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Summary

I am a trained historian in European contemporary history who has been working as a freelance journalist in Europe and the Middle East for many years. In addition to my journalistic skills I have been working as a project manager in civic education, human rights, memory politics and freedom of expression. As former employee of the German Federal Agency for Civic Education, who focused in her projects on Europe and Russia, I can rely on an international network of governmental and non-governmental actors.

- (Digital) Storytelling
- (Investigative) Research techniques
- Magazine Publishing
- (Social) Media outreach
- (Audio) Editing
- Photoshop
- CMS
- Project management
- Cooperation with international partners
- Coordination of different actors
- Conceptualization of (media) workshops
- Organization of conferences in different cultural and political contexts
- Controlling
- Evaluation

Experience

2013 - 2017

Project Manager and Editor

German Federal Agency for Civic Education, Bonn, Germany

After an editorial traineeship in the Multimedia Department, I was in charge of projects targeting civil society in Eastern Europe funded by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2015/2016). I developed the program "Mapping Memories" (www.bpb.de/mapping-memories), managed conferences with more than 300 selected guests in Germany and Ukraine, as well as workshops for journalists and bloggers from all over Europe and Russia.

I am on a leave since January 2017, however I continue some projects as independent contractor. Last one: Fascism and Antifascism in Our Time - Critical Investigations: www.bpb.de/fascism-antifascism.

Responsibilities:

- Co-drafted project ideas and financial plans for funding;
- Conceptualized international conferences and workshops with local partners;
- Coordinated different national and international partners;
- Led pluralistic teams in challenging environments;
- Managed events with multiple conference languages;
- Developed outreach strategies with the press department;
- Planned and edited content and (web)documentation related to the events;
- Supervised Evaluations.

2005 - ongoing

Journalist

German/Austrian Media

- Radio feature on Muslims in the USA, Austrian Public Broadcaster:

<http://oe1.orf.at/programm/20171017/492718> (2017);

- Editor and writer for the German magazine fluter: www.fluter.de/trump-unterstuetzer-auf-reddit (2017);
- Video documentary on female Muslim bloggers, SpiegelTV: www.spiegel.tv/videos/129516-mein-kopftuch (2015).

September 2017 -
December 2017

Consultant

Open Gov Hub, Washington DC, USA

- Facilitated knowledge sharing, collaboration and community building for 40 member organizations, which included administrative, event and media support;
- Researcher for the program "Defending Democracy: Lessons from Around the World": <http://bit.ly/2yFkGHx>.

2012 - 2013

Project Manager

Science Communications, Vienna, Austria

50 winners of a youth contest on social engagement, initiated by the Austrian Chancellor's office, were teamed up with local NGOs. During eight months, they implemented various social projects related to human rights and pluralism.

Responsibilities:

- Coordination of contest winners, involved schools, and NGOs;
- Co-conceptualisation of media workshops for contest winners;
- Co-conceptualisation of the final exhibition.

2010 - 2011

Coach and Editor

Biber, Vienna, Austria

Biber is a monthly Austrian magazine, whose reporters cover topics related to communities with immigration background. To support young journalists the magazine runs an academy, for which I worked as coach and editor.

Additional Professional Experience

2013 - 2015

Social Media Editor

German Federal Agency for Civic Education, Multimedia Department

- Wrote and edited postings on Facebook and Twitter;
- Monitored comments, which included dealing with populism and hate speech;
- Attended workshops on planning of campaigns and writing for social media.

19 July 2015 - 25 July
2015

Scholarship holder

Global Minority Rights Summer School, Budapest, Hungary

The summer school, organized by the *Tom Lantos Institute* (TLI) and the *National University of Public Service* (NUPS) in cooperation with the *Middlesex University London* (MU), aimed to:

- Understand and critically assess the relevant international law and related practice on ethnic conflict resolution;
- Present and review existing practice on the management of border communities in different regions of Europe;
- Understand and discuss the effectiveness of the international minority protection regime with a particular focus on identity politics and equality.

1 July 2014 - 31 July
2014

TV training course

Hamburg Academy for Journalism, Hamburg, Germany

- Media Formats (News, Live-Reporting, Documentary);

- Editing and Production;
- Moderation training;
- Mobile Reporting;
- Video journalism;
- Social Media for TV.

May 2012 - August
2012

Internship

Austrian Cultural Forum, Cairo, Egypt

- Updated the website, wrote newsletters, handled social media channels;
- Researched and co-conceptualized projects;
- Assisted in organizing and preparing cultural events;
- Documented events;
- Communicated with artists, business partners, guests and the press;
- Post-edited projects.

2010 - 2011

Author: "Integration"

Publishing House Holzhausen Verlag, Vienna, Austria

Content:

- Austria and its immigration;
- Migration and asylum policies;
- Migration - a hot-button issue;
- Media of immigrant communities.

Education

2009 - 2011

Contemporary European History, MA

University of Vienna, Austria / University of Strasbourg, France

Thesis: Integration policy towards labor migrants during the 1960s and 1970s – a comparison between Austria and Sweden.

2005 - 2009

Journalism, MA

FHWien University of Applied Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Thesis: A critical reflection on the Turkish State Crisis 2008 in German speaking media.

2007 - 2008

EU-Canada Scholarship holder

Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Vancouver, Canada

Scholarship holder of the EU-Canada Program "The Role of Communications in Promoting Civic Engagement and Democratic Principles"; Research project: Citizen Journalism and its effects on civil society and mass media.

Language and Technical Skills

German (Mother Tongue); English (C1); French (B1); Arabic (A1)

Experienced in handling: Adobe Photoshop; Audio Editing Software; CMS; PC/MAC

References can be sent upon request.


 Washington DC, 04 December 2017