

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 (<i>Quant. Accounting Research; Bachelor and Master courses in Statistics</i>)
Sept - Dec 2021	Research and Teaching Assistant of Professor Catalin Starica Information Management Institute of the University of Neuchâtel (<i>Quant. Accounting Research; Bachelor and Master courses in Statistics</i>)
Mar - May 2021	Teaching Assistant of Professors Winand Emons and Riccardo Gatto Department of Economics of the University of Bern (<i>Bachelor courses in Introductory Game Theory and Introductory Statistics</i>)
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 (<i>High School Marketing</i>)
Apr 2015 - Jun 2016	Research Assistant of Professor Anja Schulze Department of Business Administration of the University of Zurich (<i>Technology and Innovation Management</i>)
Mar - May 2016	Teaching Assistant of Professor Gunter Stephan Department of Economics of the University of Bern (<i>Bachelor course in Introductory Microeconomics</i>)
Jul 2012 - Jul 2013	Intern at UBS Investment Bank in Zurich-Opfikon (<i>Equity Trading Floor: Derivatives Product Management&Issuance; Legal and Compliance: Structured Products Legal Documentation</i>)
Aug 2009 - Dec 2012	Sole Trader at M. Mendes Commerce / www.ustyle.ch (<i>import trade of educational textbooks and multimedia merchandise</i>)

Education

2017 - 2021	Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Economics at the University of Bern (GPA: 5.44/6; <i>insigni cum laude</i>)
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; <i>summa cum laude</i>)
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

2015 - 2025	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 (C2, native)
English / French	very good skills in speaking and writing (C2)
Spanish	good skills in speaking and writing (B2)
Italian	basic skills in speaking and writing (A2)

Computer Skills

LaTeX / MS Office / R **very good skills**

Matlab **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** at Escola Portuguesa de Interlaken (*HSK-Kurse*)

2007 / 2009 **Italian and Old Greek classes** at Interlaken High School

Extracurricular Activities

since Oct 2025 **Member of the Consultative Council** of the Portuguese Embassy in Bern
(*Conselho Consultivo, Decreto-Lei n.º 51/2021 of the Portuguese Republic*)

since Jul 2024 **Co-Founder and Co-President** of 'ALEPE Suíça'
(*Alumni Association of EPE/HSK Portuguese Schooling in Switzerland*)

since Apr 2023 **Co-Founder and Vice-President** of 'Algorithmia'
(*AI and Robotics Association at the Université de Neuchâtel*)

since Mar 2023 **Co-Founder and Co-President** of 'ASA&F'
(*Swiss German Association at the Université de Neuchâtel*)

since Jan 2019 **Coach** in accounting and law (*matrimony, residency, social security*)

Jan - Apr 2025 **Faculty PhD Representative** at the Neuchâtel University Assembly
(*Assemblée de l'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 HSK Portuguese Teacher

2016 **Keynote Speaker** at Interlaken High School's graduation ceremony

2007 - 2011 **Class Treasurer** at Interlaken High School