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The education offered by the EERC/KSE derives most of its value not from particular models or techniques taught. A far more important skill for me was the general method and attitude to solving real-world problems. Put it shortly, it is the skill of being scientific and analytical in every aspect of your professional life. The first year of study provides you with a best fundamental economic education at the standard not known anywhere else in Ukraine and rarely found in former Soviet Union countries. This alone is sufficient to put this institution aside from other master programs in economics in Ukraine, but what makes it so drastically different is the second year which offers a real challenge to demonstrate creativity, analytical approach and strong motivation. This challenge takes you to a completely different level of maturity and resourcefulness—qualities crucial for developing into a good professional in any field of work.