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“A Franklin education produces critical thinkers who are culturally literate, ethically aware, and intellectually courageous. We prepare students to become responsible, compassionate, and collaborative leaders in an increasingly complex and interconnected world.”

On February 27, the 2016-17 Franklin University Switzerland launched its own currency in the composite world of money. It is called the Franklin Frank (FF) and is part of a community outreach project, started by Professors Andrea Terzi and Poulomi Dasgupta, aimed at raising awareness among the students about the importance of service learning, as well as to strengthen the Franklin identity.

The Franklin Frank Community Engagement Program provides students with the opportunity to provide support and assistance to local institutions and non-profit organizations in our region. In exchange for their time students receive the banknotes issued by Franklin’s Department of Economics and Finance, denominated in Franklin Franks. Because Franklin Franks have a weight on student’s grades, they are valuable to students. Professors subscribing to the program integrate a Franklin Frank tax credit into their grading policies. Payment of three Franklin Franks carries a weight of 5 percent of the course final grade. Hence, the tax liability creates the initial incentive that encourages students to contribute their time to the program.

The Franklin Frank can only be obtained when paid out as compensation for volunteer work, similar to the way any other citizens receive payments in the form of a national currency for their work.

In the case of the Franklin Frank, the Department of Economics and Finance fills this governmental role as the sole issuer of the currency. This backing is furthered by the fact that the Franklin Franks can only be obtained when paid out, similar to the way any other citizens receive payments in the form of a national currency for their work. As Franks are given out, they become representative of a ‘liability’ to the Department of Economics and Finance and an ‘asset’ to the students. When students receive payment for their volunteer work in Franklin Franks they have essentially three options regarding their use. The first option is to store Franklin Franks until the end of the semester when students must settle the tax charged by their professors. However, a second option for students who don’t have to pay a tax credit in their courses or who have earned more Franklin Franks than needed is to trade them for goods or services with other students. In other words, because Franklin belongs to a free society, recipients of Franklin Franks are free to trade them for goods and services, such as tutoring sessions, household duties, cooking lessons, or rides to the airport. So long as any two students find a mutual value in the trade, an exchange can be made with relative ease. Trading with national currencies, however, is prohibited.

Finally, students can store Franklin Franks for future semesters since, like other currencies, the Franklin Frank has no expiration date and can be redeemed for tax credit in any semester. The program was also launched with the aim of educating students about the role of money in the modern monetary system by placing...
students at the heart of the Franklin Frank economy. The micro-economy generated within the Franklin community contributes to class discussions about the essence of the monetary system and the mechanical functioning of a currency. In other words, Volunteer work creates Franklin Franks; taxes remove Franklin Franks; and Franklin bears a responsibility in offering enough volunteer opportunities so as to allow students to pay their taxes and use the currency for savings or trade.

According to Professors Diagbeu and Terzi, the program is intended to not only get students more involved within the Lugano community and break down barriers, but also to mirror the way government spending works in an economy, which helps our students in understanding real world application(s) of what is being taught in the classroom.

The events are arranged by the Office of Student Life and the Department of Economics and are chosen based on criteria that focus on community involvement. Events that students participate in are often mixed with local community members and focus on various methods of community improvement projects. Students may find themselves spending a weekend gathering waste along the lake for the Lugano clean-up project, removing invasive plant species around Lago di Murano for the Franklin-ProNatura program, or facilitating annual city events such as the Lugano Walking Day.

Since its start, local community organizations have learned that they can count on Franklin students’ assistance and support of numerous projects. As participation in the program continues, the Franklin Frank program will serve as a bridge between Franklin and the local community now and for the foreseeable future.

By Miles Dean ’17

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF HISTORY ASSOCIATION IN LUGANO

IN FEBRUARY 2016, Zora Piskacova ’17 had the opportunity to attend a seminar on “History and Fiction” in Marburg, Germany, organized by the International Students of History Association (ISHA) — an international organization providing a platform for the exchange of ideas for students of history and other related social sciences. Following this experience, she decided to get more involved, and with the active help of Alyssa Wilson ’17, Nadia Perez Flores ’19, and Krystian Wahl ’18, established an official ISHA section in Lugano. Conceived entirely by student initiative, this project enables current and future students to attend international seminars and conferences organized by various European sections, and makes it easier for them to interact with other students of history and related subjects.

