Leo Klenner

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About me: Versatile problem-solver with a relentless curiosity and strong aptitude for technology

EDUCATION

University of Oxford: *Advanced Diploma in IT Systems Analysis and Design* — **Online**, Oct. 2018 – Sep. 2019
- Year-long program serving as an introduction to data engineering

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Master of Arts in Economics and Intl. Relations* — **Washington, DC**, Sep. 2017 – May 2019
- **Overall Degree GPA:** 3.58/4.00
- Awarded the *Best Thesis Award* for my M.A. thesis on adaptation in contemporary conflicts
- Awarded the *JHU Technology Venture Spark Grant* for writing a business plan for an education app

LMU Munich: *Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and Philosophy* — **Munich, Germany**, Sep. 2013 – Nov. 2016
- **Overall Degree GPA:** 1.24/1.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Research Fellow* — **Washington, DC**, Sep. 2019 – Present
- Clean and analyze large conflict data sets to research trends in modern war
- Implement multi-armed bandit models in Python, deriving novel insights about insurgent groups

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Curriculum Developer and Instructor* — **Washington, DC**, Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019
- Created 4 accredited professional development courses on AI and games
- Taught 75+ students and secured mentorship from a former U.S. Under Secretary of State
- Led a team of 2 co-teachers and hosted guest speakers from OpenAI and the Applied Physics Lab

Johns Hopkins University SAIS: *Research Assistant to Prof. Sinisa Vukovic* — **Washington, DC**, Sep. 2018 – May 2019
- Compiled multiple in-depth research briefs on decentralized peace keeping

Saiss2stechnology.com: *Co-Founder* — **Washington, DC**, Feb. 2018 – May 2019
- Built a local peer-to-peer education platform to share students' knowledge
- Grew team from 1 to 10, hosted student-led courses, and secured funding from JHU Tech. Ventures
- Presented to SAIS's Dean Vali Nasr on how to build adaptive education around students as teachers

Johns Hopkins University: *Research Assistant to Prof. Brian Gunia* — **Baltimore, MD**, Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019
- Researched alternative economies and analyzed transaction data in Python

Quirin Privatbank *Private Wealth Management Intern* — **Munich, Germany**, Jan 2017 – Mar. 2017
- Supported staff through analysis of ETFs and related compliance tasks

Munich Kammerspiele Theater: *Actor* — **Munich, Germany**, Apr. 2015 – Dec. 2015
- Played a lead role among a professional cast in a top national theater
- Reached an audience of 2500+ over 20+ shows, rapidly learning about improvising under pressure

Various Film Production Companies: *Intern and 2nd Assistant Director* — **Hamburg, Germany**, Dec. 2012 – Mar. 2014
- Booked and led 1200+ extras across 5 feature film productions

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Presentations of my research at leading international relations conferences
- Invited to the *Intl. Studies Assn.* conference to present on negotiating with insurgents — 2020
- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Mgmt.* conference to present on conflict adaptation — 2019
- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Mgmt.* conference to present on negotiation strategies — 2018

PROJECTS

Game Analysis at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Assured Autonomy — **Baltimore, MD**, Summer 2019
- Analyzed StarCraft II gameplay for a research project on safe autonomous systems

SKILLS, VOLUNTEERING & INTERESTS

Languages: Fluent in English, native in German, basic in spoken Mandarin
Technical skills: Familiar with Python, HTML, CSS, Markdown, Git (see my GitHub account)
Volunteering: Spent 10 months co-living with a quadriplegic man and accompanying him to university
Interests: Writing, Running, Discussing games and their use in training and decision-making, Voxel art