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CURRENT POSITION

Since 04/14: ***Danube University Krems – Center for E-Governance***
Researcher

Since 01/14: ***Webster University Vienna***
Adjunct faculty in economics

EDUCATION

08/09 – to date : ***University of Kentucky***
ABD in Political Science with a focus on Political Theory, International Relations, and Comparative Politics (expected completion: Summer 2014). Dissertation title: “The Cultural Causes of Institutional Decay” Committee Chair: Professor Ernest Yanarella, Co-Chair: Professor Karen Mingst

08/09 – 10/13: ***University of Kentucky***
M.A. in Political Science

10/01 – 10/06: ***Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration***
Field of study: Economics (Concentration: Political Development and International Political Economy). Title of Thesis: “The Lost Element. Thymos, Economics, and the Crisis of Western European Thought.” Obtained degree: Mag. rer. soc.

FUNDED RESEARCH

09/13: ***Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna***
Junior Visiting Fellow at the institute’s division for religion and secularism

07/13: ***Remarque Institute, New York University***
Recipient of a Remarque Institute Fellowship to further my dissertation research

- 07/10: ***University of Kentucky and Issam Fares Institute***
2,500 USD funding to conduct research at the American University of Beirut with the University of Kentucky's Journalism Department
- 08/09: ***Austrian-American Educational Commission/Fulbright Austria***
Fulbright-Scholarship in the amount of 24,000 USD to support my doctoral studies at the University of Kentucky

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 016/14: ***Andrassy University, Budapest***
Graduate Course in Political Participation and Communication
- 01/14 – present: ***Webster University Vienna***
ECON 2013: Introduction to Macroeconomics
- 12/13 – present: ***Danube University Krems***
Political Culture and Comparative Institutions (in German)
- 08/09 – 05/13: ***University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science***
PS 101: Introduction to American Politics
PS 210: Introduction to Comparative Politics
PS 212: Introduction to IPE (online course)
PS 240: Introduction to Political Theory
PS 410: Western European Politics
- 10/03 – 02/04: ***Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration***
Introduction to Micro- and Macroeconomics

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 04/14: Journal of Common Market Studies (2014) Vol.52, Issue 2, pp. 441-442: Book review: Krossa, A.S.: "Theorizing Society in a Global Context." Palgrave Macmillan, Hampshire 2013
- 05/13: Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries, Vol. 50, No. 7: Book review: Kleingeld, Pauline: "Kant and Cosmopolitanism: The Philosophical Ideal of World Citizenship." Cambridge University Press, Cambridge 2012.
- 03/07: Journal of Common Market Studies (2007) Vol.45, Issue 2, pp. 520-520: Book review: Youngs, Richard: „Europe and the Middle East in the Shadow of September 11.” London: Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2006
- 09/06: "The War in Lebanon and the Hezbollah." In: AIES Newsletter available (in German) online at The Homepage of the institute: www.oeies.or.at
- 10/05 – 03/06: Contributions to the monthly Literature Review of the Austrian Bureau for Security Policy (online available at www.bmlv.gv.at).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 06/13: ***IGS Conference, Shanghai University***
Presentation of the paper: „The Role of Christianity in 21st Century China and the United States: A Comparative Analysis”
- 05/13: ***MatchPoints Seminar, Aarhus University***
Presentation of the paper: "The Arab Spring and the Politics of Recognition”

- 03/13: **52nd Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association**
Presentation of the paper: "The Culturally Prescribed Racist: Media, Racism, and Public Perceptions" (together with Samantha Leigh Ferrell).
- 12/11: **7th Annual Conference: International Relations & Public Policy in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin**
Presentation of the paper: "Islamism and the Politics of Cultural Despair"
- 03/11: **3rd Annual Conference on Democracy and Governance at the University of Connecticut**
Presentation of the paper: "A New Imperium? Bretton-Woods and the UN Security Council as the Continuation of Western Hegemony"
- 01/11: **Southern Political Science Association, 82nd Annual Conference**
Presentation of the paper: "Will the Relation between Muslims and Non-Muslims in Europe Turn Violent?"

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Since 12/12: Research project for the Austrian Defense Academy: „The Arab Spring: Chance or Disaster“
- Since 10/10: Independent research project: "Measuring Cultural Change via the Content Analysis of Historical Newspapers"

HONORS & AWARDS

- 08/09 – present: Yearly University of Kentucky tuition sponsorship in the amount of USD 9,000
- 12/11: USD 800 travel grant from the University of Kentucky's Graduate School to participate at the 7th Annual Conference: International Relations & Public Policy in Memory of Yitzhak Rabin
- 03/11: USD 400 travel grant from the University of Kentucky's Graduate School to participate at the 3rd Annual Conference on Democracy and Governance at the University of Connecticut
- 08/04: Joint Study Stipend: A stipend granted by the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration in the amount of USD 1,000 for students who study a semester abroad
- 05/04: Travel Grant from the University of St. Gallen in the amount of USD 500 after being selected as a participant at the ISC (International Students Committee)-Symposium in St. Gallen.
(See: www.isc-symposium.org)

REVIEW ACTIVITIES

- Since 08/13: **Journal of Common Market Studies**
- Since 08/12: **Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 01/14 – present: **Webster University Vienna**
Adjunct faculty member in the Business Department and lecturer in economics
- 12/13 – present: **Danube University Krems**
Lecturer in political science
- 02/12 – present: **Wikistrat – Next Generation Strategy**
Analyst for the Macroeconomics, Energy and European Politics Desks. Contributing Analyst to the following Wikistrat Simulations:
- China as Africa's World Bank
 - The North American Energy Export Boom

- When World Population Peaks
- Iraq in the Year 2023

- 08/10 – 05/13: **University of Kentucky, Department of Political Science**
Teaching Assistant. Independent development and teaching of an undergraduate course in Political Theory and Western European Politics
- 01/09 – 08/09: **Austrian Central Bank**
Financial Market Supervision and Monitoring of Banks. Main duty: The development of risk assessments for the activities of Austrian banks in Central and Easter Europe
- 10/08 – 12/08: **Die Presse Verlags-Gesellschaft m.b.H. & Co KG**
Intensive journalistic training at Austria's leading daily newspaper "Die Presse". Three months renowned program for future journalists, combined with regular contributions to the daily newspaper in the fields of international politics and global economics
- 08/07 – 10/08: **Austrian Raiffeisen Banking Group: Country Risk Management**
Country Analyst focusing on Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Duties: The evaluation of political and economic risks in emerging markets and the formulation of business strategies for the board of directors
- 07/06 – 02/07: **Austrian Institute for European Security Policy**
Position: Researcher. Fields of research: International Terrorism, the Near/Middle East, EU-US Relations. The Institute is a non-profit think-tank that provides political assessments and geopolitical advice to several government agencies (The Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of the Interior)

MILITARY SERVICE

- 08/00 – 05/01: **Österreichisches Bundesheer (Austrian Armed Forces)**
Sapper Unit; Spokesman of the 1st platoon; promotion to lance corporal in the 6th month of service

MEMBERSHIPS

- 09/10: Member of the American Sociological Association
- 10/09: Member of the American Political Science Association
- 10/03: Member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House)
- 03/03: Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies
- 02/06: Member of the organisation Economists for Peace and Security
- 06/07: Member of the Academy of Political Science

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German (native speaker); English (fluent); Italian (intermediary), Russian (beginner: Aug. 2012)

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

Statistics (R, SPSS, STATA, Matlab)
Content Analysis (LIWC, JFreq, Wordfish)
Microsoft Office (Excel, PowerPoint, Word)

REFERENCES

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