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Date of birth: 14 December 1980
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PRESENT POSITION

11/2010 (ongoing) | **Technical Expert for Public Participation and Communication**
ICPDR (International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River), Vienna

As part of my responsibilities, I manage stakeholder liaisons and the involvement of observers to an International Organisation; act as executive editor for Danube Watch; coordinate and evaluate the work of consultants; coordinate the production of annual reports, technical papers and other official documents; liaise with other International Organisations, diplomatic missions and ministries; maintain and expand icpdr.org; prepare presentations for Executive Secretary and President; manage press enquiries and write press releases and fact sheets.

EDUCATION

10/2008-07/2010 | **MSc, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, TU Wien**
International Relations and Environmental Technologies
Thesis: „Environmental Impact Assessments in Germany, Austria and the UK“

10/2003-01/2007 | **PhD, University of Cambridge**
Developmental Neurobiology Laboratory
Thesis: „Diversification of Neuromuscular Networks in *Drosophila melanogaster*“

10/1999-07/2003 | **Bakk. biol., University of Salzburg**
Physiology and Cell Biology

2002 (5 Months) | **Study Abroad, Bowling Green State University, Ohio**
Graduate studies in biology

EMPLOYMENT

11/2007-10/2008 | **Freelance journalist for Die Presse, Vienna, and others**
Focus on education; science/research; Austrian politics. After 10/2008 part-time

02/2007-11/2007 | **Science editor, national news ORF (National Austrian Broadcasting), Vienna**
Story selection, research, interviewing, co-ordination of film crews and editing for national news programs; speaker's and presentation training

10/2004-10/2010 | **Freelance writer for Spiegel Online, Hamburg**
Own feature ("Schnappschuss aus Cambridge"); articles on education, scientific research, Austrian politics. Published also in Manager Magazin, ZeitWissen and others

INTERNSHIPS

2009 (2 months)	European Court of Auditors (Luxembourg) Assessment of agri-environmental trends in the EU member states since 1990
2005 (2 months)	Spiegel Online (Hamburg, Germany) Articles, mainly in the sections education and science
2001 (2 months)	Salzburger Volkszeitung Daily Newspaper (Salzburg, Austria) Research, articles and photography for regional and national news
1999 (1 month)	Kastner & Partners Advertising Agency (Frankfurt, Germany) Illustrations and concepts for advertising campaigns

ORGANISATIONS & ACTIVITIES

11/2003- 11/2004	Social Secretary, Gates Scholars Council, University of Cambridge Organisation of excursions, debates, guest lectures and other social activities
10/2001- 08/2002	National Community Service at Diakonissen Hospital and Home for the Aged, Salzburg Transport of patients and day-care of senior residents
06/2000- 06/2003	Representative to the faculty and Student Union Member, University of Salzburg Member of the committee on life science studies, dealing with a the curriculum for bioscience subjects Member of the Austrian Association of Journalists (ÖJC); King's College, Cambridge

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2008	ETIA Scholarship, Die Presse (15,000 EUR) Scholarship of the Kulturfonds, City of Salzburg (1,500 EUR)
2003	Gates Scholarship, Cambridge Gates Trust (approx. 33,000 GBP) BBSRC Scholarship for PhD research students (approx. 15,000 GBP)
2002	Joint Studies Scholarship, University of Salzburg (approx. 2,500 EUR) Scholarship of Bowling Green State University (2,000 USD)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Languages	German (native speaker); English (excellent); Latin
IT	Web design experience, proficient command of HTML, CSS, content management systems, Adobe Photoshop, search engine optimisation (SEO)
Web	Founder of publishing company onreda.com, runs Austria information websites Approximately 150,000 readers per month as of 2012 Initiator of official Wikipedia project „WikiSpecies“, a wiki-based directory of species
Interests	Literature; photography and graphic art; Baroque opera; art history; travel