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Working Experience

Predoc. Research Fellow Harvard Center for International Development	September 2025 – Present
Research Assistant Economics Department J.-F.-Kennedy Institute Freie Universität Berlin	May 2021 – August 2025
Internship ifo Center for International Institutional Comparisons and Migration Research	September – October 2023
Internship Federal Ministry of Finance Germany	May – August 2022
Project Developer Innocence in Danger e.V.	April – December 2021
Internship Innocence in Danger e.V.	September 2020 – March 2021

Education

M.Sc. Public Economics [1,0] Freie Universität Berlin	2023 – 2025
B.Sc. Economics [1,2] Freie Universität Berlin	2019 – 2023
German High-School Diploma [1,4] German School in Quito Ecuador	2016 – 2019
Ecuadorian High-School Diploma German School in Quito Ecuador	2005 – 2019

Research

Women in Political Power and School Closure during COVID Times (with N. Danzer, M. Steinhardt & L. Stella). 2024. *Economic Policy*, 39(120), 765-810. [read]

Teaching Experience

TA: Lecture series “Financial Crises and Monetary Systems” Freie Universität Berlin	Summer terms 2020 & 2021
TA: Lecture series “Paradigms and Controversies of Economic Theories” Freie Universität Berlin	Winter terms 20/21 & 21/22

Academic Engagement

Student representative, Institute Council for Economics School of Business and Economics Freie Universität Berlin	January 2024 – Present
Member, Appointments Committee, Microeconomics Professorship School of Business and Economics Freie Universität Berlin	July 2022 – February 2023

Student Deputy Representative, Faculty Council (FBR)
School of Business and Economics Freie Universität Berlin

October 2021 – December 2022

Student Chairperson, Educational Commission (ABK)
School of Business and Economics Freie Universität Berlin

September 2021 – September 2022

Conferences and Workshops

2025: 14th Alpine Population Conference (Bocconi), Harvard CID Research Xchange
2024: Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE), BeNA Winter Workshop
2023: The Economics of Gender (Paris School of Economics), ifo CEMIR Seminar

Awards and Scholarships

Deutschlandstipendium scholarship Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	2023 – 2025
DAAD Prize for outstanding achievements of international students Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	2023
European Union standard-bearer for academic performance German School in Quito, Ecuador	2019

Skills

Languages:	Spanish (mother tongue), German (C2), English (C1)
Statistical Programming Languages:	Stata, Python, R
Other IT-Skills:	L ^A T _E X, QGIS, Microsoft Office, EViews

Research Interests

Political Economics; Development Economics; Gender Economics; Economic History

References

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Gender, Freie Universität Berlin
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