

Curriculum Vitae



Personal Information

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Professional Experience

since 2022 **Doctoral and Teaching Assistant of Professor Catalin Starica**
Information Management Institute of the University of Neuchâtel
(*Quant. Accounting Research; Bachelor and Master courses in Statistics*)

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

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; insigne 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 **excellent skills** in speaking and writing
English / French **very good skills** in speaking and writing
Italian / Spanish **good skills** in speaking and writing

Computer Skills

LaTeX / MS Office **very good skills**
Matlab / R **good skills**
Python / SQL / Stata **basic skills**

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

since 2023 **Co-Founder and Co-President** of 'ASA&F'
(*Swiss German Association at the Université de Neuchâtel*)
Co-Founder and Vice-President of 'Algorithmia'
(*AI and Robotics Association at the Université de Neuchâtel*)
2019 / 2021 **Public Speaker** on Education and Tourism (*BIZ Bern, Studienstiftung*)
2009 - 2021 **Coach** in learning skills, civic education, and law (*labor, migration, taxation*)
2018 - 2019 **Participant** in student projects (*ETH Rocket Hub, HSG GetConnected*)
2010 - 2017 **Administrative Assistant** of Interlaken's Portuguese teacher (*HSK*)
2016 **Invited Speaker** at Interlaken High School's Graduation Ceremony of 2016
2007 - 2011 **Class Treasurer** and Graduation Trip Organizer at High School