

In ten-year experience of working in a multi-national company I have attended quite a few trainings abroad with a good mix of people from different nationalities. I was not expecting that IAP experience will be much different. However, very different it was. The difference was not only the amazing experience of being in one of the leading educational institutions but also the participants that came from different part of the world and had very different professional backgrounds. I was able to talk to persons that handle similar roles to mine but in a different industry and it broadened my outlook substantially. MISI has taught about the supply chain models and designs but it was a very different experience altogether to see it during the tour of DC of Walgreens. The visit to Amazon Robotics was almost like a visit to a future considering how fulfillment is done nowadays in our DCs. It was surreal to realize that for some companies this is not a future state but a day-to-day routine.

The speakers who came to talk to us opened a complete new horizon of thinking: especially Joe Couglin and Sanjay Sarma. I am an avid reader of Bigthink blog of Couglin and cannot stop recommending it to my friends and colleagues. The lecture of entrepreneurship training had really changed my mind about starting a business. I see it now as something that can be learned rather than some ability you are born with.

The biggest teachers were though the participants themselves. During 3 weeks of interacting with over 50 out of 120 of participants I have learned at least 1 thing from each of them: be it personal or professional. Unbeknown to me, all the leadership classes and assignments made me prepared for a new role in the company I work for: leading the change in supply chain and convincing people that do not report to me to embrace the change. This training could not have been timelier.

IAP was the pinnacle of my MISI experience and I will cherish the experience and the friendships I made for life.