Maximilian Reith

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EDUCATION

University of Bonn — Oct 2025 – Feb 2026
PhD in Economics
- I quit my PhD after four months. I wanted to do theoretical research on AI agent interactions, but ultimately realized that I don't want to be in academia.

University of Oxford — Oct. 2023 – Jun 2025
MPhil in Economics, Distinction
- Wrote masters thesis on AI agent interactions, later presented at Stanford Digital Economy Lab
- Took courses in Machine Learning, Causal Inference, Statistics, Measure Theory, Algebra, Mechanism Design
- Awarded full scholarships worth over $100,000, funded by DAAD and German National Scholarship Foundation

University of Mannheim — Sept. 2019 – Jan 2023
Economics BSc, Top 1% of Cohort, Final Grade 1.1
- Thesis: Using Synthetic Controls to evaluate COVID policy in Germany, supervisor Prof. Christoph Rothe
- Electives in Applied Econometrics, Time Series, Advanced Calculus, Statistics, Game Theory
- Visiting student at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in fall 2021

EXPERIENCE

Harvard University — June 2024 – January 2025
Research Assistant for Prof. David Yang
- Worked on project related to AI races and geopolitical competition between China and the US
- Built and analyzed datasets on AI policy and sovereign debt using natural language processing
- Worked on text classification methods; especially a keyword-based classification approach
- Presented work and ideas in 10 research meetings, initiated 5 additional meetings with peer RAs to discuss methodologies and project progress

NERA Economic Consulting — April 2023 – June 2023
Intern, Environment, Energy, Communications, and Infrastructure practice
- Designed and implemented predictive models to explain and forecast energy price trends in the US and EU
- Conducted statistical analysis in R, using bootstrapping techniques to evaluate the financial impact of clients' business contracts

German Federal Ministry of Economics — Sept. 2022 – Oct. 2022
Intern, Economic Policy Unit
- Authored first draft of analysis paper on the economics of planetary boundaries
- Developed and calculated an economic model to assess the fiscal implications of introducing price caps on gas and electricity markets, contributing to the ministry's crisis response strategies

AWARDS

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) — Oct. 2023 – Present
- Prestigious scholarship awarded to outstanding students for full-time Master's abroad.

German National Scholarship Foundation (Studienstiftung) — June 2020 – Present
- Germany's most prestigious scholarship foundation awarding scholarships to fewer than 0.5% of German students

SKILLS

Software: Python, R, Claude Code, Git, LaTeX
Languages: German (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)