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EDUCATION

University of Mannheim   **Mannheim, Germany**
Master of Science in Economics   September 2019 – December 2021
• Grade: 2.1 (Best possible grade is 1.0)
• Master's Thesis Topic: The Effect of Temperature on Road Traffic Accidents in Germany

Northeastern University   **Boston, U.S.A.**
Bachelor of Science in Economics and Environmental Studies   September 2014 – May 2018
• Grade: 3.706 Magna Cum Laude (Best possible grade is 4.0)
• Bachelor Thesis Topic: The Effect of Tropical Storms and Hurricanes on Net Migration in U.S. Counties
• Achievements: Academic Scholarship, University Honours Program (Fall 2014-Spring 2018), Dean's List (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016 & Fall 2016)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Center for Environmental Economics (RCEE)
Heidelberg University   **Heidelberg, Germany**
Science Communication Officer for "MultiTip" Project   August 2022 - Present
• Summarising research on ecological tipping points at Lake Victoria for website and summary reports.
• Facilitating intra-project communication. Communicating goals and outcomes to external stakeholders, including partners and policy makers at Lake Victoria.
• Organising workshops in Heidelberg, Germany and Entebbe, Uganda. Leading seminars / outreach events.

Northeastern Environmental Justice Research Collaborative (NEJRC)
Northeastern University   **Boston, U.S.A**
Undergraduate Researcher for "Circle of Poison" Project   September 2016 – May 2017
• Conducted literature research on: international pesticide production, trade, use and its harmfulness; pesticide dependency and the health and financial consequences it may have on farmers.

Early Honours Research Assistantship,
Northeastern University   **Boston, USA**
Research Assistant   January 2016 – April 2016
• Conducted literature research on green energy, food production, sustainability, climate change for published textbook "Environmental Ethics: Theory in Practice", 1st Edition by Ronald L. Sandler, Oxford University Press.
• Compiled citations for these sources. Proofread text, provided feedback and compiled citations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ESKÉwoman (Women's Clothing Store)   **Battaramulla, Sri Lanka**

Co-Founder; Social Media & Advertising Manager   December 2012 – December 2021

- Assisted in business start up: researched information for store layout, developed promotional strategies, set up store inventory and daily store management.
- Handled customer inquiries and conducted online sales. Managed advertising on Instagram and Facebook.

Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG   **Heidelberg, Germany**

Intern   January 2017 – June 2017

- Conducted literature research on environmental issues related to digital print production for the fall 2017 edition of the "Heidelberg Nachrichten" customer magazine.
- Analysed regional environmental regulations and application segments for digital printing systems.
- Created a presentation for brand-owners on the environmental benefits of Heidelberg Druckmaschinen's digital printing solutions, current trends and the expectations of younger generations with respect to print products.

Aitken Spence PLC   **Colombo, Sri Lanka**

Intern   June 2015 – July 2015

- Trained in Integrated Reporting, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Management.
- Communicated with Sustainability Representatives from company subsidiaries to gather information on subsidiaries' sustainable practices. These practices included eco-tourism, green power generation, Corporate Social Responsibility programs, carbon neutral printing, efficiency programs, occupational health and safety for workers.
- Analysed these practices, provided feedback on problems discussed with Sustainability Representatives and suggested improvements to achieve company sustainability standards.

SKILLS

Software Skills

Stata (very good); MS Word, Powerpoint & Excel (very good); Apple Pages, Keynote & Numbers (very good); Imperia Content Management System (good); STELLA - Systems Thinking for Education & Research (good); ArcGIS - Geographic information Systems (basic); Python (basic); SQL (basic).

Language Skills

English (Native) ; German (TELC B1 Language Exam completed) ; Sinhalese (Conversational)