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ECONOMIST

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Career Summary

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
ECONOMIST

Wellington

October 2019 — Present

- Leading and working across several different work streams, generating value added analysis through written papers, dashboards, and recommendations. Working in-line with the Ministry strategic goals, as well as collaborating with others and delivering through consultants,
- Working across large data to generate innovative firm-level analysis which has fed a working paper that has informed on trade evaluation and the UK-NZ Free Trade Agreement, as well as the New Zealand and OECD trade and gender review,
- Working widely with domestic and international agencies and stakeholders to deliver on projects, such as the CPTPP three-year review, the OECD gender and trade working paper, the UK-NZ Free Trade Agreement NIA, and the Trade and Economic Group priorities,
- Regularly communicating my work and findings to different stakeholders, tailoring to different audiences so it can be better understood and more impactful.
- Out-of-Cyle promotion for recognised contribution to the team deliverables

Ministry of Social Development
ANALYST

Wellington

April 2018 — September 2019

- Collaborating amongst colleagues to forecast benefit payments for the yearly government budget as well as providing policy analysts' cost modelling results, which enabled informed decision making on policy changes,
- Regularly servicing time sensitive ad-hoc requests using complicated micro level benefit data to answer Ministry wide questions. Leveraging SAS, SQL and Excel to do so,
- Worked with the Chief Economist to developed a model that more accurately estimated the gender pay gap, and presenting these findings to senior leadership.

University of Otago
RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Dunedin

January 2018 — March 2018

- Worked on an OECD Human Development Index project, which involved implementing Hierarchical and K-means clustering on survey results, in order to identify sub-population preferences for the three HDI components: Income, Health, and Education.

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BARISTA

Dunedin

October 2014 — November 2017

- Worked as a part-time barista, in a busy and popular cafe, while obtaining my degree at University.

Education

Masters of Economics, with distinction
OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Dunedin

2017 – 2018

Bachelor of Science, Major in Economics, Minor in Psychology
OTAGO UNIVERSITY

Dunedin

2014 – 2016

NCEA
RATHKEALE COLLEGE

Wiararapa

2007 – 2011

- Level 1, 2, 3

Skills

Programming Languages
INTERMEDIATE

- R knowledge, as well as SAS, SQL foundations
- Reporting in RMarkdown, and Git for version control

Visualization
BASICS

- Experience with PowerBI for dashboarding
- Experience with R Shiny for internal interactive exploratory apps

Text Editors
INTERMEDIATE

- RStudio, Notepad ++, VS Code

Microsoft Office

PROFICIENT

• Excel, Outlook, OneNote, PowerPoint, Word

Other

BASICS

• HTML, CSS, Javascript, Git Bash

Notable Projects

Academic

RESEARCH PAPERS

• 'What Has New Zealand Gained from the FTA with China?: A Counterfactual Analysis' with Murat Ungor
• 'Estimating the Ministry of Social Development Gender Pay Gap' with Tim Maloney (Internal)'

Insights

MFAT RESEARCH PAPERS

• 'Inclusive and productive characteristics of New Zealands goods export firms' MFAT Working Paper, February 2022
• 'The Productive, Sustainable and Inclusive Trade Channels Framework' MFAT Working Paper, May 2021
• 'Industry Exposure to Trade - The Trade Opportunities and Risk Model' MFAT Working Paper, July 2020

Awards & Other Accomplishments

New Zealand Assossiation of Economists

PRESENTATIONS

• Poster Presentation on Trade Evaluation Framework; Productive, Inclusive, Sustainable Trade Channels - 2021
• Poster Presentation on China New Zealand FTA - won Peopeles Choice Poster Prize - 2018

Online

DATACAMP COMPETITIONS

• Exploring UKs fatal Traffic Accidents - 1st Place
• Why staff are leaving and why you should care - 1st Place
• Neither Too much nor too little but just right. A profolio assessment on the Goldie-locks of Bitcoin - 2nd Place
• Hakuna Moscato. It means drink wine - A targeted approach to regional wine promotions - 2nd Place

DATACAMP CAREER/SKILL TRACKS

• Data Scientist
• Data Analyst
• R Programmer
• Shiny Fundamentals

PRACTICAL CGE MODELLING COURSE

• Excelled on the course - Practical Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modelling. http://www.cgemod.org.uk/

WRITTEN FOR THE BIG Q

• What can we learn from the 2008 New Zealand-China Free Trade Agreement? The Big Q, March 30, 2021

Hospitality

COURSES

• Certified Barista

References available upon request