Ball.
- **29 June–1 July 2000** With the first DA Gartenfest/Sommerfest and an excursion to Slavonice, the second International Alumni Meeting sets the tone for all following homecoming weekends.



- **16 March 2002** The DA organises its first Ski and Snowboard Championships.
- 14 April 2008 The General Assembly adopts the association's new name "ClubDA. Club der Absolventinnen und Absolventen der Diplomatischen Akademie Wien. Alumni Association of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. Association des Anciens Elèves de l'Académie Diplomatique de Vienne".
- 24 April 2009 The Munich/Salzburg Chapter is founded during a reception at the Austrian consulate general in Munich.
- 18 June 2009 The London Chapter is inaugurated.
- 26 June 2009 After an intensive discussion, the General Assembly approves the new "Chapter Strategy" proposed by the board. The goal is to establish local chapters around the world to cater to the evergrowing international network of DA alumni.



- 27 August 2009 The inaugural meeting of the Vienna Chapter takes place at Schweizerhaus and will later be known as the first Vienna Summer Meeting—a cherished tradition that's still around.
- Fall of 2009 Additional local chapters in Paris (29 September), Mos-

cow (26 October), New York (2 November, now U.S. Chapter) and Brussels (25 November) are inaugurated.

- **12 October 2009** Bier and Leberkäse as well as DA students and Club-DA-two very successful combinations. All four are part of the first and all following "Meet and Greet" events at the DA's bar.
  - 27 November 2009 After having organised five annual meetings already, the DA's local alumni finally inaugurate the Berlin Chapter.
  - **6 May 2010** ClubDA President Gerhard Reiweger approves the new logo and stationery of ClubDA.
  - 12-16 May 2010 ClubDA organises its first Outdoor Weekend.
- **25 June 2010** During the annual DA Sommerfest, the first 50 distinguished alumni are inducted into the new DA Alumni Hall of Fame.
- **2010** Three new local chapters are inaugurated in Sofia (15 June), Beijing (6 October, now Beijing/Shanghai Chapter) and Bucharest (15 December).
- 1 December 2011 ClubDA awards its first two ClubDA Scholarships.
- 2011 Three new local chapters are inaugurated in Prague (17 March), Warsaw (27 September) and Zagreb (18 December).
  - **25 May 2012** The Switzerland Chapter, based in Geneva and Zurich, is inaugurated.
  - January 2014 The first Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship is awarded.
  - **19 November 2015** The Bratislava Chapter is inaugurated.
  - 20 January 2016 The new ClubDA web portal is available.
- **2016** Two new local chapters are inaugurated in Ottawa (31 March) and Astana (8 November, now Kazakhstan Chapter).
- 7 December 2017 The Belgrade Chapter is inaugurated.
- **4 April 2018** The Kyiv Chapter becomes ClubDA's  $20^{th}$  local chapter.
- 10 July 2018 The new platform DA Wien Connect is available.



# Introducing Mourad Chouaki

MAIS student and 2018-19 ClubDA Scholarship awardee

### What brought you to the DA and why have you chosen MAIS?

I had the DA in mind since high school, after a first visit to Vienna. It spiked my interest first of all because of its location, the former capital of a great empire, and a city of culture.

Second, I had always wanted to have a deeper education in political affairs, and the wide range of the courses seemed suitable for my educational plan, after my first Masters in Engineering Physics.

Third, it was always a goal to learn German, and where else to learn it than in the most renowned germanophone capital (take that, Berlin). Even though ETIA is a very interesting programme, I wanted to dive deeper in the International Studies, having already a scientific background. MAIS seemed the best option to pursue that objective.

Interview by Lisa Reitbrecht



### What impact did the ClubDA Scholarship have on your first academic year?

To be honest, its impact was immediate. Having financed the tuition fees using my savings, the financial help brought by the ClubDA scholarship was a breath of fresh air.

### What was your personal highlight of the first academic year?

It was definitely getting lost in the woods of Baden-wasn't it supposed to be vineyards?-during the supposed "walk through the vineyards". It was a nice afternoon, and it was fun to finally get to the restaurant to meet the already "happy" colleagues.

