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Education

Leiden University

Leiden, NLD

International Relations — Dual MA, Global Political Economy and Global Conflict specialisation. 7.6/10 average according to Dutch scale.

Thesis 1: "Inequality in Argentina: the Interplay of Race, Class and Gender in Shaping Socioeconomic Conditions"

Thesis 2: comparative analysis of the EU's response to the Russo-Ukrainian war and Israel-Palestine crisis

Relevant Coursework: Leiden Leadership Programme, Neoliberalism in Latin America, Regionalism in World Politics

Leiden University

The Hague, NLD

International Studies, Russia and Eurasia specialisation. 7.6/10 average according to Dutch scale.

Thesis: "A comparative study on market reforms in late 1990s-early 2000s Russia and Argentina"

Relevant Coursework: International Relations, Global Political Economy, Intelligence Studies Minor

Experience

Bocconi University

Milan, Italy

Project Intern

February 2025 – August 2025

- Supported the design and implementation of international events
- Coordinated communication with embassies, institutions and external partners
- Analysed stakeholder engagement, registering a 20% increase on specific segments
- Produced promotional campaigns and materials

Leiden University

Leiden, NLD

Academic Consultant for UWV

November 2022 – June 2023

- Led a team of 4 people producing a consultancy report for Dutch government agency UWV
- Analysed data on UWV's efficiency related to D&I initiatives
- Presented research findings and managed communication with the client
- Drafted improvement plan with policy recommendations and risk assessment

Leiden University

The Hague, NLD

Academic Consultant for WTO

February 2022 – June 2022

- Led a team of 13 people producing a consultancy report for the World Trade Organization
- Produced policy recommendations for the improvement of Global South-Global North trade relations
- Managed client communication and internal administration
- Presented the report's findings in front of a large audience
- Praised results by WTO's Head of External Relations, Mr. Bernard Kuiten

Leadership & Activities

WIIS Women in International Security

Brussels, Belgium

Member

January 2026 – ongoing

- Member of a global professional network advancing women's leadership in security and defence
- Engaged in policy discussions and events on international security, defence cooperation, and gender mainstreaming

BASIS The Hague

The Hague, NLD

External Affairs Officer [Committee]

September 2020 – June 2021

- Designed events for Leiden University's students during the COVID pandemic
- Managed communications with internal and external partners

- Selected as “Best Candidate” by BASIS advisory board in the subsequent elections

Preludio Newspaper

Udine, Italy

Columnist

September 2016 – June 2019

- Wrote monthly columns on politics, society, security and philosophy
- Attended the International Journalism Festival
- Interviewed International Relations and cybersecurity thought leaders

International Model United Nations Association (IMUNA)

New York, USA

Delegate

March 2017

- Conducted policy-oriented research on violence against women in conflict settings, analysing legal frameworks and protection mechanisms
- Drafted and negotiated resolutions addressing prevention, accountability, and post-conflict gender-responsive recovery
- Produced a policy brief on discrimination against Roma communities, including actionable recommendations aligned with UN human rights standards
- Engaged in multilateral negotiations, coalition-building, and formal debate procedures

Skills & Interests

Technical: MS Office Package and equivalents, Canva, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Procreate, Basic Python

Language: English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Italian (fluent), French (A2)

Awards & Scholarships

EU Bootcamp Scholarship — Milos Labovic

March 2026

- Awarded merit-based scholarship to participate in an intensive training programme on EU institutions, public affairs, and policy-making

Additional Training

University of Michigan — Coursera

Remote

Student

January 2021

- Training in algorithmic reasoning, structured problem decomposition, and analytical modelling approaches applicable to policy research

IDA - Italian Diplomatic Academy

Verona, Italy

Student

November 2016 – February 2017

- Selected for an advanced training programme on World Politics and International Relations
- Undertook specialised training in multilateral diplomacy and international institutional frameworks
- Invited to Model United Nations in New York as a delegate