The International Students of History Association currently possesses forty-six sections and is in charge of the organization of four to six international events each year. Following a thematic focus such as “Local vs. Global: A Transnational Perspective on History” or “Diversity as a Marker of the Temporality of the City,” the various seminars are divided into more focused workshops in which accepted participants present their individual research and engage in an academic discussion.

ISHA Lugano, a small but vibrant section, has participated in four ISHA seminars. Most recently, Alyssa Wilson ’17 attended the “Histories at Work” seminar put on by ISHA Berlin. At this conference, she presented a proposal for a documentary, including its possible budget, location of filming, and cast of characters. Her specific workshop on documentary films explored a historian’s understanding of the sizes and cells inside the brain.

The Honors Society offers students an opportunity to deepen their academic experience and to discuss topics that would otherwise not find consideration in an academic framework at Franklin. Since its inception in the current form right eight years ago, the Society organizes one or two guest lectures per semester by distinguished academics. Following a formal presentation with subsequent questions and answers the discussion between scholars and students usually continues at an informal reception, allowing students to gain deeper insights into how cutting-edge research creates new insights and new knowledge.

Everyone from the Franklin community is invited to attend. Since the start of the current academic year, the Honors Society has featured the following:

- An Age of Subcultures? October 14, 2016
- From Pais to Temple: French Wine and the Shifting Language of Landscape November 11, 2016

Presented by guest lecturer Holstein M. Guy, Associate Professor and former Ricardo Roto Distinguished Professor of the Honors College at University of Texas at San Antonio.

- The Process of Archaeology: The Recent Discovery of the Poggio Colla November 30, 2016

For all the latest University news, visit: fusu.edu/news-events
Dr. Andrea Terzi, Professor of Economics, recently published new articles in two academic journals. Both pieces focus on European policies and analyze issues with the current economic situation.

In the 2016 third quarter issue of the PSL Quarterly Review, Terzi offered a critique of an article published previously there, advocating a fiscal expansion over tactics proposed by other researchers to end deflation in the Euro area.

The April 2016 issue of the European Journal of Economics and Economic Policies published Terzi’s article, “A T-shirt model of savings, debt, and private spending: lessons for the euro area.” In his article, that elaborates on an earlier INET presentation in Paris, Terzi explains why Eurozone policies have so far failed to restore economic prosperity. Terzi proposes a simple model to study the financial conditions for economic growth in Europe. On the basis of his model, he concludes that fiscal expansion is the “necessary and sufficient condition to end the prolonged deflation in the euro area in a sustainable way.”

The reference to a T-shirt comes from a saying in Physics that theories of the universe are not credible if their fundamental building blocks cannot be condensed onto a T-shirt. Terzi, in a similar way, uses a simple three-equation model to illustrate what is known about the causes of private spending in a monetary economy.

When asked to summarize his work, Terzi stated, “First, I introduce the notion of the 'savings-debt constraint.' Every penny saved is someone else's debt. And this means that any policy that inhibits debt also inhibits financial savings, spending, and jobs. Economic growth in a monetary economy inevitably builds on some form of debt. Hence, the way you finance growth is through a balanced and sustainable expansion of private and public debt. In this respect, the EU Commission's belief that expansion is 'necessary and sufficient condition to end the prolonged deflation in the euro area' is not credible if it cannot be condensed onto a T-shirt.

Second, I provide a solution to the conundrum of the consequence of savings in a monetary economy. Economists are familiar with the fact that textbooks are often ambivalent on this issue. In one chapter, savings are good because they fund investment. In another chapter, savings are bad because they depress business sales. I believe I brought some clarity to this issue.