### How do you think you can contribute to changing the world after finishing your studies?

Changing the world starts by changing oneself. While I do not have the pretention to be such a force, I try to impact my surroundings in a positive way, as much as I can. I already decided to choose a career with meaningful projects, where I could have a definite impact on the stakeholders, and the environment around me. Furthermore, I would use the knowledge acquired during my educational journey to develop targeted strategies for economic development, and ecological awareness.

#### If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

Son Goku's instant transmission—or teleportation. I could get anywhere in the universe in the blink of an eye, spend the morning in the Philippines and the evening dancing samba in Ipanema. Very useful when you forget your keys and want to skip the commute.

### Who are the people you would like to meet and work with in the future?

I would imagine myself meeting and working with skillful individuals, aspiring for decisive actions. Persons advocating a positive change in society and not afraid of raising difficult questions. Think Rutger Bregman, Noam Chomsky and their likes.

### How and in which form would you want to be involved with DA's alumni network?

Network is key. Throughout both private and public sector careers (that I intended to pursue in short and long term, respectively), a highend network is always useful, in both giving and receiving. Leveraging on another person's experience, and discussing issues with alumni holding different point of views, is a definite luxury that ClubDA can provide.



### Introducing Lisa Reitbrecht

MAIS student, course speaker and 2018-19 ClubDA Scholarship awardee

#### What brought you to the DA and why have you chosen MAIS?

After completing my Bachelor's degree in Economics and gaining some work experience through internships at the U.S. Embassy and in the Austrian National Bank I wished to find an interdisciplinary Master program which allows me to broaden my horizon, get an insight in various study areas in order to understand complex processes and decisionmaking. This is what I have found with the MAIS Program at the DA.

### What impact did the ClubDA Scholarship have on your first academic year?

The ClubDA scholarship was very helpful to deal with the financial burden of the tuition fees which helped me to focus on my studies. Furthermore, the receiving of the scholarship makes me feel part of a community that I am thankful for and that I wish to contribute to myself in the future.

#### What was your personal highlight of the first academic year?

My personal highlight until now was the DA Christmas Extravaganza dinner after we had finished our first exams at the DA. The feeling of having accomplished the first major milestone at the DA created a very joyful, relaxed atmosphere and a "Family feeling" in this pre-Christmas context.

### How do you think you can contribute to changing the world after finishing your studies?

I see it as a task to make the world a little better with my actions, in daily life and in the big picture. I hope to find a way to apply the knowledge I have gained throughout my studies in order to give my contribution for a better world in the future. My aspiration of doing so is to involve other people because changing the world is never a oneman task.

#### If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

If I had a superpower it would the power to travel in time and space. After having found friends in different parts of the world it must be nice to overcome the problem distance and visit them without having to spend hours on a plane. Also, it must be wonderful to experience historical events first hand like listening to Martin Luther King's speech, find myself in 1930s New York City, meet Mahatma Gandhi or simply get to know my grandfather who died before I was born.

### Who are the people you would like to meet and work with in the future?

In my future career I wish to work on interesting projects in a dedicated reliable team—people who are idealistic enough to believe in a better world and realistic enough to carry out projects.

#### How and in which form would you want to be involved with DA's alumni network?

I have already participated in some of the ClubDA events and I liked it a lot. I want to continue doing so and, if my career path allows for it, I would like to contribute to the ClubDA to support future students financially and by sharing my work experience in a career talk.

Interview by Mourad Chouaki



# Introducing Konstantin Oedl

ETIA student, course speaker and 2018–19 ClubDA Scholarship awardee

Konstantin Oedl is originally from Salzburg. Not only is he from a federal province that is famous for its rich and beautiful nature—his heart beats in shades of green as well. This is also the reason why even though he studies at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna he actually lives closer to the countryside—but it is one of the many reasons why he studies in the Environmental Technology and International Affairs (ETIA) programme at the Academy.

He's not only a very studious person but also a big sports enthusiast: from climbing to back country skiing, you name it, he does it. Konstantin is very passionate about sustainable

> development, water and food security and the fight against poverty. For the last 10 years he has been active in these fields. He does not see these issues as simply ones of "profession", but takes them very personally and lives accordingly. If you were to sit down with him and listen to his stories you would hear how important these matters are to him and how he tries to make the world a better place. Konstantin has understood the first rule of trying to change the world: Be the change you want to see. He is certain that he will work in the area of development in the future.

