

Hello everyone, Thanks a lot inviting me here and giving me the opportunity to address everyone at this platform.

As you know, I am Jhanvi Trivedi, a WTI Alumnus, to be specific MILE 20. I am currently working as an intern at the WTO. I was previously a consultant with the UN ESCAP office in Bangkok. I partly come from an economics background, but I understand and enjoy international law just as much. Trade policy analysis is strong suite.

Having recently graduated my experience was a little different from what Shantanu just shared with us. The course work of WTI has changed quite drastically over the period of 20 years. Now it offers two programs that the students can choose from based on their interests and specialization, be it law, economics or political sciences.

I have had multiple conversations with people and the question "WHY WTI?" have always been one of the most interesting question. The reason for that is, I don't have one answer to "WHY WTI?". The inter-disciplinary coursework of the institute is the one of only kind. It is amazing how they managed to intertwine different approaches to the subject of International law and economics.

Both the TRAIL and MILE students' study in one single batch, you can expect people from distinct filed of work and study. This mix created a very supporting environment for me and if I may say, also for my fellow colleagues. My batch consisted people from varied fields, some of them were already working professionals and quite experienced, a few others from a completely different area of work than trade, while others were recent graduates, choosing their niche. It is a very common site to see lawyers and economists' study together, helping each other out with courses. Something I have always observed from my experience and the interaction with the other alumni is that at the end of one year, the lawyers enjoy economics and the economists are thrilled with the beauty of international law, and I think this can only happen in WTI.

For some of you, who might be interested in the variety and character of the courses at the WTI. I would like to say, everything you can think of in the field of International Law, International Trade and International trade economics is offered by the WTI. In addition, one always has the opportunity to select any course of their interest under the University of Bern. These courses are taught by best academicians, scholars and practitioners working in their fields. At the WTI we have a special bond with our professors, or like how we say it here is that "they are our mentors for life". The considerably small size of batch at the institute makes it possible for the students and faculty members to connect on a personal level. Every student is catered to an individual level based on their needs and requirements.

Apart from the regular curriculum, we have numerous guest lectures seminars where speakers from other universities, International organizations and think tank addresses the crowd. In my view it was always a remarkable experience. The opportunity to interact and understand how the issues in the real world are tackled. WTI and its students also participates in WTO Public Forum, World Trade Forum, World Investment Forum, ELSA Moot court, WTI Moot court and other events. During my time at the Institute, I was always looking forward to these events. For students it was an excellent time, we could attend different plenary sessions, network with people and most importantly get ready to enter the trade world. I fondly remember the struggle and dilemma to choose one among various topics of interest. You always meet WTI Alumni at these events.

Talking about the Alumni, we have an Alumni Network and Association. Every year the students take an oath to look after, guide and carry on the legacy of the Institute. On of the most prodigious thing WTI offers to the students is the Mentor Programme. Every student based on their filed of interest

and skills is assigned a mentor who is currently a working professional in the trade world. This mentor guides and prepares you for the upcoming opportunities. This has been of phenomenal help to me to everyone else I know.

It was a pleasure addressing this crowd today. I would be more than happy to connect with you on an individual level and give you more insights about the World Trade Institute. Please feel free to contact me or anyone from the Institute. I wish you, all the very best for your future.