Your phone call with the Hertie School Board of Directors on November 30, 2021 at 3:00 PM

The Hertie School is a private university based in Berlin, accredited by the state and the German Science Council. It prepares exceptional students for leadership positions in government, business, and civil society. Your last phone call with the Hertie School Board of Directors was on May 5, 2020. The Board of Directors would like to discuss how they can further improve preparing Hertie students for public service. Additionally, they are keen to exchange views on the effects of the pandemic on Germany´s education system.

Key messages:

* Thank you for your commitment to educate the next generation of leaders in public service.
* Corona took a big toll on our schools and universities. How does Hertie adapt to the new realities of digital learning and student health security?

Next generation of public servants

The Hertie School of Governance has an excellent track record of combining academic knowledge with preparing students for real-life challenges in public service. A significant number of alumni join public service. Hertie attracts rising leaders and young talents from all over the world to Berlin and thus contributes to the international reputation of Germany´s education sector.

* Hertie alumni are making a real difference in public service. They are a true asset for good governance!
* How can we as government provide your students with even better opportunities to prepare them for public service? Internships? Trainee programs?

COVID-19

The pandemic has fundamentally changed student life and teaching methods. Hertie updates its hygiene rules and measures for daily operations on a rolling basis, taking into account the newest guidelines from Berlin health authorities. The university strives to provide an engaging and dynamic education for all students, despite the difficult circumstances that COVID imposes. Hertie has adapted quickly to these new conditions: courses are available online, the Board of Directors has introduced rigorous COVID regulations in classrooms and has extended its psychological assistance program.

* I appreciate the precautions that Hertie has taken to protect student health safety. Cautiousness continues to be the key priority!
* Any legal frameworks for universities that we should adjust as a lesson learned from COVID?

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