> Konstantin took courses at quite impressive places: MIT, University of Wageningen and Princeton University, he has done subjects ranging from the challenges of poverty to sustainable development and food security. Moreover, Konstantin is fluent in English, Spanish and German. I am sure we will see great things from him.

> > The author Sarah Ducellari is enrolled in the DA's 55<sup>th</sup> Diploma Programme.



<sup>2</sup>hoto: DA/Peter Lechner



# Introducing Sarah Ducellari

DLG student and 2018-19 ClubDA Scholarship awardee

Sarah Ducellari is a student at the Diplomatic Academy Vienna in the Diploma Programme for the academic year 2018-19. She was born in Austria and has got a family background in Albania. Therefore, she is not only fluent in German, English and French, but also in Albanian.

Before coming to the DA Sarah has studied law in Salzburg and Graz and was on Erasmus exchange at the Université de la Rochelle in France. Besides that she has done several internships and has been involved in many extracurricular activities. She has also worked for different law firms which allowed her to gain experience in this field parallel to her studies.

Most importantly, since 2012 she has been part of the organization "Youth for Understanding" and from 2017 on an official representative of its umbrella organization EEE-YFU. Additionally, she started to work at KAICIID, the Vienna-based centre for interreligious and intercultural dialogue. This work has a fundamental meaning for Sarah, as it is vital for her to promote intercultural exchange and thus contribute to a more tolerable world. This international liberal world view is what she always raises, when you ask her about what she likes about being at the DA. In 2018 she also started to work at the Austrian Ministry of Defence, hence opening up a whole new field of interest for her.

Sarah really enjoys her time at the DA: "It is great to study with people who speak multiple languages; ambitious people, who inspire me a lot. You spend time with like-minded people with whom you can talk about politics, economics or history, without earning strange looks". She is very thankful for the possibility to study at the Academy, which she sees as the perfect preparation for an impactful career later in her life. The multidisciplinary topics one is confronted with in class as well as the multifaceted student body build the foundation for that. Furthermore, the manageable size of the institution creates this unique environment, in which Sarah knows everyone who studies or works at the DA. This unique closeness furthermore builds up a lifelong platform for cooperation and support in future professional life. In Sarah's view this is perfectly represented by the very active and valuable ClubDA network, which she is proud to be a member of.

Sarah enjoys spending time outdoors and likes to read and write whenever she has time. Generally she focuses on defence and security policies, as well as on international and intercultural dialogue and cooperation. Therefore it is very likely to see her working within these fields in the near future.



# Introducing Stefanía Islas Muedano

### ETIA student and 2018-19 Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship awardee

More than 100 DLG and MAIS alumni as well as former participants in the DA's Executive Programmes have been inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame since 2010. The DA initiated the project to honour the DA's most distinguished alumni and to show students what they, too, can achieve with excellent education and hard work. In 2018-19, for the sixth time our Hall-of-Famers support a financially disadvantaged student via the "Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship".



Stefanía Islas Muedano, a 27 year old Mexican who studied International Relations in Mexico and Germany, answered our questionnaire.

#### What brought you to the DA and why have you chosen ETIA?

I chose to study the ETIA program because after thoroughly looking at other program's contents around the world, I could not find something as unique as this one. I found in it a perfect combination of Environmental Technologies and International Affairs. A topic that deals with issues that are influencing today's way of life and the future of every person which demands energetic supply and breathes the oxygen the threatened ecosystems provide.

### What impact did the Alumni Hall of Fame Scholarship have on your "second" academic year? It certainly gave me the funds for focusing on my studies, instead of worrying for keeping the student visa, and getting a job to continue paying the bills. The scholarship aided me in not thinking for a while on future expenses, but in studying for exams and attending lectures.

#### What was your personal highlight of your time at the DA?

The most valuable asset of the DA is the people studying and interacting with one another. Compared with big universities, the DA guarantees that one can find more than one valuable and trustworthy

friend among its students-not only on a social level, but on a professional too. All our peers have interesting backgrounds and loads of experiences which when shared, one realizes how much one can learn outside the classrooms as well.