Finally, I make a strong case for reclaiming the fiscal instrument in the context of European economic governance. As long as policy-makers defy the savings-debt constraint, the euro area will continue to live dangerously.”
They got up at 6 a.m. in the morning and returned to the excavation house mid-afternoon to continue working (for instance, cleaning pottery) before catching a quick nap before a 7 p.m. lecture and an 8 p.m. dinner. Then they were up at six again the next morning. All of them (students, staff, and professionals), some forty strong, made up the Mugello Valley Archaeological Project, a consortium of universities that have been excavating the hilltop sanctuary since 1995. There were three Franklin students on site that week: Melissa Fain ’16, Andrea Lee ’17, and Samuel Miller ’17. Sam was patiently excavating the foundations of the monumental temple that had been built on the plateau of Poggio Colla around 500 BC. Its foundation blocks are massive pieces of sandstone, sometimes more than six feet long. One of them was unusual, finely finished with a broad curve at one end. It resembled a stele, an upright sculpted funerary marker of the kind set up by the Etruscans in this part of Tuscany during the sixth and fifth centuries BC. About fifty of these stone markers, called Pietre Fiesolane in Italian, are known. But if so, what was it doing here? It was not decorated, and it had been laid to rest in the foundations of a temple. Our best guess was that it had been roughed out in order to make a stele but for some reason had been discarded and reused as a convenient architectural block.

We decided to lift the stone, no easy task because it weighs around 400 to 500 pounds. The decision to lift it was also made more difficult because one part of the stone was covered by a third-century BC stone-rubble wall. Archaeologists are always careful not to destroy anything of importance, but in this case we decided to carefully photographe and document the later wall, lift the stone to make sure there was nothing of importance, and then reassemble the wall. At this point I was in Lugano, in my office at Franklin, so I must admit that I was not an eye-witness to the event, but thanks to modern technology (phone and text-messaging) I was kept apprised of what was going on. The stone was carefully lifted, and Sam, who had lovingly excavated the stone and thus had come to know it well, noted indentations on one of its edges that resembled letters. When a little water was poured on the edge of the stone, a series of letters almost miraculously emerged. It was clear that this was indeed a stele of unusual type with an exceedingly rare Etruscan inscription. It had lain underground for two and a half millennia, but now it could speak to us again. What did it say?

The Etruscan language is not well known. It is a language “isolate” and seems to have had no relationship to any other known language. It is definitely not connected to the Indo-European languages spoken by the
The inscription is being studied by two experts. One is a comparative linguist, Rex Wallace of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, who has written one of the fundamental textbooks on the Etruscan language. The other is an epigrapher, Adriano Magnani, now retired from the University of Venice, one of the foremost experts on Etruscan inscriptions. The inscription is challenging; it includes many words that have never been seen before. We put out a press release in the spring of this year about the discovery. Another press release went out in the early fall, announcing that we had deciphered part of the text that may reveal the name of the deceased and his or her parentage.

The inscription is definitely an Etruscan sacred text, one of the three longest found to date, the earliest, and the only one with a secure archaeological context. But research continues, and there is much more to learn. Our sacred stone has more tales to tell.
Franklin Provides Higher Education for Displaced Students

The Scholarships Without Borders Program

In light of Europe’s worst refugee crisis since World War II and the resulting struggle to find humanitarian solutions, Franklin University Switzerland shows its solidarity with displaced students by offering scholarships to recognized refugees in Switzerland through its Scholarships Without Borders (SWB) Program.

The SWB Program was founded in 2015 by Professors Johanna Fassl and Caroline Wiedmer, who are also the co-directors. It offers qualified student refugees the opportunity to pursue their undergraduate studies as they become fully-integrated on campus and in Ticino. Depending on their qualifications, students may be admitted to a dedicated SWB bridge program or enroll directly in Franklin’s Bachelor of Arts program. Additionally, all SWB students participate in an international summer school program on human rights, leadership skills, and the role of higher education in the process of integration and in the rebuilding of war-torn countries. The summer school is also open to anyone interested in the topic.

