



“My experience in Switzerland & My experience in Armenia”

cross-country experience exchange online webinar for students and young scholars
from Armenia and Switzerland

Agenda

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| Date | June 19, 2021 (Saturday) |
| Time/Duration | 08:00-13:30 (Swiss time) 10:00-15:30 (Armenian time) |

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| 20 min | Opening remarks and introduction of the program Mariam Mazmanyán Moderator of the webinar |
| 40 min | My life-changing journey with ESKAS: an overview of the application procedure and my academic/personal experience in Switzerland. Dr Ani Hovhannisyan Social science researcher at the University of St. Gallen (HSG), School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS) |
| 10 min | Short break |
| 40 min | “Turning failures into opportunities”: how to design and implement your own research project in Switzerland when the “traditional” procedures don’t work? Mariam Mazmanyán Researcher at Bern University of Applied Sciences, Department of Social Work |
| 60 min | Lunch break |
| 40 min | “The Art of Devotion”: My experience in Armenia Christian Rüfenacht Social worker, former academic intern in Children’s Center in Armenia |
| 10 min | Short break |
| 30 min | “Why internship in Armenia?”: Terminology, Role and Mission of the Embassy of Switzerland in Armenia & My internship in the Embassy Simeon Christoph Aregger Intern at the Swiss Embassy in Armenia; Master student in European Studies at the University of Geneva |
| 60 min | “Benefits and challenges of international exchange”: discussion and Q/A Natacha Vallette d’Osia Former intern at the Embassy of Switzerland in Armenia Lusine Hovhannisyan PhD student in Bern University, Department of BioMedical Research |
| 20 min | Wrap up and closure of the webinar |

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Swiss-Armenian exchange in international studies, research and internship has accumulated a number of interesting experiences that we would like to share with students and young scholars. By becoming a part of this lively exchange participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities of studying and working in Armenia and Switzerland. Participants will be introduced to the procedure of applying for the Swiss government excellence scholarship (ESKAS) and will have the opportunity to directly refer their questions to the fellows. In addition, by reflecting on the experiences of our presenters the students and young graduates will learn how to come up with alternative solutions in not standard situations, successfully communicate with local and international authorities, design and promote their project ideas.

Speakers are the former are young scholars, researchers and interns from Switzerland and Armenia.

If you are an ambitious, progressive, and curious student or a young scholar who is interested in the experience exchange in the field of international study, research, and internship, then this webinar is for you. Hurry up to apply!

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/vUL3ZBuVFt12WS1PA>

Deadline for applications: June 17, 2021

Successful applicants will receive a link via e-mail to join the webinar.

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