#### How do you think you can contribute to changing the world after finishing your studies?

Definitely we start changing the world while we are studying here, there is no time for waiting until we finish. Every day we learn something new, and this is when our mission started. We have limitless tools, social media, internet, and ways of learning and communicating knowledge throughout the world without the need of being there. When coming from different parts of the world, we start influencing our local and international friends, changing the minds of adults is the most complicated task we have. We need to make people aware of the force their little actions mean to the world, and how powerful everyone is to positively impact their surroundings. I will contribute as much as I can to help people open their eyes and be conscious about their behavior, because growing up alienated from nature certainly makes people totally unaware of the direct and indirect damage they make with their consumption habits.

#### If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

I would like a superpower that allows me to have more than one superpower. First of all I would love to be able to fly around the world, through mountains, forests, oceans, glaciers, rivers, and desserts, and visit as many places as possible, learn the science of their nature and being able to fix people's perception of superiority towards them. I would like to have a superpower to get into peoples' minds and showing them the whole chain reaction and the future of nature if they take a wrong consuming decision today. Finally I would care to make people love, protect and value the Earth, for its wide variety of plants, animals, landscapes, and unique properties.

#### Who are the people you would like to meet and work with in the future?

I would like to meet two kinds. People with similar motivations as mine to join forces, and people who think differently and challenge us, who need to listen what we have to say and are willing to improve themselves and influence that in their social circles.

#### How and in which form would you want to be involved with DA's alumni network?

In a personal and professional scenario. DA network is full of creative people with great potential and energy. I want to keep in touch with all my friends and make new ones, strengthen our relationships and do great things together.

### da.link career services

This extensive programme would not be possible without the precious support by the DA's alumni network. Let's take a look at talks, skills seminars and the career day organised this academic year.

Photo: DA/Daniel Novotny



More than 40 representatives from 21 companies, 111 students and over 500 one-to-one talks—those are the numbers to sum up the DA's and ClubDA's **da.link career day** on 13 March 2019.

It was the Club's board that initiated and organised the then-called "DA LINK—Mentor and Career Talks" from 2013 to 2017. With the merger of the DA's Alumni Office and Career Center, **da.link** became the overall brand for career services at the DA in 2017 and a whole new joint programme, consisting of both long-standing successful services and new elements, was born.

Photos: DA/Andreas Ehrmann

We are especially grateful that the DA's alumni network plays a major role in it's career services:

- most of this year's 19 da.link career talks featured graduates sharing their stories and valuable insights into their career paths;
- three out of 20 da.link career skills seminars and workshops on EPSO competitions, public diplomacy as well as LinkedIn were held by alumni;
- several alumni represented their respective companies and organisations at the above-mentioned career day.

In addition, most alumni are eager to help in case they are contacted by students or young graduates.

The DA is proud of this ever-growing bond between alumni, students and the Academy and is looking forward to continuing this fruitful cooperation for a long time to come.





# The Different Questionnaire

After the upcoming Easter break, we will be starting a new feature on our Social Media pages. Watch out for somewhat different questions that we asked the DA's directorate, professors and staff. A sneak peek can be found on the following pages, including answers from two DA alumnae who are now in leading positions at the Academy as well as two of our resident chairs.

### **Professor Werner Neudeck**

Chair of International Economics

### What was your favourite course that you ever taught at the DA?

Maybe the International Monetary Economics course in 2001 (attended by my later wife).

What is your favourite spot at the Academy?

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If you could change one thing about the DA what would you choose?

More professors.

What was the best meal you ever had at the DA's dining room?

The first Xmas dinner? Or: Once they served steak Wellington and Mohr im Hemd (my favourite dessert).

How many bow ties do you have?

Still increasing in number. About 130-150.



Photo: Peter Lechne

### What advice would you give DA students after finishing their studies?

Have a (not too long) break. 🛞

### Gesandte Susanne Keppler-Schlesinger

Deputy Director

### What was your favourite course that you ever taught at the DA?

I greatly enjoyed designing a paper on the future of Europe with a group of students in the run-up to the Austrian Presidency of the EU. The study trip to the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic in spring 2018 was a wonderful experience, and I am looking forward to many more exciting projects with the students of the DA!



