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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science

Central European University, Vienna, Austria & Budapest, Hungary | Expected: 2023

- Dissertation: *Everything but Arms: Policy cartels and market-making in post-junta Myanmar*
- Track specialisation: Public policy
- Current GPA: 3.84
- Grant: CEU Doctoral Scholarship

MA in International Relations (with Distinction)

Central European University, Budapest, Hungary | 2015–2016

- Thesis: *Diffusion of EU commercial policy preferences through transnational networks in Southeast Asia*
- GPA: 3.9 (1/46 class standing)
- Grant: CEU Master's Scholarship and short-term research travel support (~€19.000)

BA in International Studies, major in European Studies (Magna cum laude)

De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines | 2009–2012

- Thesis: *Normative legitimacy and the EU rule-of-law mission in Kosovo*
- GPA: 3.645 (consistent member of the Dean's List)

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Consultant

Central European University, Department of Economics and Business
Budapest, Hungary | January–March 2020

- Research support in the framework of the Horizon 2020 RESPECT project: *Realising Europe's Soft Power in External Cooperation and Trade*
- Coding more than 120 European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) progress and implementation reports for Southern and Eastern partner countries between 2004 and 2019

Founder

Europdev, Budapest, Hungary | 2018–2019

- Key activities: EU trade with developing economies, SME internationalisation, market entry support, B2B brokerage, export management, and special projects
- Projects: EU Industry Day Budapest 2019: Scaling up Hungarian enterprises in global markets; European Sustainable Trade Mission to Southeast Asia; ASEAN+3 Agri-Food Trade Mission to Europe

EU Project Consultant

EU–Philippines Business Network, Budapest, Hungary | 2015–2018

- Delivery of over 70 outreach missions across Europe and 350 business support inquiries, as part of the project’s strategy to promote the Philippines as a trade and investment destination for EU SMEs
- Cooperation with EU-28 SMEs interested in entering the Philippine market, mainly by offering expert market access advisory and organising trade delegations
- Strategic partnerships with EU chambers of commerce, trade agencies, and industry clusters
- External representation of the project at the EU, regional, and national levels

Policy, Advocacy, and Research Officer

European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Makati City | 2013–2015

- Concurrent role as advocacy research officer for the EU–Philippines Business Network project from April 2014 (policy research on 14 industries for prospective EU exports and investments);
- Development of trade policy papers, white papers, and other advocacy publications;
- Representation in congressional hearings, external relations with domestic/foreign business groups, legislative & business advocacy, organisation of high-level advocacy events, and government liaison;
- Project management, committee coordination, and programme implementation focused on both vertical and horizontal sectors

PUBLICATIONS

Journal articles

- ‘Subverting the idea(l) of equal opportunity in global trade: The paradoxes of differentiation for peripheral states’. *Polish Political Science Yearbook* 48, no. 2 (2019), pp. 245–266.
- ‘EU as principal-orchestrator: Horizontal policy externalisation through intermediaries’, *Global Politics Review* 5, no. 1 & 2 (2019), pp. 67–91.

Book review

- Erik Martinez Kuhonta, *The Institutional Imperative: The Politics of Equitable Development in Southeast Asia*, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2011, 368 pp., *Romanian Journal of Sociological Studies*, no. 1 (2016), pp. 93–95.

Policy papers

- *EU business in the Philippines: Supporting sustainable and inclusive economic growth*, EU–Philippines Business Network, May 2015, co-authored with Henry Schumacher, Lauren Skarkou, and Sophia Ordoña, in consultation with EU-Philippine private sector stakeholders
- *ECCP Business Position Papers 2013–2014: Trade and investment policy recommendations in support of a competitive Philippine economy*, European

Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, March 2014, co-authored with Henry Schumacher

Commentaries

- Forget Europe: Scots scout warmer Arctic connections, 10 March 2020, [EURACTIV](#)
- The high politics of/between two regionalisms, 22 August 2019, [Ideas on Europe](#)

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Filipino (fluent)
- Bicolano (fluent)
- French (intermediate)
- Spanish (elementary)
- Hungarian (beginner)

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, University Association for Contemporary European Studies
- Member, Amnesty International Philippines

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