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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science

Central European University, Vienna, Austria | 2019–2024 (expected)

- Working dissertation title: GSP as intervention: Interpreting norms and the global souths in EU trade policy
- Track specialisation: Public policy
- Supervisory committee: Agnes Batory, Daniel Large & Thilo Daniel Bodenstein (supervisor)
- CGPA: 3.93 / 4.0

M.A. in International Relations

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary | 2015–2016

- Thesis: Diffusion of EU commercial policy preferences through transnational networks in Southeast Asia
- Graduated with distinction
- CGPA: 3.9 / 4.0

B.A. in International Studies, major in European Studies

De La Salle University, Manila, the Philippines | 2009–2012

- Thesis: Normative legitimacy and the EU rule-of-law mission in Kosovo
- Graduated magna cum laude
- CGPA: 3.65 / 4.0

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Research Fellow

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals | June 2021–present

- Research on the EU's pursuit of norms in the global souths through preferential trade
- Interviewing with EU trade policy elites and conducting fieldwork in Brussels
- External supervisor: Prof. Andrea Bianculli

Teaching Assistant

CEU School of Public Policy | April–May 2021

- *The EU's Role in Global Governance* with Prof. Thilo Daniel Bodenstein
- Designed the course reading list with an emphasis on both standard and critical works
- Led two seminars on 'Normative Power Europe' and the EU's common commercial policy
- Supported student presentations and provided written feedback on final papers
- Performed various administrative tasks, including online learning platform management

Teaching Assistant

CEU Department of Political Science | September–December 2020

- *Comparative Case Study Research* with Prof. Carsten Q. Schneider

- Generated and administered asynchronous course content in the form of module-based quizzes (20% of the grade)
- Developed and co-delivered group exercises
- Provided written feedback on final papers
- Performed various administrative tasks, including online learning platform management

Research Consultant

CEU Department of Economics & Business | January–March 2020

- Provided research support in the framework of the Horizon 2020 RESPECT project: Realising Europe's Soft Power in External Cooperation and Trade
- Coded more than 120 European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) progress and implementation reports for partner countries between 2004 and 2019

Founder

Europdev, Budapest, Hungary | 2018–2019

- Offered various services, including export support, market studies, and B2B partnerships for small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Developed projects, including EU Industry Day Budapest 2019 (in cooperation with DG GROW), trade missions between Europe and Southeast Asia, and Horizon 2020 funding applications for SMEs

EU Project Consultant

Support to European Business in Southeast Asian Markets (SEBSEAM)

Makati City, the Philippines (overseas post based in Budapest, Hungary) | 2015–2018

- Organised outreach missions across Europe and delivered business support inquiries, as part of the project's strategy to promote the Philippines as a trade and investment destination for EU SMEs
- Cooperated with EU-28 SMEs on entering the Philippine market, mainly by providing expert market access advisory and organising trade delegations
- Developed strategic partnerships with EU chambers of commerce, trade agencies, and industry clusters
- Represented the project in the EU, especially Central and Eastern Europe

Policy, Advocacy & Research Officer

European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Makati City, the Philippines | 2013–2015

- Served concurrently as advocacy research officer for the SEBSEAM project (policy research on 14 industries for prospective EU exports and investments)
- Wrote trade policy briefs, white papers, and other advocacy publications
- Represented the chamber in congressional hearings and external relations with government offices and domestic/foreign business groups
- Organised committee meetings and high-level advocacy events

Trainee

Philippine Senate, Pasay City, the Philippines | 2012

- Carried out legislative research and bill drafting tasks

PUBLICATIONS

Research in progress

- Disruption as Dialogue: Decolonising the study of EU trade relations with the global souths?, *Journal of Contemporary European Research*, Special Issue: 'Disrupting European Studies' (2023), co-authored with Camille Nessel (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Jan Orbie (Ghent University).

Journal articles

- A Post-Development Perspective on the EU's Generalized Scheme of Preferences, *Politics and Governance* 10, no. 1 (2022), 68–78, Special Issue: 'Beyond Foreign Policy? EU Sanctions at the Intersection of Development, Trade, and CFSP', co-authored with Jan Orbie and Tinus Sioen (Ghent University).
- Subverting the idea(l) of equal opportunity in global trade: The paradoxes of differentiation for peripheral states, *Polish Political Science Yearbook* 48, no. 2 (2019), 245–266.
- EU as principal-orchestrator: Horizontal policy externalisation through intermediaries, *Global Politics Review* 5, no. 1 & 2 (2019), 67–91.

Book reviews

- Dani Rodrik, *Straight Talk on Trade: Ideas for a Sane World Economy*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2018, 316 pp., *World Trade Review* 19, no. 3 (2020), 485–488.
- Erik Martinez Kuhonta, *The Institutional Imperative: The Politics of Equitable Development in Southeast Asia*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011, 368 pp., *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*, no. 1 (2016), 93–95.

Policy brief

- EU business in the Philippines: Supporting sustainable and inclusive economic growth, EU–Philippines Business Network, May 2015, co-authored with Henry Schumacher, Lauren Skarkou & Sophia Ordoña, in consultation with European and Philippine private sector stakeholders.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- A Tale of Carrots and Sticks: A Post-Development Perspective on the EU's Generalized System of Preferences, ECPR Joint Sessions, Panel: Designing Sanctions: The European Union in Regional and International Affairs, 17–28 May 2021
- Here be dragons: Interpreting EU preferential trade policy, 13th Interpretive Policy Analysis Conference 2021, Panel: The Spatial Politics of Governance, 28 June–2 July 2021
- Made in Myanmar: EU preferential trade and transnational market-making, 5th International Conference on Public Policy, Panel: Producing markets, producing administrations: Theorizing contemporary marketization, 5–9 July 2021
- The European Commission and its (de)politicised discourse on trade and peripherality, Workshop: The EU in a Globalised World, Europe-Asia Institute, École supérieure des sciences commerciales d'Angers (ESSCA) | 1 December 2020

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- CEU Presidential Scholar Award, 2021
- CEU Doctoral Research Support Grant, 2021
- UACES Scholarship for conducting ‘essential fieldwork’ in European Studies, 2021
- CEU Doctoral Scholarship, 2019–2022
- CEU Master’s Scholarship and research travel grant, 2015–2016
- Dean’s List Award (all trimesters), DLSU College of Liberal Arts, 2009–2012

LANGUAGES

- Buhi’nən (native)
- English (C2)
- French (B2)
- Spanish (B1)
- Tagalog (fluent)

SERVICE & AFFILIATION

- Co-founding organiser, South/South Movement
- Organising committee member, 16th CEU Annual Doctoral Conference: Dis/continuities: Politics in the 21st century, 7–9 April 2021
- Member, University Association for Contemporary European Studies
- Member, International Public Policy Association