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01 PROFILE

Curious, creative, and dedicated Learning Designer with a background in economics and exceptional communication skills. A strong believer in learning by doing, I've developed my analytical abilities while designing courses in diverse disciplines—including entrepreneurial finance, marketing, data analytics, organization science, and strategy—at Germany's top business school. I am an accomplished and multifaceted writer and editor, with relevant experience in academia and Berlin's startup ecosystem. I'm currently taking a full stack web developer boot camp to enhance my abilities as a learning designer.

02 EDUCATION

Sep 2021 — Mar 2022

ESMT Berlin

Berlin

Full Stack Web Developer Coding Boot Camp

Oct 2012 — Jul 2014

Berlin Doctoral Program in Economics and Management Science

Berlin

I dropped out because the program was narrowly focused on traditional economics and I wanted to explore more disciplinary perspectives.

Feb 2010 — Nov 2010

Queensland University of Technology (QUT)

Brisbane

Honours in Economics

I achieved First Class Honours with a perfect GPA, and graduated at the top of my class.

Feb 2004 — Jul 2008

University of Queensland

Brisbane

Bachelor of Economics

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University of Queensland

Brisbane

Bachelor of Economics

03 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

01/2019 — Present	Learning Designer at ESMT Berlin	<i>Berlin</i>
07/2014 — 12/2018	Faculty Research Assistant at ESMT Berlin Research and teaching assistance for Professors in the fields of economics, entrepreneurial finance, innovation, management science, marketing, organizational behavior, psychology, sociology, and strategy.	<i>Berlin</i>
10/2013 — 12/2018	VoxEU.org Copyeditor at Centre for Economic Policy Research Copyediting columns summarizing cutting-edge research in economics and policy. Assisting leading scholars with content curation for eBooks and other products.	<i>London, United Kingdom</i>
05/2009 — 06/2009	Junior Communications Manager at CareerMee.com Handed responsibility for most front-end communications, including public relations, social media, sales, and site maintenance, just two months into a three month internship. I actively contributed to the management team's strategic planning and secured the site's first paying customer.	<i>Berlin</i>
02/2012 — 09/2012	SEO Specialist at GetYourGuide	<i>Berlin</i>
02/2011 — 12/2011	Research Assistant at QUT	<i>Brisbane</i>
02/2010 — 11/2010	Tutor, Data Analysis unit at QUT	<i>Brisbane</i>
08/2009 — 11/2009	English Teacher at ELICOS, Southbank Institute of Technology	<i>Brisbane</i>
07/2003 — 06/2008	Catering Attendant at Queensland Parliament House	<i>Brisbane</i>

04 INTERNSHIPS

Mar 2009 — Apr 2009	Communications & Marketing Intern at CareerMee.com	<i>Berlin</i>
Dec 2005 — Jan 2006	Writer & Editorial Assistant at Adoh! Lifestyle Magazine	<i>Colombo</i>

05 SKILLS

Data analysis



Writing and editing



Desktop publishing



Full Stack Web
Development



06 LANGUAGES

English



German



HTML/CSS/Javascript



Nodejs



07 COURSES

Dec 2008

**Cambridge English Language Teaching to Adults at
RMIT, Melbourne**

08 PUBLICATIONS

2011

**"Smoke signals and mixed messages: Medical
marijuana and drug policy signaling effects"**

CREMA working paper no. 2011-18, with Benno Torgler.

2021

**"Same data, different conclusions: Radical
dispersion in empirical results when independent
analysts operationalize and test the same
hypothesis"**

co-authored with Martin Schweinsberg, Michael Feldman, Nicola Staub et al.

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