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Date of birth 1994/11/28 Nationality *Belgian/Dutch*
Place of birth *Merksem (Antwerp)*

PROFILE

Asian Studies graduate passionate about Japanese politics and international relations. English-Japanese bilingual speaker, fast learner and critical thinker adept at researching and analyzing various topics.

INTERNSHIPS

❖ **Intern, Office of Yoshinori Suematsu, Member of the House of Representatives** May 2018 — Mar 2019
Tokyo

- Organized and performed various administrative and supportive tasks in a timely, efficient manner.
- Worked as an English tutor to Yoshinori Suematsu.

❖ **Intern, The New Diplomacy Initiative** Mar 2018 — Mar 2019
Tokyo

The New Diplomacy Initiative is a think tank based in Tokyo that focuses on various foreign policy issues, such as US-Japan relations and other important challenges facing Japan.

- Conducted research about US-Japan relations, US-Philippine relations and various other foreign policy issues.
- Translated various documents from Japanese to English.
- Performed thorough research and analysis on Belgium's nuclear energy policy and created a detailed presentation to show my findings.
- Provided optimal assistance to staff members during the think tank's events and symposiums.

EDUCATION

❖ **Leiden University** 2017 — 2019
Master in Asian Studies: Japanstudies

- Graduated with distinction (cum laude).
- Focused on international relations and Japan's foreign policy.

❖ **Leiden University** 2013 — 2017
Bachelor of Arts in Japanstudies

- Graduated with distinction (cum laude).
- Specialized in the Politics, Economics and International Relations (PEIR) Cluster.

❖ **Ghent University** 2012 — 2013
Bachelor of Arts in Oriental Languages and Cultures: Japan (incomplete)

❖ **The Anglo-American School of Sofia** 2010 — 2012
International Baccalaureate (high school diploma)

EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Research Student Program** Mar 2018 — Mar 2019
Keio University
 - Conducted research for my MA thesis on Japanese think tanks as an exchange student.

- ❖ **Short Stay Summer Program (SSSP)** Jul 2017 — Aug 2017
Tokyo University of Foreign Studies
 - Completed a three-week course in Business Japanese.

- ❖ **Japanese Language and Culture Courses program (JLCC)** Sep 2015 — Aug 2016
Kyushu University
 - Completed a one-year exchange program.

- ❖ **Nagasaki University Japanese Language Program (NUJALP)** Mar 2015 — Aug 2015
Nagasaki University
 - Completed a six-month program.

LANGUAGES

Dutch <i>Native speaker</i>	Japanese <i>Working knowledge</i>
English <i>Highly proficient</i>	French <i>Working knowledge</i>