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Education

London School of Economics and Political Science	London, UK
MRes/PhD: Anthropology	2019–2023
Master of Science: Social Anthropology	2018–2019

Postgraduate studies focused on activity and scholarship taking place at the nexus of economic anthropology, political anthropology, and the anthropology of religion.
MSc Results: Distinction (overall and in the dissertation).

Université Paris Dauphine – PSL Research University	Paris, France
Master of Research: <i>Économie Internationale et Développement</i>	2013–2014

A French research master's degree (M2) in **International Economics and Development**.
Cumulative grade received in French grading system of elite schools (grandes écoles): 15/20
Writer and editor for Warning Signals Crisis Economics think group under direction of IMF Deputy Director.

American Graduate School in Paris	Paris, France
Master of Arts (Research): International Relations and Diplomacy	2009–2012

Magna cum laude 3.785 GPA
Sigma Iota Rho (Honors Society for International Studies) AGS Paris Chapter co-founder and member.

Harvard University	Cambridge, U.S.A.
Harvard Extension School: Economics and History	2008

Independent courses with leading experts to further knowledge of the selected subjects.
Courses included macro/micro economics as well as a seminar by economic historian Pr. Niall Ferguson.

Middle Tennessee State University	Murfreesboro, U.S.A.
Bachelor of Arts: Philosophy	2000–2003

Summa cum laude 3.985 GPA, Member of University Honors College
Policy debate team captain and member with competitive placement in nation-wide tournaments.
President of university environmental organization, Students for Environmental Action (S.E.A.).

Professional Experience

BMCR & Associates

Senior Advisor

Paris, France; Casablanca, Morocco; June 2017 – Sept 2018

- Provided development and management support, ranging from strategy and business development to marketing and human resources for clients in Europe and North Africa.
- Missions included client support in monitoring ethical and legal developments on the use of AI and UAVs at global, regional, and country levels.
- Provided country risk analysis; reports on political, economic, and market trends; advice on industry developments, trends, and risks; management and strategy consulting.

OECD – Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Policy Analyst, Global Relations Secretariat, Eurasia Competitiveness Programme
Paris, France; September 2014 – March 2017

- Supported the work program of the Eurasia Division by producing content ranging from contributions to official publications, analytic and management reports, proposals, and published articles to high-level speeches, talking points, presentations, and documents for internal circulation.
- Supported horizontal projects on Kazakhstan focused on sector competitiveness, innovation, natural resource policy, and enhanced engagement with the OECD (e.g. EXPO2017 *Future Energy*; the Kazakhstan Country Programme signed in 2015 at Davos by the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan). Responsibilities included content production, co-ordination with external stakeholders and internal liaising with directorates.
- Participated in bi-quarterly missions to Kazakhstan: organizing and attending high-level and operational meetings; co-ordinating, preparing content for, and presenting during working group meetings and capacity building seminars on competitiveness topics (e.g. Capacity Building Seminar on Venture Capital »).
- Contributed to the organization of OECD Eurasia Weeks 2014-2017, liaising with principal donors and official delegations; drafting session scenarios, speeches and briefs for high-profile participants (including the OECD Secretary-General, masters of ceremony, and high-level delegates).
- Initial six months formally under internship contract, though policy analyst responsibilities assumed (e.g. Astana mission to present co-authored work on gender to Kazakhstan Secretary of State upon her request. Coverage of the high-level meeting at Akorda available here »).
- Contributed to the following selected publications:
 - * OECD (2017), OECD Reviews of Innovation Policy: Kazakhstan 2017, OECD Publishing Paris.
 - * OECD (2017), OECD Urban Policy Reviews: Kazakhstan, OECD Publishing Paris.

UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Intern, Education and Development
Paris, France; June 2014 – September 2014

- Provided statistical, editorial and production support for the Education Partnerships team.
- Supported the preparation of a publication on education and development in the BRICS countries for education ministers and greater public, released at the UN General Assembly, Sept 2014.
 - * UNESCO (2014), BRICS Building Education for the Future, UNESCO, Paris.
- Responsibilities included: editing; updating statistics; (re)drafting; liaising internally and with respective governments and international organisations; as well as managing production and translation activities, including developing layout proposals and cover design, management of copyrights, collaboration with graphic designers, final proofing, and promotion/outreach strategy.
- Supported the ministerial conference, "Funding Education and the Post 2015 Development Goals", in Brussels. Responsibilities included: drafting agenda and presentations for event; editing moderator talking points and speaker bios; liaising with participating international organisations.

The Farm Store

Project Manager and Business Development Consultant
Tennessee, United States; September 2007 – September 2009, September 2012 – September 2013

- Developed project concept to meet client's expansion needs and engaged in planning and execution, including realization of capital improvements, equipment acquisition, and creating community space within a business environment.
- Implemented procedure standardization, cost reduction strategies, and engaged in inventory and service expansion.
- Engaged in local politics to meet client needs and lobbied for business interests.

Awards

London School of Economics 2019 Bloch and Parry Award for Best MSc Dissertation, Title: "Alpha-Going Where? Faith, Fetish, and Financial Gain in the World of Artificial Intelligence" (2019).

MTSU 2017 Young Alumni Achievement Award, Received for outstanding achievement in career, public service and volunteering from Middle Tennessee State University (2017).

John A. Lee Memorial Scholarship, American Graduate School in Paris, competitive scholarship received annually (2009 – 2012).

Policy Debate Awards, Multiple awards won at state and regional policy debate tournaments, including 1st place at Vanderbilt University (2002); a list of tournaments and awards is available upon request (2001 – 2003).

Michael Martinelli Honors Scholarship, Awarded for high academic achievement at Middle Tennessee State University Honors College (2001).

Governor's School for the Sciences Scholar, Summer science intensive at the University of Tennessee; selection based on academic achievement and national test scores (1999).

Selected Skills

Languages

English (native), French (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Arabic (intermediate)

Programming

Econometrics: R, STATA, EViews; Latex; MS Office: Excel advanced and VBA

Additional Leadership

Active Resident and Alumni of 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee *Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris* (Residence: 2009 – 2012, 2013 – 2014; Alumni activities: 2017 – Present) [»](#).

Member of Editorial Board and Editorial Staff, *Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies, and Development* (Jan. 2017 – Present).

Mentor for the LSE Africa Centre's Programme for African Leadership (PFAL) (September 2019 – Present).