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**Summary.** PhD economist with over 7 years of experience in applied economic research, with specialized knowledge of international macroeconomics and machine learning forecasting. Successful track record working with a wide array of statistical software, large firm-level data sets and drafting papers in an international research environment.

# RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

### **International Monetary Fund**

Washington D.C.

Jun '19-Sep '19

PhD FIP - Machine Learning Forecasting

- Constructed the IMF's first country-level machine learning framework to perform monthly now- and forecasts of macroeconomic variables.
- Developed a new machine learning panel data forecasting method.
- Published two working papers in the IMF working paper series.
- Presented forecasts of the Turkey team in internal and external meetings.
- Reviewed ongoing machine learning research inside the IMF.

University of Oxford

Oxford

Toronto

Recognised Research PhD in Economics

Oct '18-Dec '18

**University of Toronto** 

PhD Researcher and Research Assistant with Dr. D. Restuccia, Dr. M. Gonzalez-

Aug '16-current

Navarro, Dr. M. Celik, Dr. S. Ozkan, Dr. M. Duarte, Dr. B. Kuruscu

- Over four years of experience studying the role of financial and production networks in economic growth.
- Collected and analyzed data, wrote literature reviews, developed models, drafted papers, wrote reports.
- Presented academic research at several international conferences and seminars, incl. NU and U. of Oxford.

Utrecht University Utrecht

Research Assistant with Dr. J. L. Van Zanden, Dr. M. Sanders

Dec '14-Aug '16

• Collected and analyzed data, wrote literature reviews, developed models, drafted papers, wrote reports.

Morgen Utrecht

Researcher and Treasurer

Sep '11-Jul '14

- Researched and wrote a yearly report assessing the sustainability of Dutch higher education.
- Raised funds, controlled internal finances and recruited staff of an NGO.

#### RELEVANT EDUCATION

University of Toronto Toronto

PhD in Economics; Fields: Macroeconomics, Machine Learning Forecasting (GPA 4.0/4.0)

Aug '16-2021

- With distinction in macroeconomic theory; winner of seven awards incl. 4-year Ontario Trillium Scholarship.
- Founder and co-organizer of weekly PhD seminar series.

## University of Groningen | University of Toronto

**Groningen | Toronto** 

*Visiting Graduate Student in Economics (GPA 4.0/4.0)* 

Sep '15-Jul '16

• Completed coursework in macroeconomics and econometrics; winner of the K. F. Heinfonds scholarship.

Utrecht University Utrecht

Research Master of Science in Multidisciplinary Economics (GPA 4.0/4.0)

Sep '14-Aug '16

- Graduated top of class with highest cum laude honors, honors student in Young Innovators Programme.
- Presented research at five international conferences, including at University of Cambridge and MIT.
- Represented cohort and department as MSc representative and member of education committee.
- Awarded Fulbright Scholarship and seven other scholarships for subsequent PhD study abroad.

Utrecht University Utrecht

Bachelor of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences; Double Major and Double Minor (GPA 4.0/4.0)

Sep '10-Aug '14

- Graduated top 5% of class with highest cum laude honors.
- Nominee for Egbert Tellegen Prize and Oxford University Press Student Prize, winner Taste of Strategy at the Boston Consulting Group.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Deus ex Machina? A Framework for Macro Forecasting with Machine Learning, with Brett Rayner (IMF). IMF Working Paper 20/45 (2020).
- The More the Merrier? A Machine Learning Algorithm for Optimal Pooling of Panel Data, with Brett Rayner (IMF). IMF Working Paper 20/44 (2020).
- Baby boomers and the housing market on the cusp of COVID-19, with Judd Cramer (Harvard University). VoxEU (2020).

# ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Utrecht University Utrecht

Thesis Supervisor May '19-current

• Supervise undergraduate theses of students in economics on a freelance basis.

University of Toronto Toronto

Teaching Assistant

Sep '16-current

- Teach lectures, tutorials, office hours, mark and invigilate exams and papers of up to 120 students.
- Evaluated "Award Quality" or "Excellent" in all courses.

Utrecht University Utrecht

Teaching Assistant

Jun '13-Apr '15

• Held tutorials, marked and invigilated exams for up to 260 students in physics and economics.

#### Capita Selecta | Lyceo | StudentsPlus

Teacher

Utrecht | Delft Oct '11-Jan '14

OCI 11-Jun 14

• Held lectures, tutorials and did private tutoring for up to 15 students in mathematics, physics, economics.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- CFA Level I Candidate
- Technical skills: Python, R, MATLAB, ArcGIS, Stata, SPSS, LaTeX, EViews, SQL
- Languages: English (fluent), Dutch (native), German (intermediate), French (intermediate), Spanish (basic)
- Hobbies and interests: Running, financial markets, traveling, investing