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Work Experience

- 10/2013 – 06/2015, 11/2011 – 02/2013 and 04/2010 – 06/2010 **Consultant in the energy sector for Siemens AG in Aachen, Germany**
- Optimization of industrial energy procurement contracts (gas and electricity)
 - Projects on national and European energy policy and energy market liberalization
 - Implementation of the Energy Efficiency Directive and Emissions Trading
- 03/2013 – 07/2013 **Trainee for DG Energy at the European Commission in Brussels**
- Relations with the Council of the EU and European Parliament
 - Preparation of briefings and speeches for Energy Commissioner Oettinger
 - Input for President Barroso for the May 2013 European Council on energy
 - Diplomatic mission to Strasbourg with Commissioner Oettinger
- 12/2011 – 05/2012 **Teaching Assistant at Central European University in Budapest**
- Seminar and lectures in the MA Public Policy curriculum
 - Student evaluation: 8.6 on a 10 to 1 scale
- 09/2009 – 04/2010 **Lecturer at Maastricht University**
- Various courses taught in the BA European Studies curriculum
 - Student evaluation: 8.5 on a 10 to 1 scale
- 01/2009 – 03/2010 **Consultant (first 6 months Intern) in the energy sector for EUtech Energie & Management GmbH in Aachen, Germany**
- Optimization of industrial energy procurement contracts
 - Programming of evaluation tools for energy price prognoses
 - Research and studies on the liberalization of the European energy market

Education

- 09/2010 – 12/2015 **PhD in Political Science at Central European University in Budapest**
- Focus on public policy, energy policy and international relations
 - Awarded *magna cum laude*; [link](#) with further information
 - Thesis: “Unpacking ‘Coherence’ in EU Foreign Policy: How Policy Setting and Policy Content Shape EU External Relations Towards Russia” (focus on energy)
 - QS World University Rankings ranks CEU 29th worldwide in this subject (see [link](#))
- 10/2007 – 10/2008 **MSc in European Political Economy at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**
- GPA: 66% – graduated *with merit*
 - Master thesis: “No Energy Policy without a Common Energy Market? France, Germany and their impact on European Energy Policy”
- 09/2004 – 09/2007 **BA in European Studies at Maastricht University, Netherlands**
- GPA: 7.8 on a 10 to 1 scale – good/very good
 - 3 individual theses with foci on different aspects of EU governance

- 09/2006 – 01/2007 **Erasmus exchange at the International Business School in Budapest**
▫ GPA: 74% – excellent
- 09/1993 – 06/2002 **Allgemeine Hochschulreife (German A level examination) at the Alexander-von-Humboldt-Gymnasium in Konstanz, Germany**
▫ GPA: 2.1 on a 1 to 6 scale
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Extracurricular Activities and Voluntary Work

- 09/2010 – 12/2015 **Chair of the Energy Policy Research Group (EPRG) at Central European University in Budapest**
▫ Organization of seminars, workshops and lectures with a focus on energy
▫ More information on the [EPRG website](#)
- 12/2008 – 03/2009 **Voluntary work at the Workers' Samaritan Federation in Aachen**
- 11/2007 – 03/2008 **Voluntary work at Stepney Green Maths & Computing College, London**
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Scholarships

- 03/2015 – 08/2015 **Doctoral fellowship, Central European University, Budapest**
- 09/2010 – 04/2014
▫ Scholarship covering tuition fees (11,000 €/a)
▫ Full stipend covering living expenses (9,000 €/a) and health care
- 09/2006 – 01/2007 **Erasmus grant**
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Publications, Conference Papers and Lectures on EU Energy Governance

- Publications
▫ 2016. "The European Commission and the European Council: coordinated agenda setting in European energy policy", forthcoming in the *Journal of European Integration* (May 2016)
▫ 2015. "Continuity and diversity? The effects of the Council Trio Presidency on the EU's energy agenda", *European Energy Journal*, 5/4, pp. 14-28; web [link](#)
▫ 2015. "Unpacking 'Coherence' in EU Foreign Policy: How Policy Setting and Policy Content Shape EU External Relations Towards Russia", PhD thesis in the CEU Electronic Theses & Dissertations database; web [link](#)
- Conference papers
▫ "Flexibility trumps intergovernmentalism: Commission influence on Member States' external energy policy", EUIA conference 2016 (with V. Pakalkaite)
▫ "The EU's Human Rights, Democracy Promotion and Energy Policy towards Russia", EUIA conference 2012
▫ "EU Foreign Policy Coherence under Conflicting Objectives?", ECPR Graduate Conference 2012
- Lectures
▫ Training of national diplomats on 'EU Energy Union', October 2015 in Budapest
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Skills

- Languages
▫ German – mother tongue
▫ English – fluent
▫ French – advanced
▫ Dutch – advanced
▫ Spanish – intermediate
▫ Hungarian – basic
- Computer
▫ Proficient in MS Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook)
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