Thanks to the excellent cooperation between Swiss cantonal and state authorities, the SWB Program has already been able to welcome two students. The first recipient, a female from Syria who began her studies in Damascus, but had to flee the country shortly thereafter due to the war, enrolled in spring 2016. A second young woman, accepted in fall 2016, is enrolled in Ticino with her family to begin her studies. SWB recipients are provided with full scholarships and additional financial and academic support from Franklin through direct scholarships, and in collaboration with Swiss cantonal bodies, foundations, and academic support from Franklin through direct scholarships, and in collaboration with Swiss cantonal bodies, foundations, corporations, and individual donors from around the world.

Support for the refugees in the process of integration and in the rebuilding of war-torn countries is a key factor in finding sustainable solutions to the refugee crisis. Education helps student refugees overcome trauma and rebuild lives through intellectual nurture and involvement in meaningful, future-building endeavors; it supports their efforts to integrate into their host country and to contribute to its economic growth; and it gives those who eventually return to their home the skills, awareness, and knowledge to become change-makers and to rebuild their native countries.

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To learn more about the Scholarships Without Borders Program, please contact swb@fus.edu.
Japan: Tradition and Modernity

Our stay in Hiroshima, just a few weeks prior to President Obama’s own historic visit, was a reminder not only of the devastating effects of atomic weapons but also of the power of humans to heal and rebuild after immense tragedy.

— Dr. Fintan Hoey

Following over two centuries of self-imposed isolation, Japan was forcibly opened by the encroachments of western imperialists in the middle of the nineteenth century. In response Japanese leaders carried out a deep, long lasting, and often traumatic political, economic, and cultural revolution, which was directed at catching up with the western powers. By the beginning of the twentieth century Japan had established itself as an expansionist imperial power in its own right, a course which was in part to lead to the tragedy of the Second World War. Following its total defeat, Japan recovered and experienced rapid economic development up to the stagnation of the 1990s, which has continued to the present.

Modern Japan presents a fascinating historical example of a society continually adapting to the challenges of modernity: capitalism, imperialism, and industrialisation.

By Dr. Fintan Hoey, Assistant Professor of History
Anti-EU trends are political phenomena that often are misunderstood as examples of “populist right-wing extremism.”

It is very likely that future entry into Britain of citizens from European states will meet some new regulations, but the Westminster government has reassured citizens that British businesses such as industry, banking, finance, and high technology development would not stop the flow of skilled specialists into the country. This aspect has been overlooked as a EU law favored Europeans over non-Europeans. For example, Americans, Canadians, Australians, and New Zealanders looking for employment in the UK had to take a back seat to EU citizens.

British defense links to Europe have always transcended the European Union itself as the basic military framework in Europe itself has been actually subsumed under NATO’s policies and Europe’s relations with North America. As for security and strategic coordination, it is very unlikely that anything will change between North America, London, and the European Union.

Arguably, the most positive aspect of the British political move has been the stimulus given to European member states to reconsider their policies of integration and the submission of individual governments to the monetary policies of the European central bank and European laws that have facilitated an incentive and motivated millions of African, mid-Easterners, and South Asians to move to Europe illegally, exploiting the foundations of European institutions.

The entry of the United Kingdom into the European Union in 1971 met continuously some degree of skepticism in the English public. As a matter of fact, in both the Labour and Tory parties, Euro skepticism was always present. Upon coming to power, David Cameron, the Tory Prime Minister, promised a referendum on the subject of British exit from the European Union. There seemed to be at the time a consensus that it would never come through but, as it turned out, specialists and forecasters came out to be wrong.

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BY DR. MORRIS M. MOTTALE
Department Co-Chair of International Relations and Political Science
Franklin University Switzerland

J ust before the June referendum in Great Britain on Westminster’s departure from the European Union, there seemed to be a widespread consensus about an economic apocalypse for Britain as critics pontificated on the utterly catastrophic consequences for the British people. By September, nothing had happened and in fact, the British people seemed to have adjusted. In a very short time, the United Kingdom got a new government under Theresa May and the British economy seemed to coast along well. Only time will tell whether Brexit was a bad idea.

