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EDUCATION

London School of Economics and Political Science

08/2020–07/2021

MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (with distinction)

- GPA and rank: 79.75 (US 4.0/4.0 based on WES; 5th out of 35 students in the 2020–21 cohort)
- Courses: Advanced Macroeconomics (DI), Advanced Microeconomics (DI), Econometric Analysis (DI), Public Economics (DI), Quantitative Economics (auditing student)
- Top of the class in EC426 Public Economics (overall, exam and thesis; 22 students)
- Thesis: “How Price Responsive is Health Insurance Demand when Premium Differences are Salient? Evidence from Recent Reforms in Germany” (81, highest mark of the course; 3rd out of 146 graduate economics students’ essays at the LSE in 2020–21; supervised by Prof. Johannes Spinnewijn)

University of Mannheim

09/2015–08/2018

BSc Economics (with distinction)

- GPA and rank: 1.1 (US 4.0/4.0 based on WES; top 1.1% out of 451 graduates 2016–18)
- Courses: Analysis and linear algebra, micro- and macroeconomics A and B, statistics I and II, econometrics; electives in public economics and applied econometrics
- Thesis: “The Effect of Indirect Taxation on Inequality in Developing Countries” (1.0; supervised by Prof. Dr. Eckhard Janeba; invited for presentations at the ZEW and 2019 PSE development summer school)

University of Nottingham

09/2017–01/2018

Exchange semester (Economics)

- GPA: 75 (distinction at ≥ 70 ; US 3.83/4.0 based on WES)
- Courses: Advanced undergraduate courses in development, monetary, macro- and microeconomics

Additional courses and summer schools

- Analysis I, BSc. Mathematics, *University of Zurich* (5.5/6.0; ranked 5th out of 116 students)
- Development economics, summer school, *Paris School of Economics*, 2019
- Health economics, summer school, *German Academic Scholarship Foundation*, 2017

Internationally standardized tests

- GRE: Quantitative 170 (96th), Verbal 156 (72nd), Analytical writing 5.0 (91st)
- TOEFL: 116/120 (Reading 30, Listening 30, Speaking 28, Writing 28)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

University of Zurich

Since 07/2021

Predoctoral Research Fellow

- Research assistant for Prof. Dina Pomeranz and co-authors; research in public finance and firm productivity; empirical analyses, econometric simulations, drafting academic papers, developing grant applications

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

09/2018–09/2020

Junior Economist at the Development Co-operation Directorate; Young Associate Programme

- Research and data analyses (Stata, R, SQL); co-author of development finance studies and OECD flagship publications (listed on page 3); policy analyses and advice for the Development Assistance Committee

Chair of Quantitative Economics, University of Mannheim

03/2018–08/2018

Research assistant to Professor Ulrich Wagner, Environmental Economics

- Quantitative analysis (Stata, ArcGIS) for a study on the impact of CO₂ prices in the EU Emission Trading Scheme on CO₂ various co-pollutants in firm production in the air, soil and water

Hamburg Institute for International Economics (HWWI)

01/2017–02/2017

Internship as a research assistant to Dr. André Wolf

- Quantitative analysis (Stata) on the relationship between trade openness and economic growth; authored a critical literature review on theoretical models and empirical findings on the topic

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chair of Statistics, University of Mannheim

02/2017–06/2017

Teaching assistant in Statistics I for second term undergraduate students

- Holding two weekly tutorial classes teaching descriptive statistics, introduction to probability theory, and introduction to linear regression models

Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)

03/2016–12/2016

Student assistant in the division 'Knowledge Transfer and Qualification Programmes'

- Analyzed workshop participation data (Excel); developed teaching material for workshops, e.g., on introductory statistics as well as Sino-German business partnerships

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Team lead mentee program management

Since 09/2021

Graduate Applications Network International (GAIN)

- Supporting prospective economics graduate students from all countries across Africa apply to grad school (webinars, mentoring, financial support); co-leading a team of ~10 volunteers on mentee-related aspects

Chairperson of the economics' student association

04/2016–05/2017

Department of Economics, University of Mannheim

- Representing the economics' students in the department's councils; organizing events and activities including guest lectures, alumni networking, and tutorial classes

Volunteer in Ghana

10/2014–05/2015

Scholarship received by Experiment e.V., Bonn

- Teaching assistant in a fifth grade in southern Ghana (4 months); supervisor in an orphanage in northern Ghana (4 months); funding campaigns for equipping classrooms and holding afternoon tutorial classes

Founding and managing a sustainable fashion brand

08/2014–12/2018

Natural Urge U.G. — organic fabrics and fair working conditions

- Leading a team of nine members in the design and sale of sustainable textiles; small own production in northern Ghana; distribution through e-commerce and city shopping markets in Germany

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Scholar of the German Academic Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung, 2015-2021)
- Distinction in MSc Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (LSE, 2021; finished 5/35)
- Distinction in BSc Economics (Mannheim, 2018; finished top 1%)
- School prizes for economics (Südwest-Metall) and history (Württembergischer Altertumsverein) in 2014

CODING, LANGUAGES AND GENERAL INTERESTS

Coding skills: Stata (advanced), R (advanced), Matlab (basics), ArcGIS (basics), SQL (basics)
Languages: German (native), English (proficient), French (beginner)
General interests: Sports (climbing, running, football, and tennis), traveling and politics

REFERENCES

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