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Education:

2008.09 - Present The London School of Economics and Political Science (UK)

Master of Science in Comparative Politics (Democracy Stream)

The program is a comparative study of political systems, with a special focus on democratisation

Expected date of completion: September 2009

2003.08 - 2006.05 Newman University (USA)

Bachelor of Arts in History with a Minor in Political Science, with a special focus on 20th century political history

Magna Cum Laude, Honours in History, Graduate of the Year Award

Additional academic training:

2008.06 European Policy Information Centre (EPIC), Explaining the European Union

The training focused on policy updates of the key developments surrounding the European integration process. It provided me with a comprehensive insight to the working mechanisms of the European Union as well as with networking opportunities with a variety of experts in the field.

2003.06 Georgetown University, Presidential Classroom, Summer Scholarship Program in Civic Education and Leadership Development

The program, through a series of courses, offered academic leadership development experience in Washington, D.C. It allowed me to learn from top political analysts, visit sessions in the U.S. Congress and attend lectures given by former American presidential candidates.

Work experience:

2009.01 – 2009.07 Research Associate Intern, The Bow Group, UK

Responsible for conceiving of, planning, researching, writing, and internationally publishing research papers on behalf of the organisation, mainly focusing on significant and most recent political affairs.

2006.09 - 2008.07 Policy Assistant, Political Section of the Embassy of Japan to the Republic of Hungary

My duties included the constant monitoring of Parliament's work and the composition and presentation of a daily political and current events briefing to the Ambassador. I regularly carried out political research projects both individually and with the collaboration of other diplomatic missions, ministries as well as with a large number of political scientists. I often represented the embassy at international conferences and was further responsible for administrative work, speechwriting and managing the Ambassador's everyday programs.

2008.03 Election Observer, National Referendum in the Republic of Hungary

Responsibilities included the representation of the Embassy of Japan before, during and after the 9 March 2008 national referendum. My task was to closely monitor the voting process and make certain that all procedures meet election laws and regulations.

2005.08 - 2006.05 Class Instructor, Traditions and Transitions, Newman University

I was responsible for the teaching of a series of courses to international undergraduates on how to become excellent students in the American higher education system and how to grow to be successful individuals in the USA.

2005.01 - 2005.12 **Teacher Assistant**, History and Political Science Department, Newman University

Duties included the creation of lesson plans, dynamic lecture delivery, extra hours of dedication for first-year undergraduates and the formation and grading of tests.

Extra curricular experience:

2009. 04 **Participant**, Education without Borders 2009 Conference, Innovative Solutions to Global Challenges, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

The international student conference created networks across cultures, to generate solutions of the world's greatest challenges. It allowed me to interact with, and listen to the lectures of some of the world's most innovative students and leaders of business, technology, education, and humanitarian sector.

2009.03 **Delegate**, World Model United Nations Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands

Organised by Harvard University, the World Model United Nations with 2450 students competing from around the world, is the largest such conference outside of North America. My given personal assignment, as a delegate of The London School of Economics, was the representation of the USA in the UNDP committee.

2008.10-Present **Member**, Chatham House, (The Royal Institute of International Affairs), UK

As member of one of the world's leading think tanks, I am provided with the opportunity to actively participate and learn from the weekly independent forums in which academics, business personals, diplomats, the media, NGOs, politicians, policy-makers and researchers can interact in an open and impartial environment.

2008.09-Present **Member**, Politics Society of The London School of Economics

One of the biggest and most active societies on campus, it maintains close connections with LSE's Government Department as well as with the British and European Union legislation. A wide variety of social activities, lectures by leading politicians and frequent visits to Westminster help members to gain a better understanding of British and international politics.

2005.05 - 2005.12 **Public Relations Representative**, Student Government, Newman University

Represented students at meetings with faculty, alumni board and administrators, kept in close touch with the local media, occasionally published articles in the university's weekly newspaper.

Sport activities:

2008.09-Present **Member of the Rowing Team at The London School of Economics**

2003.07 - 2006.05 **Newman University Cross Country Athlete**

2004 Conference Champion

Awards and honours:

2009.01 Best Delegation Award, University of Sussex Model United Nations Competition

2006.05 Harvey J. Ablah, Graduate of the Year Award,

2006.04 Kappa Gamma Pi Honour Society Membership

2005.05 Phi Alpha Theta History Honour Society Membership

2005.05 Pi Gamma Mu Social Sciences Honour Society Membership

2005.04 Joyce Suellentrop Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in History

2003 - 2006 Six times National Dean's List Recipient (National Top 1% in Academic Achievement in the United States)

2003.08 - 2006.05 Presidential Scholarship

2003.06 Presidential Classroom Scholarship