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MSc IR & Diplomacy - Leiden University and the Clingendael Institute (Graduated 2019)
Dissertation *“The Role of Bilateral Diplomacy in EU Multilateralism: A Social Network Analysis of the Dutch Coalition-building Network. A Case Study of the Brexit Negotiations”*

BA Economics & Politics at the University of Nottingham, England (Graduated 2016):
International School of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and attained IB Diploma (2013)

CORE COMPETENCIES:

- Project Management • Political analysis • Networking • Strategic Planning • Lobbying • Negotiating • Coalition-building • Social media literate • Arabic A2-B1 • French C1 • Dutch C1 • English C1
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TRAINEE CONSULTANT • PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS • Amsterdam • July 2019 – Dec 2019

Achievements:

- Communications liaison for Jewish, Roma and Sinti applicants who were eligible for WWII NS compensation scheme;
- Undertook desk research for two international evaluation & monitoring (M&E) projects, focusing on labour market position of women in LDCs and responsible supply chains of goods that are internationally traded.

FULL-TIME INTERN • BREXIT TASKFORCE – NETHERLANDS MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS • The Hague • June 2018 – Dec 2018

Tasks included:

- Drafting a weekly letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and network of Dutch embassies with updates of the latest news surrounding Brexit.
- Secretary of the cross-ministerial weekly meeting that brought all affected ministries together to discuss strategy and planning.

Achievements:

- Prepared a wide range of presentations and speaking notes for meetings within the ministry, as well as at EU-level, on variety of topics.
- Assisted in keeping various stakeholders informed (Dutch embassy network, Dutch parliament, and third parties).
- Successfully organized and spoke at an event for over 200 students with colleagues from the Taskforce.

FULL-TIME TRAINEE (INTERN) • THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION • Brussels • Jan 2018 – June 2018

Tasks included:

- Assisted colleagues in the preparation and drafting of documents for working parties, technical meetings, trilogues and Council meetings for Services package (proportionality test and notification files).
- Participating in meetings held within the Council, as well as with the European Parliament and the European Commission at various levels, and participated in conferences with outside stakeholders.

Achievements:

- Supplemented my academic understanding with a pragmatic, hands-on and an institutional perspective of the legislative process and negotiation dynamics within the EU.

- Successfully organized and spoke at an event with Mr. Michel Barnier, chief Brexit negotiator for the EU, for 600 EP & Council and EC Commission trainees.

FULL-TIME • UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM STUDENTS' UNION • Nottingham • June 2016 – July 2017

Community SU Executive Officer

The community officer's prime responsibility is to represent the 34,000 Nottingham students on the 'community' portfolio. My responsibilities were wide-ranging but primarily covered managing community stakeholder relationships (the police, the City Council, and housing regulators). Another key responsibility was to keep students updated with the work I was doing through dedicated accounts with 2000+ followers via Twitter and Facebook.

Achievements include:

- Secured £20k+ of funding to host and manage the 2017 International Student Summit (ISS), a conference analysing the impending effects of emerging tech on democracy:
 - Ran an extensive 5-day long programme that included over 20 speakers and 10 events
 - Speakers included Microsoft, IBM Watson, and Jeremy Browne, a former minister of government 2010-15 and appointed and managed a 10-person committee responsible for the budget and delivering the 2017 ISS
- Collaborated with local council officials to create a searchable list of all the accredited and licensed properties within Nottingham to simplify house-hunting for students
- Maintained cross-bench political relationships with MPs that represented the student body in Nottinghamshire
- Launched a Rate-Your-Landlord/Housing system in Nottingham, a longstanding pledge of previous community officers, to help students find appropriate housing through a TripAdvisor rating system catered to students.

Positions of responsibility: Chair of The Students' Union Finance Committee and member of the University Finance Committee

- Chair of the committee responsible for the financial solvency of the Students' Union, an organisation with a turnover of £7 million annually.
- A member of the University of Nottingham Finance Committee. A committee responsible for ensuring the long-term financial solvency of an organisation generating over £600 million, approving revenue projects of over £500k and signing off capital projects of over £1 million.

INTERN - UK-INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL (UKIBC) •New Delhi, India • August 2014

UKIBC is a membership-based, non-profit organization founded in 2007 to foster trade and business relations between the United Kingdom and India. The organization works with businesses in both countries, as well as the UK and Indian governments, to promote and increase bilateral trade.

- Working with and under guidance of the manager of Launchpad Services, I was tasked to help guide UK businesses to settle and adapt their business models to the large emerging Indian market.
- Clients included renowned UK universities wanting to set up subsidiaries in India. Launchpad helped such institutions and businesses build an Indian network allowing them to acclimatize to the regulatory environment.

VOLUNTARY WORK:

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER • Jonge Democraten (JD) • The Hague • Sept. 2019 – now

Tasks:

- Organizing events with an international focus and energies members about international affairs. Examples are a recent MENA climate seminar, and an event focusing on the Venezuelan crisis and its impact on the Dutch Kingdom;

- Representing JD members and the JD national executive committee at congresses and advancing social liberal cause through our European and international umbrella organizations (LYMEC and IFLRY respectively) that we are a part of as a political youth organization.
- Maintaining relations with sister organizations across the world, organizing twinnings with these organizations and JD members.

DIRECTOR • A Students' Guide to the Future • Nottingham, UK • Sept 2017 – Now

A Students' Guide to the Future is a six-part course I collaboratively teach with my co-director at the University of Nottingham. The course summarizes input from over 30 contributors from across the political spectrum, the third sector, and the business world, in order to analyse the inexorable force technology has come and will continue to play in the lives of young people as students, activists and workers.

- Contributors include writers like Jamie Bartlett and Audrey Watters from the third sector, philosopher Theodore Zeldin reflect as well as contributors that have themselves had been behind the levers of political power, such as the Rt. Hon. Lord David Willets, ex-Minister for Education & Universities.

HOBBIES: Football: Football is my passion and it's been an integral part of my life since I was 6 years old. I am the current captain of the Hague Football Factory, a student football team linked to the University of Leiden. **Political campaigning & activism - D66 & Jonge Democraten:** I am an active member of these two organizations and beyond my work as the international officer and member of the national board of the Jonge Democraten, I am also a member of the international affairs working group.