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Strong-minded and dedicated individual with first experience in working for public and private sector clients. Results-oriented, creative and reliable person with the advanced ability of working in teams. Proficient in Chinese foreign and economic politics as well as the country's technological development.

EDUCATION

- 10/2016 – 09/2019** **Freie Universität Berlin**
Master of Arts, Chinese Studies
 - Focus on Chinese economic policy and technological development; final grade 1.6 (German grading)
 - Thesis: „The Chinese Digital Silk Road: Analysis of Chinese State-Business Relations in New and Ongoing Public-Private Projects“; Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Genia Kostka, Prof. Dr. Eberhard Sandschneider
- 09/2017 – 01/2018** **Peking University**
Academic Exchange, School of International Studies
- 09/2013 – 07/2014** **Shanghai Tongji University**
Academic Exchange at International School, intensive Chinese language training
- 10/2011 – 01/2016** **Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich**
Bachelor of Arts, Chinese Studies (major)
Bachelor of Law, European and International Law (minor)
 - Focus on Chinese language, culture and foreign policy; final grade 2.19 (German grading)
 - Thesis: „China and India – Same Size, Same Future? A Comparing Analysis of Political and Cultural Perspectives in Both Countries“; Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Dennis Schilling
- 2003 – 2011** **Comenius Gymnasium Deggendorf (high school)**
→ Degree with general matriculation standard / German Abitur

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 10/2019 – ongoing**
10/2018 – 11/2018 **Freelancer – Koerber Foundation, International Politics Department | Berlin**
 - Speakers management and conceptual support before and during the **Berlin Foreign Policy Forum**
 - Research tasks and support with content creation for panel briefings
 - Supervision and organisation of breakout session on EU-China relations and support of Chinese speakers
- 03/2019 – 08/2019**
10/2017 – 03/2018 **Intern – German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ) GmbH**
- **Emerging Markets Sustainability Dialogues (EMSD) | Berlin**
- **Sino-German Environmental Partnership | Beijing**
 - Conception, preparation and implementation of events (on green finance, water management, circular economy, sustainable digital platforms, sustainable infrastructure) and delegation trips, drafting of speeches
 - Research assistance with studies ‘Towards Sustainable Connectivity’, ‘Sustainability Return on Investment’
 - Editing of newsletters on project-related topics (environment, climate and energy sector in China, Belt and Road Initiative, EMSD Economic Policy Forum), preparation of briefings on current political developments
 - Conceptual and strategic project development, monitoring, reporting to project contractors: German environmental and development ministry (BMU, BMZ)
- 01 – 07/2016** **Intern – (former) Koehler Group, Business Development & Marketing | Hong Kong**
Current company name: Woodburn Accountants & Advisors
 - Organisation/moderation of webinar series and speaking events, organisation of schedules
 - Partnership development, strategic networking, client acquisition at high-level events
 - Creation of short economic & political articles on China and Hong Kong, contribution to research for company-own magazine Chinainvest.biz, meeting with contributors
- 04/015 – 12/2015** **Working Student – windeln.de Corporation, Marketing/SEO | Munich**
 - Key-word research, briefing and approval of brand and product texts at Germany's leading online merchant for baby's and children's products, content management and creation
 - Formatting and graphic design of product descriptions and online magazine
 - Set-up and implementation of Baidu webmaster tool for Chinese online shop

03 – 07/2014

Private Tutor for English language in 5-month Homestay Program | Shanghai

English lessons given to 11-year old girl five times a week while studying at Tongji University

10/2013

Translator – China Import and Export Fair 2013 | Guangzhou

For German printing company *Spranger Werbedruck* > werbedruck-spranger.de: Preparation of schedule, organisation of meetings, assistance at factory visits, translation (Chinese, English, German)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scholarships

Ludwig-Maximilian-University Munich Exchange Scholarship (2014), German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) PROMOS (2016), Freie Universität Direct Exchange Program Scholarship (2017)

Language skills

| | LEVEL (CEFR) | PROOF/ EXPERIENCE |
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| German | Native | |
| English | Advanced (C1) | DAAD English Language Certificate 2016 |
| Mandarin Chinese | Advanced (C1) | Chinese proficiency test, HSK Level 5, December 2014 |
| French | Upper Intermediate (B2) | 5 years of lessons in high school |
| Latin | Upper Intermediate (B2) | Latin proficiency certificate |

Computer skills

Skilled command of Microsoft Office™ tools Windows Word, Excel and Power Point, Google Analytics, GIMP, WordPress

Seminars

- “Vital Negotiation Skills”, Ludwig-Maximilian-University, two-day seminar, 2015
- Mapping China Summer School: “Research Design and Research Methodology”, one-week course, 2018
- Community College Certificate, one-week Word and Excel course, 2018

Voluntary activities

- Mentorship at *BERLIN MENTORS* - The Mentoring Project of BAGIV to integrate teen refugees in Berlin (2018 - ongoing) > be-mentors.org
- Participation at Model United Nations (*UNiGMUN*) of UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP23) functioning as the China delegate in 3 full-day negotiations (2017) > uni-gruppe.de
- Active Membership at *Young Initiative on Foreign Affairs and International Relations e.V.* (IFAIR), *Mapping China e.V.* and *sinonerds e.V.*
- Voluntary Youth Worker at youth organisation *Kreisjugendring Deggendorf e.V.* (2012) > kjr-deggendorf.de

Publications

- *Mapping China Journal* No. 1: “[Implications of the ‘Belt and Road Initiative’ for the EU and Call for Engagement](#)”, December 2017
- *sinonerds* expert interview: “[What is ahead of us with the new Silk Road: A conversation with Dr. Jürgen Steiger](#)“ (in German), August 2018
- Contribution to *sinonerds* expert interview: “[Where to, Hongkong? A conversation with Prof. Eberhard Sandschneider](#)“ (in German), August 2019

Interests

Running, jewellery design, chess, watercolour painting.