

Interning at the Austrian Parliament

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Internships that didn't work out:

Austrian Institute for International Affairs

GIZ Berlin

Goethe Institute Madrid

Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Matadero Madrid (Cultural Center)

Austrian Embassy in Madrid

Heinrich Böll Foundation in Brussels

Internship at the Austrian Parliament

- June – July 2017
- NEOS
- with MP Loacker
- End of legislative period (coalition broke → early elections)



Tasks

- Research Project on Social Housing Companies
- Research on Social Security Payments of the different federal states in the field of housing
- Administrative stuff (printing, scanning, emails)
- Fun stuff (press conferences, plenaries or campaign events)









I liked...

- (most of) my coworkers
- the content of my research
- summer in Vienna
- the cafeteria (Knödel)

I didn't like...

- the 'sensational' aspect / the "business" (→ caught a dose of disillusion)
- certain values of the party – politics for the privileged

Conclusion

- No trade-off between academic and other goals, it's all about personal development
- Every experience can be valuable (even if you hate it in the moment)
- Important: confidence (and skills)
- “Personalize” your goals



Don't be shy!



Be proactive!



Be flexible!