

# Leo Klenner

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About me: Interdisciplinary, outside the box problem-solver with a strong passion for technology

## EDUCATION

**University of Oxford:** *Advanced Diploma in IT Systems Analysis and Design* **Online**

- Year-long program serving as an introduction to data engineering Oct. 2018 – Sep. 2019

**Johns Hopkins University SAIS:** *Master of Arts in Economics and Intl. Relations* **Washington, DC**

- Overall Degree GPA:** 3.58/4.00 Sep. 2017 – May 2019
- 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**

- Overall Degree GPA:** 1.24/1.00 Sep. 2013 – Nov. 2016

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Johns Hopkins University SAIS:** *Research Fellow* **Washington, DC**

- Clean and analyze large conflict data sets to research trends in modern war Sep. 2019 – Present
- Implement multi-armed bandit models in Python, deriving novel insights about insurgent groups

**Johns Hopkins University SAIS:** *Curriculum Developer and Instructor* **Washington, DC**

- Developed 4 accredited professional development courses on AI Mar. 2018 – Dec. 2019
- 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**

- Compiled multiple in-depth research briefs on decentralized peace keeping Sep. 2018 – May 2019

**SAIS S2S Technology:** *Co-Founder* **Washington, DC**

- Built a local peer-to-peer education platform to share students' knowledge Feb. 2018 – May 2019
- 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**

- Researched alternative economies and analyzed transaction data in Python Sep. 2018 – Mar. 2019

**Quirin Privatbank** *Private Wealth Management Intern* **Munich, Germany**

- Supported staff through analysis of ETFs and related compliance tasks Jan 2017 – Mar. 2017

**Munich Kammerspiele Theater:** *Actor* **Munich, Germany**

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

**Various Film Production Companies:** *Intern and 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Director* **Hamburg, Germany**

- Booked and led 1200+ extras across 5 feature film productions Dec. 2012 – Mar. 2014

## PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS

**Approximating the Optimal Negotiation Behavior of Terrorist Groups** 2020

- Invited to the *International Studies Association* conference to present a quantitative case study

**Opponent Modeling of the Taliban in Afghanistan's Emerging Peace Talks** 2019

- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Management* conference to present on peace building

**Strategy and Turning Points** 2018

- Invited to the *Intl. Assn. for Conflict Management* conference to present on negotiation strategies

## SKILLS, VOLUNTEERING & INTERESTS

**Languages:** Fluent in English, native in German, basic in Mandarin

**Technical skills:** Familiar with Python (see my [GitHub account](#)), proficient in MS Office suite

**Volunteering:** Spent 10 months co-living with a quadriplegic man and accompanying him to university

**Interests:** Writing, Running, Reading about how technology changes human decision-making