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PUBLICATIONS

2020	Flattening the Curve in an Authoritarian Country: Covid-19 Containment in Vietnam
Published by the ASEAN Studies Center (ASC) in ASC Monograph 2020 <i>"Small States, Strong Societies: Essays on COVID-19 Responses in Southeast Asia"</i> pg. 15-37. Co-written with Dr. Fauzia Gustarina Cempaka Timur.	

EDUCATION

10/24 – Present	Universität zu Köln – GPA 1.2 Master's Degree in Political Science
- Strong research interest in authoritarianism, and East and Southeast Asian politics. - ERASMUS exchange student to Padua University, Italy (Grade: 27.5/30) - Extracurricular activity: Geopolitics discussions group under Prof. Dr. Klemens Fischer	
09/22 – 04/24	Hochschule Rhein-Waal – GPA 1.6 Bachelor's Degree (Double-Degree) in International Relations
Awarded <i>Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst</i> (DAAD) scholarship for a fully-funded Double-Degree.	
08/19 – 09/23	International University Liaison Indonesia – GPA 3.98/4.00; Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude Bachelor's Degree (Sarjana) in International Relations
- Three-time merit-based scholarship (100% and 50%) awardee as the highest GPA holder in the course - Thesis: <i>Linguistic Power Politics: The Case of Chinese-Indonesians and the New Order through a Foucauldian Lens</i> - Extracurricular activity: Member and coach of IULI English Public Speaking team, First female student body chairperson; led student initiatives on sexual harassment prevention and menstrual health, including establishing reporting hotlines and spearheading "Free Pads for All" initiative.	

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

04/25 – Present	Graduate Research Assistant (WHB) Cologne Center for Comparative Politics, University of Cologne, Germany (04/25 – 01/26), University of Würzburg (02/26 – Present)
- Research assistant under the Chair of Comparative Political Institutions for the <i>Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft</i> (DFG) project <i>"Institutional rules and their effects on cabinet and ministerial durability in advanced democracies"</i>. - Conducts in-depth literature research on institutional rules, cabinet durability, and ministerial biographies, collecting insights to inform data coding and analysis.	
01/24 – 10/24	Partnerships Intern YMCA Europe, Brussels, Belgium
- Managed, monitored, and created evaluation mechanisms for emergency refugee response and skilling project in 10 sites across Europe. - Led a team and coordinated a partnership with more than 10 NGOs across Belgium, such as Maks vzw, Close the Gap, Digital Collective (DigiCo), CodeNPlay, and <i>Le Monde des Possibles</i> to deliver language and digital skilling programmes to 9.700 beneficiaries, mostly immigrant youth and refugee women. - Coordinated logistics of humanitarian aid shipment for Ukrainian refugees in Ukraine and the Balkans. - Advocated for refugee and youth inclusion at the EU level through regular engagement with the European Parliament, and direct dialogue with the President of the European Parliament. - Contributed expertise on migration and social inclusion to policy discussions within European institutions.	

04/23 – 09/23	Advocacy and Policy Intern <i>YMCA Europe, Brussels, Belgium</i>
▪ Represented YMCA in European institutions and the European Youth Forum to advocate for youth interests. ▪ Developed position papers and policy recommendations based on thorough research and analysis of political, social, and economic datasets to build advocacy strategies. ▪ Engaged with young people, think tanks, and institutions in educational initiatives, inclusivity, active citizenship.	

OTHER ACTIVITIES & ADVOCACY

2023 – 2024	Representative of YMCA Europe to the European Parliament
▪ Notable meetings include audience with Parliament President Roberta Metsola, the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT) closed hearing, and the Eurobarometer European Elections dissemination.	
05/2024	Expert for the Council of Europe's (CoE) Consultative Meeting on Digital Governance
▪ Representing YMCA Europe and contributing a youth perspective on digital governance, with a focus on AI-related discrimination affecting people with a migration background.	
2021 – 2024	Competitive Public Speaker and Trainer
▪ Five-time competition winner; coached and participated in public speaking competitions. ▪ Appointed youth trainer for YMCA Europe's youth training "Know Your Say" in Berlin, 2023.	

VOLUNTEERING

06/23 – 12/23	Ukrainian Refugee Support Volunteer (100+ hours) <i>YMCA Europe, Brussels, Belgium and Bratislava, Slovakia</i>
▪ Dedicated to supporting Ukrainian refugees through humanitarian aid coordination and educational programmes, such as language classes and digital skilling activities.	
09/22 – 03/23	Ambassador for Indonesia and Associate Editor (60 hours) <i>Correspondents of the World, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Remote)</i>
▪ Collected and edited stories from Indonesia on migration, gender, and social challenges, to bring attention to underrepresented communities.	
05/20	Covid-19 Donation Drive Project Lead <i>International University Liaison Indonesia, South Tangerang, Indonesia</i>
▪ Led a charity initiative during the COVID-19 pandemic to raise funds to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to support medical workers in light of PPE shortage.	
08/19 – 12/19	Volunteer English Teacher (50 hours) <i>Komunitas Jendela Jakarta, Jakarta, Indonesia</i>
▪ Taught English to street children in Jakarta.	

SKILLS

Languages:	Research & Analysis:
Indonesian (native) English (fluent) German (Intermediate) Mandarin Chinese (Intermediate)	Data coding and management (MAXQDA & R studio) Literature review and policy analysis Comparative political research
Project Management & Coordination:	Communication & Leadership:
Planning and managing multi-site initiatives Stakeholder engagement at EU/International level Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting	Public speaking and workshop facilitation Coaching and mentoring Advocacy and policy brief development