### What is your signature phrase?

I keep being inspired by the following words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." Photos: Peter Lechner

### What is your favourite spot at the Academy?

The bench in the garden. It's a good place to breathe, think and discuss ideas with colleagues and friends. (It has been my favourite spot ever since the time I studied at the DA ...)

### If you could change one thing about the DA what would you choose?

We need more space for our students.

What was the best meal you ever had at the DA's dining room? I am a fan of our culinary team: the three chefs work incredibly hard to make everybody happy. I particularly enjoy the soups and the desserts.

### What has changed at the Academy since you have studied at the campus yourself?

The DA offers a wider academic programme to four times as many students. Its open-minded spirit, however, has not changed.

### What advice would you give DA students after finishing their studies?



Love the life you live and move forward!

Photo: DA/Peter Lechner



### **Genny Chiarandon**

Head of Academic Administration, Registrar

What is the total number of emails you have sent out at the DA? How many digits do I have at my disposal? How many zeros are in a zillion? I think 106n comes close ...

What is your favourite spot at the Academy? The billiard table and the Tipsy Weasel rock!

If you could change one thing about the DA what would you choose? Nothing—it's perfect, of course! But usually students provide me with plenty of ideas ...

What was the best meal you ever had at the DA's dining room? My Granny's handmade tagliatelle! ... dream meals are included in this question, aren't they?!?

### What was the best student event you have ever attended at the DA and why?

Any day between September and June at the DA, when for me the atmosphere is peculiar and every day is unpredictable. However, if I had to choose something specific, then two moments pop into my mind: musicals written, directed, staged and performed by students—all of them were refreshingly spontaneous, outrageously smart and simply great fun! And then, the famous exam session when all students sat through "Principles of Microeconomics" wearing a bow-tie: priceless!

### What advice would you give new DA students before they start at the Academy?

Again, the issue with available digits makes this complicated! I'll do my best to re-cap:

- Be yourself, think differently
- Beware of rumour and gossip! Especially the kind starting with "I have heard that", "other students say"
- Enjoy your studies: this is one of the (very) few non-zero-sum-games of your adult life
- Be critical and pro-active
- Please, help us prove that the goldfish attention span rule is just a myth

... last but not least, don't forget that a healthy sense of humour will work wonders!

### What advice would you give DA students after finishing their studies?

• Be yourself, choose the path you like—basically: be brave

- Embrace changes & be flexible
- Don't forget that established structures can (and sometimes ought to) be changed
- "!" is good, but "?" is better ...
- Don't forget your home in Vienna: the DA ;-) 🛞

What's the most important element here?



Solution: the life-saving tool in the bottom left corner, what else?!?!



Photo: DA/Peter Lechner



### **Professor Patrick Müller**

Chair of European Studies

### What DA rule appeared most confusing to you when you started teaching here?

When acquainting myself with the student code of conduct I encountered not only the familiar issues related to good academic conduct and honesty, but also a dress-code that goes into quite some detail. And then I also learned about more informal aspects of the dress code, like the DA tradition related to bow ties.

### What is your signature phrase?

Don't have a deliberate one, but I tend to start my seminars with 'welcome everybody' ...

### What is your favourite spot at the Academy?

In terms of 'iconic places', the entrance hall displaying the uniform of a pupil of the Imperial and Royal Consular Academy between 1898-99 and 1918. It is also a reminder that the DA dress-code goes far back, whilst evolving over time ...

### If you could change one thing about the DA what would you choose?

When I worked in Spain, my office was close to the sea. So a DA close to the sea would be perfect, especially in the summer. In the winter it could stay where it is.

### What was the best meal you ever had at the DA's dining room?

Interesting that you ask this question. One Friday I could only make it late for lunch, with just a few colleagues left, already finishing their lunch. Still, I got served and was told I should not hurry when I was the last one remaining in the dining room. I am not sure if it was the best DA meal I ever had, but I felt really well taken care of.