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An analysis of the event should lead analysts to ask not so much what are the consequences for Britain, but rather, the consequences for the European Union itself. In the last few years, various political trends in Europe, especially stagnant economies, Islamic terrorism, immigration, and widespread cynicism about the Union itself, have mimed the Anti-EU trends are political phenomena that often are misunderstood as examples of “populist right-wing extremism.”

Anti-EU trends are political phenomena that often are misunderstood as examples of “populist right-wing extremism.” In fact, the Brexit vote was interpreted by many observers in terms of an anti-European pathology on the part of masses who do not share a Polyanthologist world that sees a European Union in a globalized world without borders. The outcome of the referendum was not expected by European continental leaders, nor by the American leadership in Washington, where President Obama expressed very negative feelings on a British exit from the Union. In Switzerland, an anti-EU population cheered London’s exit as the Alpine country found itself besieged by hordes of migrants and refugees that have been allowed to enter the European Union without any checks or controls through Italy and Greece. The Chinese and Japanese governments seemed rather taken aback by the vote as they perceived the EU to be a block with which they could ease deal with as one unit.

Such perceptions, however, neglected, and continue to do so, the fact that a country with the parliamentary democratic heritage of the United Kingdom found unacceptable the submission of the British political system to the dictates of a faceless bureaucracy in Brussels and the threat of immigration from the continent that was and is being compounded from the Arab, African, Islamist world. Rising Islamic extremism and bloody episodes of terrorism inspired by radical Islam compounded British skepticism.

Following nominal departure from the European Union, Britain began developing new policies to expand its economic reach back to the old Commonwealth and North America. In October 2015, Dr. Laam Fox, former defense minister and a Tory MP, confirmed already here in Switzerland at a symposium at Franklin University Switzerland that it was the intention of the British government to renew its ties with states such as South Africa, India, and of course Australia. British officials reassured European citizens living the United Kingdom that nothing in reality would change as residence permits would not be taken away. In fact, no European citizens have lost any jobs in the UK.

See for example: bbc.com/news/world-europe-37347352

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On Sunday, May 15, 2016, Franklin University Switzerland celebrated its 46th Commencement Ceremony at Palazzo dei Congressi in Lugano. One hundred seventeen students from 24 different countries received a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree.

During the ceremony, Honorary Degrees were awarded to Mr. Khaled Samawi, Founder of Ayyam Gallery, Ms. Heidi Tagliavini, Swiss Diplomat, and Mr. Gary E. Knell, President and CEO of the National Geographic Society. The Commencement address was given by Gary E. Knell, President and CEO of the National Geographic Society. In his opening comments, Knell said, “If National Geographic would have created a University, I’d like to think that it would have been Franklin. Your emphasis on gaining a global perspective, your inclusion of travel and experiential learning as part of your curriculum, your celebration of exploration and curiosity, these are our values too.”

The 2016 Ursula Gentile Lowerre Award for Outstanding Service was conferred to Thomas J. Gould ’70 in recognition of his long-standing, fervent support of the University both in action and gift. From 1968 to 1970, Gould attended what was then called Fleming College and returned to Franklin as a member of staff from 1974 to 1975. Besides his philanthropic engagement, Gould has also been very active in service to admissions, by offering to represent Franklin and interview potential students in the U.S. Midwest. Although not present at the time, Gould will be accepting the award in person this May at the 2017 Commencement ceremony.

The Valedictorian was Khadija Alem, from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, who majored in Communication and Media Studies and Psychology. In her speech, Alem analyzed the popular phrase, YOLO (You Only Live Once), through various cultural and historic points of view. “Life is only valuable because we assign value to it. In our seeking a meaning in life, we find a meaning to life... people’s conception of a meaningful life should not influence the kind of life that you or I choose to pursue. If you only live once then any path in life is equally valid as long as it is a life that is fulfilling to you.”

"Take Risks. Because one idea—big or small, crazy or not, can change the world.”

— Gary Knell

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1970  
Katherine Hock Trent's husband, Leighton Jr., Lynn Trent passed away on Father's Day June 1970 in Charnaza, TTN from Pulmonary Hypertension. He is survived by son Leighton R. Trent and one stepgrandson Leighton Williams Trent. Katherine and Lyn met on a blind date through an old friend and were married 35 years.

