

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 7/2018

Center for Comparative and International Studies/Institute of Science, Technology and Policy (ISTP), ETH Zurich | Researcher

Selected Tasks:

- Co-development of new research projects and grant proposals on post-harvest losses and their socio-economic impacts in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Implementing a large-scale cluster randomized control trial (RCT) on the effects of improved on-farm storage of smallholder household's income, poverty, food security, as well as the effect of improved on-farm storage on local market prices in Kenya. With the World Food Programme, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Helvetas.

Since 6/2015

Informatics and Sustainability Research Group, Institute of Informatics, University of Zurich (since 8/2018) & Center for Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability at the University of Zurich (CCRS) (6/2015-12/2018) | PhD Student / Researcher

Selected Tasks:

- Supporting the development of research grant proposals, which led to the award of grants from the Swiss Network of International Studies (SNIS), as well as from SDC.
- Implementing a cluster randomized control trial (RCT) on the causal effects of improved on-farm storage of grains on food security, and local market prices in Tanzania. Frequent data collection through SMS surveys - with Helvetas and SDC.
- Examine how global food price volatility affects local food security through transmission of global market prices to local prices, conditional on harvest seasons, based on self-assessed food insecurity data, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).
- Developing a new database on agricultural trade policy changes to identify the causal effects of trade policy measures on global food price volatility, in cooperation with Institute for Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development (IPSARD, Hanoi), World Trade Institute, and FAO.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (continued)

- 5/2009 - 5/2015 **Biovision Foundation, Zurich/Berlin | Senior Policy Advisor** (from 4/2014), Project Coordinator Advocacy & Policy (8/2011-3/2014), Project Manager Advocacy & Policy and Coordinator for Institutional Fundraising (5/2009-7/2011)
- Selected Tasks:
- Developing policy analysis, strategies, and implementing advocacy activities on sustainable food systems in international political processes, mainly within Rio+20, Post-2015/Agenda 2030, FAO/CFS, G20, and the Stockholm Convention on POPs
 - Developing and implementing media and outreach strategies, which resulted in coverage in the world's most influential media (e.g. New York Times)
 - Project coordination and financial controlling
 - Frequent missions abroad (e.g. Uganda, Kenya, New York, Rome)

EDUCATION

- 9/2015-10/2019 **Doctor of Sciences (Dr. sc. ETH Zurich)**
Center for Comparative and International Studies (Prof. Thomas Bernauer)
- 9/2010 - 7/2013 **Master of Arts ETH UZH in Comparative and International Studies**
Joint Degree ETH Zurich and University of Zurich
- 9/2006 - 8/2010 **Bachelor of Arts HSG in International Affairs**
University of St.Gallen (HSG); Study Term at the University of Economics, Prague, Czech Republic (9/2008-12/2008)

LANGUAGES

German	Mother tongue
English	Proficient (GER: C2)
French	Upper intermediate (GER: B2)