

# 01/2018 ISOS Alumni-Newsletter



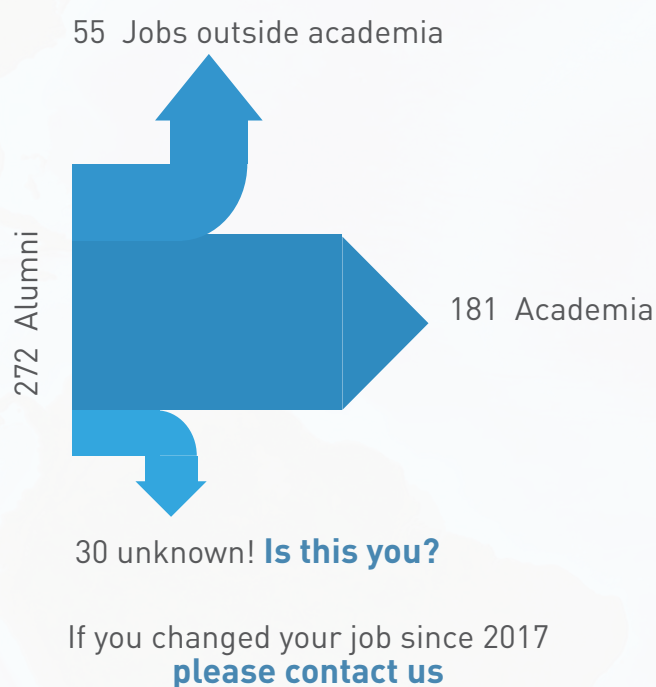
## Dear ISOS Alumni,

now that ISOS is established for over 10 years we currently look at over 270 alumni, 180 doctoral candidates on the run and a whopping 365 total courses conducted. Let us take these numbers as a BIG THANK YOU! We all build this facility of ocean education together. As our network and our experience are growing so does the necessity to keep track of it all. That is why we need your help to see where your path is has led you.

Cheers and sunny regards

Best regards, Avan, Henrike, Wiebke and Tim

## Alumni's latest Career Steps

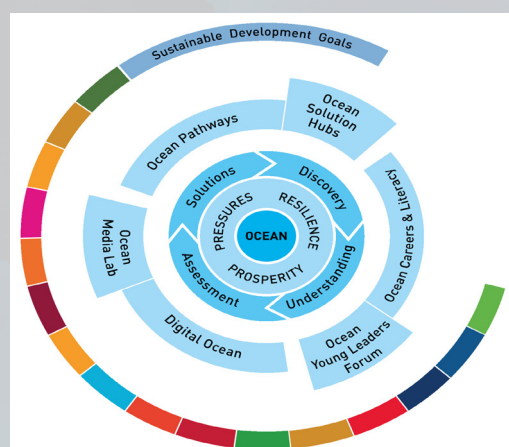


OceanMOOC: "One Planet - One Ocean" is live now for the third time.  
Participants from 111 countries are onboard. Are you?  
**Join at [www.oceanmooc.org](http://www.oceanmooc.org)**

## Future Ocean Sustainability

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> delegates from the CAU, GEOMAR, Muthesius University of Fine Arts and Design, the Institute for the World Economy and the Leibniz Information Centre for Economics presented the new proposal for the next round of Clusters of Excellence „Future Ocean Sustainability“. We hope that after TODAY's final decision by the DFG we will have a new era of research excellency and scientific proficiency here in Kiel. Independent of the decision ISOS will continue to advance doctoral education and support doctoral candidates in marine sciences.

Let's keep our fingers crossed!



## My skills walked me in to the financial sector!

**When Christian Wengel called by to take his leave of the ISOS, and of his scientific career, this seemed a great occasion to ask him more.**

### Where to now, Christian?

My new job is at the KPMG [a global consultancy firm, one of the world's "big four" auditors] where I'll be working as a financial consultant.

### Financial consulting? How prepared do you think you are?

Well, for example I will be dealing with mathematical optimization problems for insurance companies, which you also know your way around as a climate modeler; add to that all the analytical, numerical and technical skills I sharpened during my doctorate and I feel well prepared, even if the topics I will work on are really different. What helped was a 9-month part-time intensive course of business administration from the "Fernuni Hagen" that I did parallel to my doctorate. This gave me the edge on the basics of business, and also allowed me to go into this area with my eyes open!



### What will you take with you from your time as a

### climate scientist?

Knowledge of the complexity of climate processes, for sure! I hope, when I am immersed in the financial sector, that I can pass this on to my new colleagues and sensitize them to climate issues.

### What was particularly valuable during your doctorate?

I had a great supervisor! He taught me a lot about focusing on problem-solving, and making incremental progress by applying skills. Some great offers from the ISOS also helped, particularly the opportunity to go abroad with a PhD miniproposal.

*Interviewed by Avan Antia*

## "Life after Doctorate" – Retreat May 2019

After our inspiring ISOS retreat on science communication we are having our next retreat again in Brodten near Lübeck, Germany, close to the stunning shores of the Baltic Sea. This time we will focus on the life after the doctorate, so we are inviting professional career coaches as well as alumni to take part in the retreat. Share experiences, gain insights into career paths in science, industry and public sectors and network across disciplines. Please let us know if you are interested in participating and sharing your experiences to assist young doctoral candidates. We provide accommodation, food and drinks with fantastic surroundings.

## Alumni Feedback

*"In my opinion your support helped me finish my doctorate successfully and in general I am sure other candidates feel the same! Thank you for the great support."*

Alumnus since December 2017

*"Thank you for the support, your commitment and the nice coffee breaks at ISOS. You have been a great part of my doctorate in Kiel."*

Alumnus since November 2017

## Protecting your privacy

We value the personal details that you are entrusting us with.

Above all, we respect your right to privacy and protect your personal data in conformity with the data protection act Land Schleswig Holsten (LDSH, 9 Feb 2000) and will continue to do so under the new General Data Protection Act (GDPR; DSGVO in German).

By gathering strategic data – always anonymized – we are able to identify the needs of doctoral candidates, to monitor the progress of the programme and to provide strategic the mean duration of a PhD project in our programme is funding durations – and that currently 19% of our Alumni If you have any questions – including questions on the do not hesitate to contact us at: [info@isos.uni-kiel.de](mailto:info@isos.uni-kiel.de).

data to CAU and GEOMAR. For example, we can say that 4.2 years – a crucial number for strategic decisions on work in the industry sector – with an increasing trend. use or privacy of your data or our data policy – please