1975  
Lindy Hardman was excited that her nephew, Malcolm Roeddel, attended Franklin last fall as a study abroad at USC. Malcolm plans to return next fall to continue on to USC in January. Lindy writes, “seven years ago, we tried very hard to entice ourselves out of LA to enjoy a more bucolic life in Montana, but, alas, due to the recession, it was not meant to be. After four years on the market, we finally sold our ranch and have moved back to Paola. The commute to our jobs in downtown LA is much more manageable than where we have been temporarily in Newport Beach, amusing the Montana side. We still have very dear ties to the Bitterroot Valley and plan to visit regularly, especially since Susan’s parents now live there full-time.”

1989  
Rebecca Garrett didn’t rotate a test step to Lugano while on vacation with a friend in Italy. Before meeting up with Diana Tedoldi ’90 at Franklin for a campus tour, Rebecca enjoyed catching up with Jennifer Jamieson ’90 over lunch downtown.

1992  
Kelly Davidson Buckingham ’82 visited campus with her husband Bill last July while visiting Lugano during their European vacation. Kelly shared her many fond memories of Franklin days and of her professors. Kelly and Bill then travelled on to Italy where they planned to visit Como, Milan, the Amalfi Coast, and Capri.

1997  
An impromptu reunion took place in January at Grand Falls Saloon in Lugano. Asha Mannahall had accompanied his son to Franklin for his freshman year.

Diana Tedoldi ’90 at Franklin for a campus tour. Rebecca enjoyed catching up with Jennifer Jamieson ’90 over lunch downtown.

1994  
Suzanne Yee has been living in New York City since last summer studying journalism at Columbia. She writes that it has been fun catching up with Franklin alums Sabrina Rice ’91 and Natalie Rice Valenzuela ’93.

1997  
Cynthia T. Luna ’97 — is a whole new process,” says Luna, “writing a book is one thing, getting it published is another, and designing marketing strategies, she focuses on marketing their upcoming books. “Writing a book is one thing, getting it published is another, and designing marketing strategies, she focuses on marketing their upcoming books. She is also available for speaking engagements. Contact her at Cynthia@livinginCyn.com.

2004  
Continuing on the adventurous path she started in Lugano, Danielle Bennett Redmond wound up commercial fishing in Alaska 10 years ago and has been living there ever since. She completed her Master’s at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and went on to found the Alaska Center for Autism. She now lives on the coast with her husband and two children — and their big, sassy dog, Danielle can be reached at skclaren@alaska.net.

Kathy Schacht and her husband Matt were back travelling through France and Italy last October and finished their trip in Lugano at the beginning of November. Kathy had the chance to show Matt the Franklin campus and her old stomping grounds around Lugano. Kathy and Matt live in Anchorage, Alaska.

1999  
Left to right: Rebecca Garrett ’91 and Jennifer Jamieson ’90

2006  
Stephanie Green and her husband Kevin Clark welcomed their first child, a son. Declan Clark was born on July 26, 2015.

2012  
Alia’s Qassim MSIM ’13 opened a ballroom in Amman, Jordan. Alia’s writes, “My five years in Lugano are very special to me, and I always like to subtly incorporate Lugano themes and ideas into what I do. My venue is housing weddings, parties, galas, and events, and it is called Splendid, just like the Lugano landmark hotel.”

Alessandra Rogers is currently at the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C., after an internship at The White House.

WEDDINGS IN SINGAPORE  
Join The Benjamin Franklin Society, whose members have included Franklin University Switzerland in their estate plans.
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BACK FROM THE FUTURE
World’s longest and deepest rail tunnel opens in Switzerland

No, it doesn’t have anything to do with time travel!
The Gotthard Base Tunnel was inaugurated last June and became fully operational
on December 11, 2016. At 57 kilometers in length and with a 2,300-meter rock
overlay, it is the longest and deepest railway tunnel in the world. The tunnel
provides a faster connection between the canton of Ticino and the rest of
Switzerland, as well as between northern and southern Europe, reducing journey
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