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Education

09/2019 – 08/2021

Catholic University of Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)

Master in comparative and international politics. International political economy

Final Grade: Cum Laude

Relevant coursework:

- China and global politics
- Economic aspects of European integration
- Trade dimensions of EU politics
- Development cooperation

Thesis:

The influence of UNCLOS III on Japan's diplomatic practice towards the East China Sea (14/20)

09/2016 – 08/2019

Catholic University of Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)

Bachelor in political sciences

Final Grade: Cum fructu

Relevant coursework:

- International organisation
- International economics
- Data analysis
- Public finance

Bachelor paper:

Parallel economic (dis)integration from EU to Eurasian Economic Union: the case of Armenia (17/20)

2010-2014

EUROPEAN SCHOOL III (Brussels, Belgium)

European baccalaureate

- Economics
- Geography
- French

Work Experience

01/2021 – 10/2021

Intern

EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Tokyo

The EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation is a joint venture between the European Commission's DG Growth and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).

Market Analyst

Assisting in the set-up of a pilot project consisting of matchmaking missions to promote business opportunities of EU SMEs with Japanese partners in third markets. My overall tasks included:

- Assisted one Polish SME in finding Japanese partners to jointly start projects in Africa;
- Enhanced the EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation to find eight European partners in organising B2B matchmaking at the Third Japan-Africa Business Forum;
- Promoting EU SMEs to the Japanese side and promote success stories through webinars and interviews.

My daily operational tasks consisted of writing policy papers, meeting briefings and conferences to support the ongoing research of Japan's business environment as well as mapping various connectivity projects

Activities

09/2021 – Present

COTO Japanese Academy

Intensive Japanese course

Languages

Dutch	Native Speaker
English	Fluent
French	Fluent
Japanese	Beginner Level

IT Proficiency

MS Word.	Advanced proficiency
MS Excel	Advanced proficiency
Power Point	Advanced proficiency
Teams	Advanced proficiency