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Education

Utrecht University, Faculty of Geosciences   **M.Sc (2016 - in progress)**

Sustainable Development (Earth System Governance track - Annotation in Sustainable Business & Innovation)

University of California, Davis   **B.Sc (2011-2015)**

Major - Evolutionary Anthropology
Minors - Environmental Toxicology, Biology

Relevant Experience

Trainee, CGI (Rotterdam, Netherlands)   **04/18-present**

In conjunction with my master's thesis research, I will be completing a traineeship at CGI Solutions, a Canadian multinational business consultancy, from their Rotterdam office. My investigation focuses on future governance of a blockchain-enabled energy market, and the various scenarios (and accompanying implications and implementation steps) envisioned by stakeholders, actors, and decision-makers themselves. The aim is to generate, in a participatory setting, a prescriptive transformation roadmap to facilitate the integration of blockchain technology in to the energy sector.

Co-coordinator, UU Talks (Utrecht, Netherlands)   **11/16-present**

UU Talks is a student-run initiative affiliated with the Green Office at Utrecht University. I am part of a team of students organizing bi-weekly lectures, by students, for students. These talks represent an opportunity to explore sustainability issues in a variety of formats, ranging from lectures to panel discussions. My responsibilities include planning and executing the events, preparing promotional materials, and communicating with sponsors.

CRM Software Analyst, Salesforce (San Francisco, CA)   **05/15 - 05/16**

I played a direct and active role in the upkeep of the Performance Engineering suite of load tests, using HP LoadRunner tools to design load tests and analyze results. Conducted performance testing for Salesforce1 and Lightning, the Salesforce desktop application, to identify runtime performance issues, reduce development cycle time, and significantly improve customer experience.

Research Assistant, UC Davis Dept. of Public Health (Davis, CA)   **05/14 - 12/15**

Wrote a justification for the validity and reliability of each question included in the Environmental Epidemiology of Autism Research Network (EEARN) questionnaire. The questionnaire is the central focus of a proposal to standardize an instrument for cohort studies in autism.

Relevant Coursework and Content Samples

- Policy Analysis, Governance Theories, Analysing Governance Practices, International Governance, Governance Change and Management
- Sustainability Modeling and Indicators, Sustainable Energy Supply, Energy Economics
- Research Design, Advanced Research Methods

- Guest blog for the d10e Decentralization 2017 Conference in Bucharest: Part I and Part II
- Trailer for UU Talks Season 2017-2018: link

Qualifications

- Statistical analysis, research design, peer review, policy proposals
- A passion for technology (especially blockchain), sustainability education, and outreach
- Academic/journalistic writing, interviewing
- Event planning, coalition forming, project management
- Adobe Premier Pro, Microsoft Office, Google Drive, SPSS, Pajek, Stella, discourse analysis
- English (Native speaker), Serbo-Croatian (Mother tongue), working proficiency in Spanish, conversational French and Dutch