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PhD candidate in Political Science. Journalism, International Relations, Middle East region. International Development Cooperation. Spanish, English and French.

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RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

SPANISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

Political Affairs Assistant internship. Middle East department.

- Providing research assistance on issues related to Middle East region.
- Monitoring the evolution of the MEPP.
- Assisting with the drafting and editing of briefs and other related texts.
- Administrative support.

Madrid, October
2012- Feb. 2013.

UNIDAD EDITORIAL, "EL MUNDO" NEWSPAPER

Writer within an internship programme

Writing and editing news.

Madrid
June 2008
/December 2008

EDUCATION

Tel Aviv University

Junior Fellow at S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies

Research Grant holder from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel

2013/2014

Complutense University of Madrid

PhD in Political Science

Thesis topic: "The non-solution of the Middle East Conflict: Factors and actors involved"

Ongoing

Madrid Diplomatic School, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Master in Diplomacy and International Relations

International Cooperation major.

Final-year dissertation: "Israeli regional foreign policy after Arab Spring".

Madrid, 2012

Complutense University of Madrid

Master in International Politics: Sectoral and area studies.

MENA region and Arab world major.

Final-year dissertation: "Water as a source of conflict in the Middle East". Outstanding final grade (10).

Madrid, 2011

Complutense University of Madrid

Bachelor of Journalism

Madrid, 2009

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Simulation models

- ▶ The Model United Nations of Barcelona, C'MUN 2012, held by ANUE (United Nations Association of Spain). 35 h.
- ▶ Journalistic work into the frame of the Crisis Management Exercise "Atlántida 11", held in CESEDEN, Higher Staff College of the Armed Forces (ESFAS). Crisis simulation among militaries, diplomats and journalists. 70 hours. 2011.
- ▶ *Ejercicio BRICOM 2008*, seminar of journalism and information in peacekeeping operations. Conflict simulation held in Military Academy of Zaragoza, 60 hours.

Middle East region

- ▶ "Islam Today: Foundations, practices and international dimension", taught by Diplomatic School of Madrid and Casa Árabe, May 2013, 60 h.
- ▶ "Judaism: An approximation to its origins and its influence on the development of Europe and the Western World", taught by Diplomatic School of Madrid and Casa Sefarad-Israel, 20 h. 2012
- ▶ "Keys to understanding the Arab-Israeli conflict: a view from the solidarity", taught by Autonoma University of Madrid. 20 h.

- ▶ “Saharawi reality” course held by Autonoma University of Madrid. 15 h.
- ▶ University Summer School 2008, “Dialogue among Civilizations: Islam and the West”. Directed by Dr. D. Najib Abu-Warda and Dra. D^a María Fuencisla Marín. 100 h.

International Development Cooperation

- ▶ “Development Cooperation”. Diplomatic School of Madrid. 120 h. 2012.
- ▶ “International Development Cooperation in conflict areas”. Autonoma University of Madrid. 10 h. 2012.

Security and Defense

- ▶ *Cátedra Almirante Don Juan de Borbón* about National Security and Defense Studies of Communication and Defense, UCM. 120 h. 2008.
- ▶ Seminar: “Origin and new horizons of Al Qaida, diagnosis and response to their threats”. UCM. 20 h. 2005.

Communication

- ▶ Master-class of photojournalism run by Samuel Aranda, Nikon School, 2013. 4h.
- ▶ Master-class of photographic editing run by Alvaro Ybarra Zavala, Course of Preventive Journalism, Madrid, 4 hours.
- ▶ *X Ciclo de Otoño de la Comunicación, “Militares y Periodistas*, course about military men/women and journalists. Lecturer: Alejandro Pizarroso Quintero, UCM.

LANGUAGES

LEVEL *

English

- Advanced level in writing and speaking
- Specialization courses on English for Diplomats, for Business and International Relations; FCE, London 2010; Professional work in English speaking environment, 1 year

C1

French **Hebrew** **Arabic** **Spanish**

- Intermediate level by *Institute Française de Madrid*
- Basic Knowledge. Studying at Ivrit Madrid.
- Basic Knowledge. Studying at Casa Arabe, Madrid.
- Mother tongue

B1
A1/A2
A1/A2
C2

*(According to European Common Frame for Languages)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Professional use of Indesign, QuarkXPress, SPSS, Gapminder, Photoshop (advanced level) Office, Outlook and Internet.

OTHER INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

Language learning, dancing, travelling, hiking and knowing other cultures
Arts in general, specially cinema and painting

Photography (semi-professional, own equipment).

Group work. Communication and organization skills. A very responsible person.

PERSONAL

Willing to relocate. Spanish driving License B1