### Do you think about joining the tradition of wearing a bow tie at the DA?

Let me try to approach this with some scientific rigour. According to the International Bow Tie Society—and based on its "observations, research, and collaboration"—common bow tie stereotypes are that "(o)nly kids, comedians, clowns, eccentric professors (with pipes and comfortable shoes), or ice cream vendors wear bow ties". Moreover, scientific research suggests that eccentric behaviour is easier kept under control by younger people; yet, as people grow older expressions of eccentric behaviour tend to increase. If, with progressive age, an inner urge to wear a bow tie should call for expression, I am confident that some of my wonderful colleagues at the DA faculty could readily provide me invaluable advice to pick the right bow tie.

### What advice would you give DA students who aim at working for the EU?

Don't hold the UK citizenship, embrace complexity and diversity, and meet your challenges with engagement, curiosity, courage and creativity—because you will be working for the worthwhile cause of integrating Europe.



# Recent alumni meetings

The Diplomatische Akademie Wien and ClubDA would like to thank all chapter presidents, the Diplomatic Academy Students Initiative (DASI) and all other alumni, students and partners who made the following events possible.

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Alumni-Stammtisch in Vienna 20 December 2018 To get into the holiday spirit, ClubDA's Vienna



Chapter met at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Altwiener Christkindlmarkt for a relaxed evening with punch and hot chocolate.



**Curling and Skating at Wiener Eistraum** 22 February 2019 For the 8<sup>th</sup> time, DA alumni and students enjoyed a memorable evening in front of Vienna's City Hall. Again we thank the *stadt wien marketing gmbh* for supporting this event.

#### Photo: David Lansky

#### Alumni Meeting in Berlin

9 January 2019

Alumni in Berlin met for lunch at Bundestag.



Photo: Leoni Wolf

#### Meet & Greet am Neujahrs-Apèro von Advantage Austria

*16 January 2019* ClubDA's Switzerland Chapter and the WKO teamed up for the second time to organise this event.

#### 17<sup>h</sup> DA Ski and Snowboard Championships

*27 January 2019* For more information, see page 15.

### Back to School ... with Professor Row

27 February 2019 A new initiative by ClubDA's Vienna Chapter, "Back to School ..." was a great opportunity for alumni to re-connect with one of the DA's chairs, Professor Tom Row. Photos of this event are available at https://club.da-vienna.ac.at/Photo-Galleries.

Photo: DA/Martina Sebastian

Alumni meet students in Brussels 26 March 2019

Alumni meet students in Kyiv 2 April 2019



### Running for Europe @ Vienna City Marathon 7 April 2019

The DA is proud to have joined the Austrian Society for European Politics' initiative to encourage European citizens to participate in the elections to the European Parliament this May.



# 17th Ski & Snowboard Championships

More than 20 alumni, students, staff and their families joined colleagues from the Austrian Foreign Ministry and members of Club Diplomatie & Wirtschaft for a memorable day at Stuhleck. Go to ClubDA's web portal to find all results and champions since 2002.



Photos: DA/Andreas Ehrmann









Please visit https://club.da-vienna.ac.at to see additional photos of recent meetings and find out more about upcoming events.



# On the calendar ...



18 April 2019	Alumni Meeting in Toronto
9 May 2019	Pub Quiz hosted by ClubDA Vienna Chapter
11 May 2019	Regional Alumni Meeting in Belgrade
27 May 2019	Ernst Sucharipa Memorial Lecture at the DA Eva Nowotny on "Multilateralism in Crisis"
29 Mai—1 June 2019	12 <sup>th</sup> ClubDA Outdoor Weekend From the Alps to the Pannonian Basin: hiking along the Alpannonia trail from Hochneukirchen to Köszeg
28-29 June 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> International Alumni Meeting 28 June: ClubDA General Assembly, DA Sommerfest 29 June: Excursion to Wiener Neustadt
July 2019	Summer Meeting of ClubDA's Vienna Chapter
August 2019	11th Vienna Summer Meeting
December 2019	11th St. Nicholas Party & Meet and Greet

For exact dates and additional events please check out our online event calendar at https://club.da-vienna.ac.at/Events or log in to our new networking platform at http://connect.da-vienna.ac.at.

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