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Year of Birth 1995

Place of Birth München, Germany

Nationality German

**MAIN COMPETENCIES AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Design, implementation and development of projects, initiatives and events in the thematic fields of global development cooperation, [Faith and Development](#) (cooperation with and inclusion of faith-based actors into global development efforts), NGO management and Business For Development (development-oriented private sector activities, including social businesses)
- Research, strategic analysis and quality assurance (Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation) of complex processes in a diverse stakeholder environment, e.g. for program and proposal development, organizational/ strategic development and the development of sustainable and social business models
- Fundraising and resource mobilization, proposal and grant application writing, expertise on donors' constellations in the German and global development cooperation
- Media and communication management and content creation on and installation of websites, social media and newsletters in all formats (text, photo, graphics, audio and video)
- Digitalization for Development; Digital Conferencing; Management and development of IT based development projects/services
- Collaborating and communicating in a structured and inclusive way, sensitive to culture, gender and thematic/ political context; formulating proposal narratives matching donors' expectations
- Areas of expertise: Governance (democracy and civil liberties); civil society development; gender; human rights; free and responsible media; youth development and engagement/ participation; interreligious cooperation; peace and conflict management; preventing violent extremism/ de-radicalization; social business, economic development; financial inclusion and sustainable finance; fair trade, fair supply chain management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

01/2020 – now

Junior Project Manager, [PIRON Global Development](#), Bonn

Key activities: project and event management; digital conferencing; conceptual program development and implementation, e.g. of capacity building workshops; planning, monitoring and evaluation processes; resource mobilization and fundraising; assisting the process of setup and maintenance of networks; online communication, content creation and design; research and analyses of complex international contexts and topics; stakeholder mapping

10/2018 – 03/2019

Student Assistant, [PIRON Global Development](#), Bonn

Key activities: research, writing and proofreading of journalistic articles, press releases and concept notes, event management, online communication

02/2017 – 12/2018

Product and Business Developer, [GlobalMatch](#), Bonn

Key activities: product development: further development of the matching process, from personal mediation of the tandem partners to the design of a matching algorithm; digitalization of program support; business development: development and implementation of a sustainable business model; networking and cooperation with central stakeholders such as investors, partners and other social businesses

04/2016 – 09/2017

Student assistant at the [Chair of Political Theory and History of Ideas](#), Friedrich-Wilhelms-University of Bonn

Key activities: Literature research and library management; proofreading of publications; organizational activities and planning of office processes; Communication with students and the administration

Focus Areas: Contemporary critical political and radical democracy theory, e.g. Chantal Mouffe, Ernesto Laclau, Judith Butler; building upon classics such as Hannah Arendt; Aristoteles

EDUCATION

03/2020

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology with Public Law as minor subject, overall grade: 1,4

01/2020

Bachelor Thesis: "Patria libre o morir" - Nicaragua's struggle for democracy. An examination of the regime types between the Sandinista Revolution 1979 and the protest movement since April 18, 2018", grade: 1,3

10/2014 – 01/2020

Studies at the Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University, Political Science and Sociology with Public Law as minor subject

Focus Areas: Governance, Comparative Studies of national political regimes with a focus on Democracy and Autocracy, Civil and Human Rights and Fragile States; Development Theory; Sociological Preconditions for Democracy; Renewable Energy Policy; Law of Nations, Constitutional Law
Country focus: Nicaragua, Turkey, Armenia, Central African Republic

2014 – 2016

Online Scholarship by [e-fellows](#)

06/2013
2011

Abitur, Maria-Ward-Gymnasium Günzburg, grade 1,1
Three-month reciprocal student exchange to Quebec City, Canada

VOLUNTEER WORK

2014 – now

Centrum Lebendiges Wort, International Church, Bad Godesberg

Organization of activities and camps for young adults, simultaneous translation of sermons into Spanish, participation in the organization of church services

2015 – now

Rheinos Bonn, Quidditch Team, Bonn

PR manager, successful participation at national and international tournaments

2014 – 2015

BIMUN/SINUB e.V. (Bonn International Model United Nations)

Assistance in organizing two international student conferences simulating the United Nations

09/2013 – 07/2014

Development Cooperation Volunteer Service "weltwärts", Biblioteca Semillas, Masatepe/Nicaragua

Key activities: Holistic education: awaking children's interest in reading, help with homework, development and implementation of courses teaching English, environmental awareness, the use of computers, music and theatre; social work in cases of domestic abuse; income generating upcycling projects with women; library management; fundraising and PR

LANGUAGES

German (native language), English (business fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

