

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Personal data

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## Education

July 1997: Abitur at the Gymnasium „St. Benno“ in Dresden, Grade: 1,8 October

1998: Start of study at the University of Leipzig

September 2000 – August 2001: Exchange Student at *Universiteit van Amsterdam*

October 2001: Start at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin: South East Asian Studies (HU), Anthropology (FU) September 2006: Magister Artium in „South East Asian Studies“

Since 2014: Korean Language Education Program at Sogang University, Seoul

## Journalistic Work

1995 – 1997: Founding member of the student paper from Dresden called *Spießler*

2002 – 2004: Author for the Magazine *Qvest* (Lead-Award 2004) and *Deutsch*

October 2003 – January 2004: Internship at the *Tagesspiegel*, Economy Section

2004 –2005: Editor in Chief of the student paper *UnAufgefordert*

2005-2006: Freelancer for *Tagesspiegel*, i.e. Culture, Media, Education

2005-2007: News Editor at the TV Station *N24*

2005-2006: Freelancer for *Jakarta Post* and internship at *China Today*, Magazine in Beijing

2007-2008: Axel Springer Academy, Writing for *Berliner Morgenpost / Die Welt*

2009: Reporter at *Berliner Morgenpost and Die Welt*, Local Section, long reports, portraits, culture

Since 2014: Freelancing from Seoul, South Korea, for *Rolling Stone*, *Wired*, *Die Welt*, *Tagesspiegel*, *FAZ*, etc. 2015-2019: Reporter for FUNKE Media Group, Covering Terror attacks in Nice, London and Manchester, the reopening of Fukushima for tourists in Japan, the Rohingya crisis in Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh), etc.

Since 2021: Writing and Editing for *Berliner Zeitung am Wochenende*

## Extra Qualifications

1997 –1998: Civil service in a Schools for Blinds in Nuremberg

2000 – 2001: Member of the *Student Advisory Panel* in Amsterdam

2002: Internship at the *Museum Nasional* in Jakarta

2002 – 2004: Student representative at the Institute of Asian and African Studies

2008: IJP-Scholarship for a Journalistic Residency for two months in Nairobi, Kenya

2010: Scholarship by the Goethe Institute to work for one month at *Kompas* in Jakarta, Indonesien

2013: IJP- Scholarship for a Journalistic Residency for three months in Seoul/Pyongyang

## Awards

2011: Award of the German Red Cross for a Series of articles

2012: Nominated for the German *Reporterpreis* and the *Theodor Wolff Preis*

2012: Männerpreis of the magazine *EMMA*

2013: „Medienpreis Mittelstand“, Award from an association of Medium Sized Enterprises 2013:

Konrad Adenauer Preis 2013 for a series of articles

2014: 1st Meridian Medienpreis for a report on a visit in North Korea

## Books

2016: „An guten Tagen siehst Du den Norden“ (DuMontReise), Personal Stories from South Korea

2017: „Tod dem Helfer“, with Kilian Kleinschmidt (DuMont), Portrait of a Human rights activist

2020: „Das Regenbogenväterbuch“, with Alexander Schug, Gianni Bettucci (Omnino Verlag)

2020: „Inselhopping Indonesien –in einem Land ohne Zeit“ (DuMontReise) Stories from Indonesia

## Languages

Fluent: English, Dutch, Indonesian

Passive: French, Russian, Korean

Basic: Swahili, Chinese