

Curriculum Vitae



Personal Information

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Professional Experience

since Jan 2022 **Doctoral Assistant of Professor Catalin Starica**
Information Management Institute of the University of Neuchâtel
(Machine Learning in Quantitative Accounting Research)

Sep - Dez 2021 **Teaching and Research Assistant of Professor Catalin Starica**
Information Management Institute of the University of Neuchâtel
(Bachelor and Master courses in Statistics; Accounting Research)

Mar - May 2021 **Teaching Assistant of Professors Winand Emons and Riccardo Gatto**
Department of Economics of the University of Bern
(Bachelor courses in Introductory Game Theory and Introductory Statistics)

Nov 2017 - Jan 2021 **Private Tutor in French at LearningCulture AG in Zurich**

Apr 2015 - Aug 2019 **Tour Guide at Jungfraubahn AG in Interlaken**

Jan - Dec 2018 **Administrative Assistant of Professor Aymo Brunetti**
Department of Economics of the University of Bern
(High School Marketing)

Apr 2015 - Jun 2016 **Research Assistant of Professor Anja Schulze**
Department of Business Administration of the University of Zurich
(Technology and Innovation Management)

Mar - May 2016 **Teaching Assistant of Professor Gunter Stephan**
Department of Economics of the University of Bern
(Bachelor course in Introductory Microeconomics)

Jul 2012 - Jul 2013 **Intern at UBS Investment Bank in Zurich-Opfikon**
*(Equity Trading Floor: Derivatives Product Management&Issuance;
Legal and Compliance: Structured Products Legal Documentation)*

Aug 2009 - Dec 2012 **Sole Trader at M. Mendes Commerce / www.ustyle.ch**
(import trade of educational textbooks and multimedia merchandise)

Education

- 2017 - 2021 **Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics at the University of Bern**
(GPA: 5.44/6; *insigni cum laude*)
- 2017 **Exchange semester at UTS, University of Technology Sydney (AU)**
(*integrated into the Master of Science in Economics*)
- 2013 - 2017 **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Economics at the University of Bern**
(*Major in Economics, Minor in Business; GPA: 5.75/6; summa cum laude*)
- 2014 **Exchange semester at UFRJ, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (BR)**
(*integrated into the Bachelor of Science in Economics*)
- 2011 - 2012 **Bachelor assessment year in Economics at the University of Fribourg**
(*integrated into the Bachelor of Science in Economics*)
- 2007 - 2011 **Bilingual High School degree at Gymnasium Interlaken**
(*German and English Matura; Major in Law and Economics; GPA: 5.73/6*)

Academic Awards

- since 2015 **Mentee and High School Delegate of the Swiss Study Foundation**
- 2019 - 2021 **Performance scholarship 'Wissenschaften', Ernst Göhner Stiftung**
- 2018 - 2019 **Performance scholarship, Bärbel und Paul Geissbühler Stiftung**
- 2016 - 2018 **Performance scholarship, Ernst Göhner Stiftung**
- 2018 **Municipal honor award in education 'Die Gemeinde Ehrt 2018'**
(*Vereinskonvent / Gemeinderat Ringgenberg-Goldswil BE*)
- Award for the faculty's best Bachelor GPA of the spring term 2018**
(*University of Bern's Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences*)
- 2011 **Performance scholarship 'Português para a Vida!'**
(*Embassy of Portugal in Bern / Banco Santander-Totta*)
- Award for Interlaken High School's best GPA of the year 2011**
- Swiss Youth in Science Award for final High School thesis in Business**

Language Skills

German / Portuguese	mother tongues ; excellent skills, spoken and written (<i>CEFR C2</i>)
English / French	very good skills ; spoken and written (<i>CEFR C1</i>)
Spanish / Italian	good skills ; spoken and written (<i>CEFR B2 and A2, respectively</i>)

Computer Skills

Microsoft Office	very good skills (<i>Word; Excel; Outlook; PowerPoint</i>)
LaTeX	good skills (<i>Master thesis</i>)
Matlab / R	good skills (<i>Bachelor and Master theses; research assistance; seminars</i>)
Python / Stata	good skills (<i>seminars; lectures</i>)
NVivo / SQL	basic skills (<i>research assistance; lectures</i>)

Further Education

2017	Master course in Advanced Econometrics at LSE Summer School (UK)
2015 - 2016	Russian classes at Volkshochschule Interlaken
2013 / 2015	Spanish classes at Don Quijote Tenerife and Barcelona (ES)
2000 - 2012	Portuguese classes 'HSK' at Escola Portuguesa de Interlaken
2007 / 2009	Italian and Old Greek classes at Interlaken High School

Extracurricular Activities

2019 / 2021	Public Speaker on Education and Tourism (<i>BIZ Bern, Studienstiftung</i>)
2009 - 2021	Coach in learning skills, civic education, and law (<i>labor, migration, taxation</i>)
2018 - 2019	Participant in student projects (<i>ETH Rocket Hub, HSG GetConnected</i>)
2010 - 2017	Administrative Assistant of Interlaken's Portuguese teacher (<i>HSK</i>)
2016	Invited Speaker at Interlaken High School's Graduation Ceremony of 2016
2007 - 2011	Class Treasurer and Graduation Trip Organizer at High School