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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

PhD Fellow

October 2016 - Present

Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics (CCCP)

Cologne

Research Interests Political Economy, Financial Markets, Lobbying, Financialization, Financial Market Regulation, Quantitative Research, Data Science, Text Mining

Supervisor Prof. Dr. Christine Trampusch

Master of Arts (*Ø 1,1, best graduate*)

October 2014 - September 2016

University of Cologne

Cologne

Major Political Science

Minor Economic and Social Geography

Master's Thesis „Transposing the European Savings Tax Directive - Domestic Preferences and the Correct Transposition of EU Provisions“ (Grade: 1,0)

Bachelor of Arts (*Ø 1,1, top 5%*)

October 2011 - September 2014

Heinrich-Heine University

Düsseldorf

Major History (Focus on Economic History)

Minor Political Science

Study Abroad (*Ø 1,4*)

October 2013 - April 2014

Charles University

Prague, Czech Republic

Fields of Study Statistics, Economic Policy

A-level (*Ø 1,6*)

August 2000 - June 2009

Engelbert-von-Berg Gymnasium

Wipperfurth

Subjects: Math, English, History, German

EXPERIENCE

DFG Project: Municipalities and their Expectations on Pay-Offs of Swap Deals

since October 2017

Research Associate

Cologne

Statistical analyses, data collection, research work, project management

Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment, and Energy

August 2015 - May 2016

Graduate Assistant

Wuppertal

Statistical surveying, data collection, statistical data analysis, graphical visualizations, research work, qualitative content analysis

National Library of the Czech Republic

October 2013 - January 2014

Digital Library

Prague, Czech Republic

Administrative tasks, database maintenance, digitalization with XML, public relations

Prisma April 2012 - July 2012
Editorial Office Cologne

Editing and research, database maintenance

Alice-Salomon School August 2009 - April 2010
Civilian Service Wipperfurth

Teaching Assistant, Supporting children with learning disabilities

CONFERENCES

Paper Presentation 29 June - 1 July 2017
SASE 29th Annual Meeting Lyon, France

„Regulating the Audit Market in the European Union - Who Dominates, Who Loses?“

Session: Auditing and the Accounting Profession (P: Accounting, Economics, and Law)

Session Moderator 29 June - 1 July 2017
SASE 29th Annual Meeting Lyon, France

Session: Auditing and the Accounting Profession (P: Accounting, Economics, and Law)

Paper Presentation 28 March - 30 March 2018
25th Council for European Studies Chicago IL, United States

„The Financialization of the State: Why are English Local Authorities Betting on Interest Rate Fluctuations?“

Session: Financialisation

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Full PhD scholarship (3 years) October 2016
Cologne Graduate School in Management, Economics and Social Sciences Cologne

Dean's Award for outstanding academic achievements December 2015
Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences, University of Cologne Cologne

ERASMUS scholarship for studying abroad October 2013
Mobility scholarship granted by the European Union Prague, Czech Republic

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Advanced Statistics Through the Use of STATA November 2016
Instructor: Dr. Rudy Ligtoet University of Cologne

Introduction to Bayesian Statistics July 2017
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Richard Traunmüller University of Cologne

Quantitative Text Analysis October 2017 to December 2017
Instructor: Prof. Dr. Sven-Oliver Proksch University of Cologne

Including workshops: "The Structural Topic Model for Text Analysis" (Prof. Dr. M. E. Roberts, UCSD) and "Collecting and Analyzing Social Media Data with R" (Prof. Dr. Pablo Barberá, LSE)

COMMUNICATION AND ORGANIZATION

Organizational Consulting

Soft skills seminar

October 2012

Düsseldorf

Presentation

Soft skills seminar

November 2012

Düsseldorf

Project Management

Soft skills seminar

December 2012

Düsseldorf

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

basic	Python, XML, SQL, Git, Tableau
intermediate	Stata, SPSS, MS Excel, Adobe Photoshop
advanced	R, L ^A T _E X, MS Word, MS Powerpoint

LANGUAGES

German	C2 (Mother tongue)
English	C1 (Business fluent)
Czech	A2-B1 (Intermediate)
Spanish	A1 (Elementary)
Latin	Latinum